

Five Reasons to Join Friends of the IPO

1. **Make friends with others who share your love for music and IPO**
2. **Support IPO through fundraising events and volunteer activities**
3. **Encourage young South Suburban musicians to display their talent in the annual Rising Star Showcase**
4. **Build good will and promote IPO in our communities**
5. **Meet the musicians at the annual Friends-sponsored appreciation dinner**



"I joined the Friends of the IPO because of the unique opportunity to support the orchestra and its mission to bring music to young people and to the Southland community. Membership in the Friends connects us with others who share our love of music and enjoy creating special programs and events in partnership with the orchestra."

- Pamela McDonald



"The Friends are a wonderful group of people who work together to support the IPO and have a lot of fun doing so!"

- Joey Buck

Friends of the IPO

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Great Orchestras Need Great Friends!

Who We Are

Friends of the IPO is a dedicated group of extraordinary volunteers that host a variety of fundraising, hospitality, and youth events in support of Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO). Friends of the IPO have supported IPO for over 35 years. We are accomplished, creative and fun-loving people from all walks of life. Some of us are active professionals, and others are actively retired. We are music lovers, concert-goers, artists – and those who simply appreciate artistic talent in others. We truly enjoy each other, LOVE having an orchestra of our own, and do what we can to support IPO. We are Friends of the IPO because **great orchestras need great friends!**



What We Do

The Friends are committed to perpetuating IPO – the *only* professional orchestra based in the Chicago Southland. In addition to fundraisers and other social and community events, we showcase young South Suburban musicians in our Rising Star Showcase each spring, host an annual Symphony of Style fall fashion show and luncheon, provide hospitality for the orchestra throughout the season, and may occasionally volunteer in the IPO office.

Each year, The Friends contribute approximately \$25,000 to IPO, and we have underwritten live, classical music experiences for thousands of students in the Chicago Southland.



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