



## Fremont Symphony Orchestra

**“Abundantly Clear and Resonant: We Are the Celebration of Music”**

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With words like “saving,” “downturn,” “failing,” “diminishing,” “rescue” and all sorts of phrases coming from a place of lack, it’s no wonder that classical music as a performance genre is in need of a boost, both emotionally and financially. The stated becomes an endless loop of self-fulfilling prophecy. Even a word like “need” can be considered as synonymous with deficiency. Society is in need as well, of beauty and resonance. That’s where music becomes the clear, integral measure and method of facilitating abundance and joy.

Musicians will say—and rightfully so—that they need to earn a living. They hone their craft, play from the heart and wish to be properly compensated; yet the lay audience may wonder why professional musicians are playing in so many different orchestras, instead of making one their singular home. Dollars become sense.

Historically there were the Patrons of the Arts, who funded individual artists so that they could devote their focused time to their creativity, where they may live their art fully, instead of concern with the day to day journey of living hand to mouth. These patrons were—and still are—the champions of the Arts.

These champions are to be celebrated! In today’s philanthropy, donors, sponsors and patrons each give and advocate as individuals, corporations, foundations and even other nonprofit organizations, to support, sustain and provide winged flight to the art of expression, of inspiration and of connection on a higher plane. Classical Music, particularly the art of the symphony, abides by that nourishment to fuel the energy that transcends.

We do indeed, *need*. We need to give of our time, talents and means to lend a deeper meaning to this existence we call life. We need to give aid to those who seek to be the bridge between all that is perceived as separate, to join and unite in one accord, as only musicians and the music that comes from that elevated place, can.

Classical Music as an art is the lasting connector throughout the ages. May we become that connection. The direction is abundantly clear and resonant: Humanity gives of themselves, so that together, we *are* the celebration.

Champion the celebration of music of the Fremont Symphony Orchestra! There are myriad opportunities, such as attending our concerts—including this weekend’s Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra Benefit Concert on December 18, 2016—volunteering with our Fremont Symphony Guild, and gifts, including our current Challenge Grant, where your tax-deductible donation will be matched by the Pantages-MacLeod-EBCF Fund for a combined total up to \$40,000.

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