

Opportunity to Join the Board of Directors 19/20 Season

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony is the 3rd largest professional orchestra in Ontario and a cultural centerpiece of Waterloo Region for over 70 years. We inspire audiences of all ages and cultural backgrounds through artistic excellence, innovative programming, education and community outreach programs. The Orchestra comprises 52 professional musicians and plays over 100 concerts each season at the Centre in the Square and throughout the Region.

The KWS redefines what an orchestra is today, committed to a challenging and stirring audience experience. This approach has drawn attention to the KWS locally, nationally and internationally. Andrei Feher commenced his role as Music Director in Fall 2018, and has quickly established a significant place in patrons' hearts. Andrei's extraordinary musical leadership continues to inspire the orchestra's players to new heights of artistic achievement, and he has delivered on his commitment to appearing in all the KWS performance series and in forging strong relationships with audiences and donors. We are also embarking on a new and adventurous strategic plan.

The Board

Our Board is formed with 18 volunteer members, elected by the Members of the KWS Symphony Orchestra Association on an annual basis. We serve a 3 year term, renewal for one additional 3 year term. Our Board year runs from early November through our performance Season to November of the following year. We have 8 Board meetings a year.

The Board's Governance is strong, developed by experts in the field of not-for-profit experts. Led by a Chair and small Executive Committee we strive to include a diversity of age, gender, community reach and range of industry and public sector representation. Our Board is focused on stewardship, financial oversight and leading the strategic vision and values of the KWS. Philanthropic leadership is critical to the future of the KWS. We are committed to the IDEA policy recently adopted by Orchestras Canada (Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, and Accessibility).

Major Roles as Board Members

- Governors
- Financial Supporters & Development Supporters – Philanthropic leadership
- Opportunity to serve on one of several committees that serve the KWS – eg. Finance, Development, Leadership & Organizational Culture, Governance
- Ambassadors -- demonstrate passion for the mission of the KWS and its role in the cultural life of the community.
- Subscribe and/or attend concerts & events
- Include the KWS in their giving plans and make a personal annual gift.

We welcome your interest in joining the Board of the KWS. Please send a message of interest & your resume to:

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