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LINDA DUNN RECEIVES ACSO'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Thursday, July 13, 2023 – The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO) is pleased to announce that **Linda Dunn**, volunteer with the Peninsula Symphony of Northern California, 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.

"Linda is invaluable to our small staff and brings goodwill to the office environment. Her passion for classical music and the impact our orchestra can make on any individual is sometimes stronger than even the staff's! She is a cheerleader and backs the organization and its value to the community without compromise at all times. She is a perennial problem-solver and steps up whenever and wherever needed. She thinks outside the box – she comes up with ideas the staff have not already thought of yet," said Chelsea Chambers, Executive Director of the Peninsula Symphony. "Her perspective allows staff to view our programs, communication pieces, and events from the standpoint of an attendee or donor. This greatly helps us to improve the experience from the outside in. Lastly, she declines any public acknowledgment or official 'title' whether that be an ask to join our board or take on a part-time paid staff position and does so with humility."

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. Linda is an outstanding example of how critical volunteers are to keeping our orchestras vital and resilient."

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The mission of the Peninsula Symphony of Northern California is to enrich the lives of people in our community with inspiring, innovative, high-quality musical presentations at affordable prices, and to promote music education through engaging programs for children and adults.

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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