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JOHN ROGERS RECEIVES ACSO'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Thursday, July 13, 2023 – The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO) is pleased to announce that **John Rogers**, Board Member of the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra (SBSO) is a recipient of the 2023 Most Valuable Player (MVP) Volunteer Award.

ACSO launched the MVP Volunteer Award in 1996 to recognize exemplary volunteers, volunteer projects, and volunteer organizations and to thank a few of the hundreds of dedicated, hardworking, and committed volunteers that orchestras and classical music organizations depend on every day.

"John Rogers is the Board Member every symphony wants. He is an incredibly generous and equally active advocate for the SBSO. He always brings guests to concerts and events, including purchasing more than 30 tickets for each of our holiday concerts," said Anne Viricel, Executive Director of the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra. "He has connected us with other arts organizations in his area of residence, thus expanding our regional presence. He never misses a board meeting and is always a greeter at our concerts. And he is always the first to volunteer when extra help is needed."

ACSO Executive Director Sarah Weber said, "During good times and bad, orchestras depend on volunteers to help with almost every aspect of their operations. They are working behind the scenes and out in front as ambassadors to make sure that their orchestra is strong and active in the performance hall and in the community. John is an outstanding example of how critical volunteers are to keeping our orchestras vital and resilient."

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The San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra has been bringing music to the people of the Inland Empire for over ninety years. Its mission is "to foster a love of music, excite the spirit, and enrich our diverse community and region through live orchestral performances and music education." The orchestra plays in the historic California Theater in downtown San Bernardino. www.sanbernardinosymphony.org

The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO), founded in 1969, is a member service organization representing 120 classical music organizations and their 2,000 board and staff in its network. ACSO's members are comprised of professional, academic, youth and community-based orchestras, choruses, and festivals in California and the western region. To read about all our 2023 award winners, click [here](http://www.acso.org). www.acso.org