The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra has been Advancing Classical Music in the Southland for 40 years and now enters a new era of artistic and financial growth. This annual report highlights the accomplishments that have brought us into this new time. I thank you for being a part of the IPO family of musicians, staff, board, donors, and patrons who have made all of this possible.

Under the superior musical direction of Maestro Stilian Kirov, the current Season is filled with thrilling works and inspired artists that will create the wit, wonder and magic of live orchestral music.

I look forward to seeing you on the campus of Trinity Christian College as we share the joy!

Sincerely,
Dr. Mike Rogers
President, IPO Board of Directors

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2017/18 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrated our 40th Anniversary season with a new Music Director, Stilian Kirov, in a new venue at Ozinga Chapel on the campus of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights.

Increased regular season concert attendance by 23%, and increased subscriptions by 13%.

Attracted more younger audience members than ever before.

Reached 3,258 students from 36 schools for the May 2018 Youth Concerts.

Increased our total reach through regular season and Ravisloe concerts, education, appearances and special events by 40%.

Presented the Leo Michuda Award for Lifetime Service to IPO to Board Member Marilynn Tannebaum.

Awarded 700 scholarships to Youth Concerts.

Premiered the Classical Evolve Composer Competition, and named IPO’s first Composer-in-Residence, Ben Ash.

Increased ticket and donor revenues over the prior year.

IPO patrons and events attendees represented 83 communities from within and surrounding the Southland.

5,251 patrons attended main series and Ravisloe summer series concerts.

“My husband and I along with our two children (ages 5/6) really enjoyed the concert. My daughter, who plays the piano said, ‘This is the best night ever!’”

~2017/18 IPO Patron, Charity Asuquo Ikpe

2017/18 EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE CHICAGO SOUTHLAND

“Music really made me who I am today.”

~Maestro Stilian Kirov

IPO touched the lives of 6,000 students in 2017/18.

Music Director Stilian Kirov led Meet the Maestro clinics with top Southland high school and junior high orchestras:

- Lincoln-Way East High School
- Lincoln-Way Central High School
- Homewood-Flossmoor High School
- Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park
- Dirksen Junior High, Joliet
- Gompers Junior High, Joliet
- Hufford Junior High, Joliet
- Washington Junior High, Joliet
- Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra

Artists in the Schools (ensemble performances with Q&A):

- Whittier Elementary School, Harvey
- St. Christina School, Chicago
- St. Cajetan School, Chicago

IPO Musician and Staff Speaking Engagements:

- Classical Conversations, New Lenox
- Joliet Rotary Club

Community Concerts/Lectures:

- Palos Heights Library
- Lake Katherine Nature Center
- Palos Heights Farmers Market
- McCord Gallery

Pre-concert Performances by:

- Carl Sandburg High School Orchestra members
- Homewood-Flossmoor High School Strings
- Music Connection students
- Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra members
- Homewood-Flossmoor Suzuki Strings
- Trinity Christian College Jazz Ensemble

2017/18 FINANCIALS

IPO Expenses - $814,165

- Development 5%
- Marketing 7%
- Overhead 10%
- Administration 28%
- Artistic/Concert 50%

IPO Income - $825,849

- Contributed: Corporate 3%
- Contributed: Private Support 23%
- Contributed: Foundation 33%
- Contributed: Government 4%
- Ticket Sales 35%
- Other Earned Income 2%

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