



**GREENVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AWARDED \$50,000 GRANT FROM
GREENVILLE WOMEN GIVING**

Grant allows GSO to maintain high level of artistic quality and robust community outreach efforts, mitigating negative financial impact of global pandemic.

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Greenville, SC – Today the Greenville Symphony Orchestra is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Greenville Women Giving. This gift will be used in support of our musicians and education and community engagement programs through our general operating funds.

From March of 2020 through the first quarter of 2021, the Greenville Symphony Orchestra lost more than \$500,000 in revenue associated with canceled performances and activities. To manage expenses, the GSO eliminated three administrative staff positions and furloughed its eleven core musicians.

“The impact of having to cancel and postpone concerts due to the pandemic was profound,” said Greenville Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Julianne Fish “It hurt us financially resulting in the furlough of our core musicians who are the very foundation of our mission. This incredible support from Greenville Women Giving is going to help immensely.”

Greenville Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors Chair C. Dan Adams added, “It is extremely gratifying to know that Greenville Women Giving – an organization that exists to make our community a better place - recognizes and supports the GSO’s efforts to continue to serve and make an impact during these difficult times. I consider it validation of all the hard work the GSO musicians, staff and volunteers have done, and I can’t thank the members of Greenville Women Giving enough.”

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GREENVILLE WOMEN GIVING was founded in 2006 on the idea that women, when informed about philanthropy and about needs in their community, can collectively make a real difference. The organization now has more than 500 members and has awarded grants totaling more than \$7 million.

THE GREENVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA began in 1948 as a small group of volunteer musicians performing in the Women's College auditorium on the old campus of Furman University. It has made its home in downtown Greenville's Peace Center since 1990 and has been led by Music Director & Conductor Edvard Tchivzhel since 1999. The Russian-born Tchivzhel is the 5th Music Director in the GSO's history.

Programs that generate passion for orchestral music are at the core of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra's service to the community. Annually, the GSO offers more than 185 different events that reach 51,000 people in the Upstate.

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