INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“Music is a powerful way to bring people together...especially in this time we live in when it is easy to become discouraged and hyper-focused on our differences instead of all of the things that we actually have in common and that we love.”

—Common Chords North Minneapolis Residency Participant

This winter the Minnesota Orchestra had a wonderful experience getting to better know our neighbors in North Minneapolis through an immersive residency January 21-27. After a year of planning and working with community members on what would be most meaningful for their neighborhood, the Minnesota Orchestra brought its signature residency program “Common Chords” right to the heart of this vibrant community.

Historically this program has taken place in smaller cities across Minnesota, allowing the Orchestra to become part of the community over the course of a week. This time we stayed close to home and continued to develop the relationships we’ve built over the past several years through various efforts.

Project activities included pop-up performances in popular gathering spaces such as art galleries, barber shops and libraries; musical side-by-side learning sessions with music students; a full Orchestra performance at North High School; a sing-along concert and community meal at Sanctuary Covenant Church and more. A highlight for many was a freestyle hip-hop dance-off competition to 45-second classical music selections played by a string quartet. It was exciting to see dancers of all ages showcasing their skills and for Orchestra musicians to see these well-known pieces in a new light.

Throughout the week, Minnesota Orchestra musicians participated in more than 25 activities, all emphasizing collaboration, reciprocity and musical understanding. Initiatives like these bring a whole new level of excitement about the Orchestra’s role and value in our community. Through shared learning experiences and relationship-building, we can all better understand the impact we can have together in our changing world.

You can support life-changing experiences with the Minnesota Orchestra beyond your lifetime with a gift from your estate. Contact Emily Boigenzahn at (612) 371-7138 or eboigenzahn@mnorch.org to learn more.
GROW YOUR LEGACY
A NEW USE FOR YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

“What is a legacy? It’s planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.” That line from the acclaimed musical *Hamilton* is poignant—but it isn’t entirely accurate.

As you consider your own legacy, you can see the garden. You see the great things the people and causes you care about are doing now—and the great things they could do in the future.

Our goal is your goal: Make the biggest difference possible and help the most people possible. That means getting the most value out of your assets, including your hard-earned retirement savings and investments.

As much as 37 percent of your retirement plan assets can be consumed by income taxes after your lifetime—distributions from inherited retirement plan accounts are taxable as ordinary income to the person who receives them. But when you give all or a percentage of your retirement plan assets to the Minnesota Orchestra, we receive 100 percent of the funds. The IRS takes nothing.

Let us help you get your legacy garden growing. Here’s how:

1. Contact the administrator of your retirement plan and request a change-of-beneficiary form or simply download a form from your provider’s website. (You may modify beneficiary designations at any time to meet your changing needs.)

2. Decide what percentage of the account you wish to give to the Minnesota Orchestra and name us, along with the stated percentage, on the beneficiary form. Return the form to your plan administrator.

3. Tell us about your gift! It would be our honor to thank you for your support. Plus, your generosity can inspire others to follow your example.

NO GREEN THUMB?

We’ll help you plant the seeds for a legacy that will make a lasting impact on the Minnesota Orchestra. Contact Emily Boigenzahn at (612) 371-7138 or eboigenzahn@mnorch.org to get started.

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