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SUE GREENWAY RECEIVES ACSO'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Thursday, June 20, 2024 – The Association of California Symphony Orchestras (ACSO) is pleased to announce that **Sue Greenway**, Immediate Past President of the San Diego Youth Symphony (SDYS), 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.

Greenway was nominated by Michael Remson, President & CEO of San Diego Youth Symphony, for her service as Board President, during which she helped onboard Remson as the new President & CEO, helped hire a new Music Director, and worked with them and the board to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Greenway was also praised for co-leading an overhaul of the SDYS Tuition Assistance policies to allow any student in community programs who completes an audition to receive all program benefits free of charge. To ensure stable leadership and continuity during a period of great transition, she extended her two-year term to 3.5 years.

"Sue's tireless work at the Board level and on committees has had a significant impact on the culture of the Board and the culture of this organization," said Remson. "Her work has had a direct impact on families that will be felt for a generation or longer. Our equitable approach to tuition assistance and value-based scholarships, now available to any student (not just the most advanced), has significantly broadened how we as an organization define 'access' and redefined how we more authentically live our values as an organization through our work with students, families, and communities."

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

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San Diego Youth Symphony's goal is to create a joyful, inclusive and challenging learning environment for young people from all backgrounds and skill levels. www.keynote-music.org/sdys

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