

# Texarkana Symphony Orchestra

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“The mission of the Texarkana Symphony Orchestra is to pursue, for all, the transformative power of symphonic music through excellence in live performance and education.”

August 2, 2016

Dear TSO Friend,

Have you ever stopped to think about what your life would be like without music? Or, how valuable music is in the development process of children? Music, in all its varied forms, provides a foundation for personal expression, is a means to participate in the creative process, and transcends the divisions of social class and culture. Communities who invest in and sustain professional music ensembles, like the Texarkana Symphony Orchestra (TSO), not only enhance the quality of life for their community, but provide a life-long means—through the power of music—to change lives and unite a community.

As TSO begins its second decade of bringing great symphonic music to Texarkana, we have challenged ourselves to raise \$300,000 before December 31, 2016, or \$75,000 above our Annual Fund budgeted amount for patrons, concert and chair sponsors.

- **Did you know** that if your annual gift of \$50 were increased to \$100 it would cover the annual costs of music and supplies for a Texarkana Youth Symphony student?
- **Maybe you have given** \$100 for several years not knowing that, if you increased that gift to \$250, you could help offset the costs of reduced priced student tickets for our area college and university students?
- **Or, for an even Greater Impact and Return**, you might consider a \$500 gift, helping to ensure that up to 100 area students could attend our annual Student Concerts at the Perot, and providing you with the opportunity to see the orchestra up close and personal through invitations to our annual events and parties.

Please consider sustaining or perhaps increasing, your contribution to TSO's Annual Fund. Your support is vital to assisting the TSO in transforming individuals and our community through great music. Whether it's purchasing music for the Youth Symphony; bringing professional string players to our community; providing K-12 students a once-in-a-lifetime, live symphonic concert experience; or underwriting world-class guest artists, every gift—no matter the size—changes lives.

Again, thank you for your support in bringing great symphonic music to all of Texarkana!

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