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LINDA RANDALL RECEIVES ACSO'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Thursday, June 20, 2024 – The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO) is pleased to announce that **Linda Randall**, Choral Committee Member and volunteer choir member with Music in the Mountains, is a recipient of the 2024 Most Valuable Player (MVP) Volunteer Award that will be presented to her at ACSO's 2024 Annual Conference in San Francisco from July 25-27.

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 music organizations depend on every day.

Randall was nominated for the award by Hillary Hodge, Volunteer Coordinator at Music in the Mountains, for her participation as a member of the choir for the past three years as well as her invaluable work on the organizations' database and her assistance at events.

"Linda's attention to detail and flawless organization of systems has streamlined staff efforts in the office in ways that cannot be overlooked," said Hodge. "Because of her constant regard of MIM's database, we have been able to accurately track the choir's semester fees and communicate with the choir more efficiently. Additionally, Linda regularly manages the Music in the Mountains master database to review the information for duplicates, incorrect formatting, wrong spelling, etc. Her efforts have resulted in the lowest rate of returned mail the organization has ever experienced. These types of volunteer roles are often overlooked because they may seem boring or far-off from the mission of making music, but the impact of freeing up staff time and helping our organization to run more efficiently cannot be overstated."

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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Music in the Mountains (MIM) is a unique organization that marries world-class performances with a deep commitment to music education. Our location in the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills' historic gold rush communities of Grass Valley and Nevada City leads a special ambience to everything.

www.musicinthemountains.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](#). www.acso.org