# **Charleston Symphony Orchestra**

Report on Financial Statements

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Directors of Charleston Symphony Orchestra Charleston, South Carolina

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Charleston Symphony Orchestra, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Charleston Symphony Orchestra as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Charleston Symphony Orchestra and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Charleston Symphony Orchestra's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of Charleston Symphony Orchestra's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is
  expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
  raise substantial doubt about Charleston Symphony Orchestra's ability to continue as a going concern
  for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control—related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the supplementary schedules of revenues. The other information comprises the supplementary schedules of revenues presented for purposes of additional analysis but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

October 31, 2024

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# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023		
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,074,370	\$	925,718	
Cash - operating reserve fund	126,601		122,195	
Current portion of unconditional promises to give, net	833,347		806,593	
COVID relief grants receivable	542,519		910,878	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	70,251		102,525	
Total Current Assets	2,647,088		2,867,909	
Noncurrent Assets				
Non-depreciable property and equipment	334,504		334,504	
Depreciable property and equipment, net	 <del>-</del>		5,467	
Total Property and Equipment, Net	334,504		339,971	
Long-term investments	6,436,706		5,128,897	
Right of use asset, net - operating lease	488,109		-	
Unconditional promises to give, net of current portion	821,062		1,339,941	
Total Noncurrent Assets	 8,080,381		6,808,809	
Total Assets	\$ 10,727,469	\$	9,676,718	

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024			2023
Liabilities and Net Assets	<u></u>		-	
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	204,798	\$	220,676
Accrued payroll		77,067		61,801
Accrued expenses		30,438		54,488
Deferred revenue		893,127		839,306
Current portion of operating lease		86,658		-
Current portion of deferred pension settlement		18,509		17,124
Total Current Liabilities		1,310,597		1,193,395
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Lease liability, net of current portion - operating lease		413,951		-
Deferred pension settlement, net of current portion		219,351		237,860
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		633,302		237,860
Total Liabilities		1,943,899		1,431,255
Net Assets				
Without Donor Restrictions				
Board designated - endowments		6,204,446		5,379,995
Board designated - operating reserve fund		24,942		20,536
Undesignated		550,341		367,510
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		6,779,729		5,768,041
With Donor Restrictions				
Other net assets with donor restrictions		1,902,182		2,375,763
Operating reserve fund		101,659		101,659
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions		2,003,841		2,477,422
Total Net Assets		8,783,570		8,245,463
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	10,727,469	\$	9,676,718

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without		
	Donor	With Donor	
Operating Povenue	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Operating Revenue Support			
General contributions	\$ 1,949,190	\$ 297,500	\$ 2,246,690
Grants	71,905	200,000	271,905
Subtotal	2,021,095	497,500	2,518,595
Endowment contributions		263,839	263,839
Total Support	2,021,095	761,339	2,782,434
Concert revenue	2,101,630	-	2,101,630
Miscellaneous income	33,966	-	33,966
Net assets released from restrictions	1,249,275	(1,249,275)	
Total Operating Revenue	5,405,966	(487,936)	4,918,030
Operating Expenses			
Program Services			
Artistic costs	2,337,192	-	2,337,192
Production costs	1,086,438	-	1,086,438
Educational costs	475,045		475,045
Total Program Services	3,898,675	-	3,898,675
Supporting Services			
General and administrative	460,961	-	460,961
Fundraising expenses	496,223		496,223
Total Supporting Services	957,184		957,184
Total Operating Expenses	4,855,859		4,855,859
Total Operating Income	550,107	(487,936)	62,171
Non-operating Income (Expense)			
Investment income, net	537,692	14,355	552,047
Endowment	(40,971)	-	(40,971)
Depreciation	(5,467)	-	(5,467)
Interest	(29,673)		(29,673)
Total Non-operating Income (Expense)	461,581	14,355	475,936
Total Expenses	4,394,278	(14,355)	4,379,923
Change in Net Assets	1,011,688	(473,581)	538,107
Beginning Net Assets	5,768,041	2,477,422	8,245,463
Ending Net Assets	\$ 6,779,729	\$ 2,003,841	\$ 8,783,570

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating Revenue			
Support			
General contributions	\$ 1,756,645	\$ 113,589	\$ 1,870,234
Grants	8,091	225,000	233,091
Subtotal	1,764,736	338,589	2,103,325
Endowment contributions		1,533,633	1,533,633
Total Support	1,764,736	1,872,222	3,636,958
Concert revenue	1,557,023	-	1,557,023
Miscellaneous income	33,553	-	33,553
Net assets released from restrictions	791,093	(791,093)	
Total Operating Revenue	4,146,405	1,081,129	5,227,534
Operating Expenses			
Program Services			
Artistic costs	2,235,431	-	2,235,431
Production costs	956,493	-	956,493
Educational programs	454,237		454,237
Total Program Services	3,646,161	-	3,646,161
Supporting Services			
General and administrative	392,523	-	392,523
Fundraising	448,051	-	448,051
Total Supporting Services	840,574		840,574
Total Operating Expenses	4,486,735		4,486,735
Total Operating Income	(340,330)	1,081,129	740,799
Non-operating Income (Expense)			
Investment income, net	392,669	17,654	410,323
Endowment	(16,355)	-	(16,355)
Interest	(13,605)	-	(13,605)
Depreciation	(13,079)		(13,079)
Total Non-operating Income (Expense)	349,630	17,654	367,284
Total Expenses	4,137,105	(17,654)	4,119,451
Change in Net Assets	9,300	1,098,783	1,108,083
Beginning Net Assets	5,758,741	1,378,639	7,137,380
Ending Net Assets	\$ 5,768,041	\$ 2,477,422	\$ 8,245,463

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program		Supporting		
	Artistic Costs	Production Costs	Education Costs	General and Administrative	Fundraising Expenses	Total
Core musician salaries and benefits	\$ 875,383	\$ -	\$ 192,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,067,540
Artistic and education staff salaries and benefits	303,934	166,037	183,848			653,819
Guest musician salaries and benefits	617,616	-	29,678	-	-	647,294
Guest artist and guest conductor fee and travel	335,991	-	6,423	-	-	342,414
Marketing	-	342,304	678	-	-	342,982
General and administrative staff						
salaries and benefits	93,136	-	31,044	93,136	93,136	310,452
Development salaries and benefits	-	-	-	-	268,681	268,681
Stage crews	-	262,246	5,513	-	-	267,759
Professional services	-	-	-	226,864	-	226,864
Donor stewardship & development	-	-	-	-	122,427	122,427
Operating lease	76,433	18,396	10,919	10,919	-	116,667
Hall rental	-	93,505	6,888	-	-	100,393
Indirect production	-	81,055	5,915	-	-	86,970
Office supplies and postage	-	-		64,218		64,218
Miscellaneous departmental expenses	28,036	6,657	199	19,628	11,979	66,499
Box office	-	52,516	15	-	-	52,531
Music rental	-	40,528	816	-	-	41,344
Insurance	-	-	-	36,938	-	36,938
Licensing	-	21,590	-	-	-	21,590
Occupancy and related costs	6,663	1,604	952	952	-	10,171
Interest and bank fees				8,306		8,306
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 2,337,192	\$ 1,086,438	\$ 475,045	\$ 460,961	\$ 496,223	\$ 4,855,859

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program				Supporting Services					
	Artistic Co	its			ducation Costs	General and Administrative			ndraising xpenses	Total
Core musician salaries and benefits	\$ 901,9	99 \$	-	\$	210,538	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,112,537
Artistic and education staff salaries and benefits	305,8	33	150,209		159,360		-		-	615,402
Guest musician salaries and benefits	669,4	38	-		27,557		-		-	696,995
Guest artist and guest conductor fee and travel	217,3	39	-		2,699		-		-	220,038
Marketing	-		281,570		-		-		-	281,570
General and administrative staff										
salaries and benefits	97,2	02	-		32,400		99,526		97,202	326,330
Development salaries and benefits	-		-		-		-		150,026	150,026
Stage crews	-		256,296		8,272		-		-	264,568
Professional services	-		-		-		181,998		-	181,998
Donor stewardship & development	-		-		-		-		178,246	178,246
Hall rental	-		55,110		8,700		-		-	63,810
Indirect production	-		62,267		2,185		-		-	64,452
Miscellaneous departmental expenses	21,0	43	24,089		276		17,001		-	62,409
Office supplies and postage	-		-		-		22,577		-	22,577
Box office	-		37,566		839		-		-	38,405
Music rental	-		54,552		1,411		-		-	55,963
Insurance	-		-		-		44,247		-	44,247
Licensing	-		19,834		-		-		-	19,834
Occupancy and related costs	22,5	77	15,000				22,577		22,577	82,731
Interest and bank fees							4,597		-	4,597
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 2,235,4	31 \$	956,493	\$	454,237	\$	392,523	\$	448,051	\$ 4,486,735

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024		 2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Change in net assets	\$	538,107	\$ 1,108,083
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to			
net cash provided by operating activities			
Depreciation		5,467	13,079
Lease expense from operating lease right of use asset		116,667	-
Investment income, net		(552,047)	(410,323)
Change in:			
Unconditional promises to give, net		492,125	(740,374)
COVID relief grants receivable		368,359	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets		32,274	(62,953)
Accounts payable		(15,878)	131,227
Accrued payroll		15,266	(8,199)
Accrued expenses		(24,050)	1,145
Deferred revenue		53,821	179,580
Lease liability - operating lease		(104,167)	 
Net cash provided by operating activities		925,944	211,265
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Sale of investments		209,104	112,803
Purchase of investments		(964,866)	 (1,060,944)
Net cash used in investing activities		(755,762)	(948,141)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Principal payments on note payable		-	(20,835)
Payments on the deferred pension settlement		(17,124)	 (15,934)
Net cash used in financing activities		(17,124)	 (36,769)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		153,058	(773,645)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		1,047,913	 1,821,558
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	1,200,971	\$ 1,047,913
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information			
Right of use asset - obtained in exchange			
for new operating lease liability	\$	567,423	\$ -
Cash paid for interest	\$	29,673	\$ 13,605

#### Note A - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Nature of Organization**

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra (the Symphony) is a prominent full-time performing arts organization, annually reaching over 50,000 people. Since its founding in 1936, the Symphony has aimed to engage and inspire the community through exceptional musical performances and educational programs. With a unique artistic and financial model centered around 24 full-time musicians, the Symphony has evolved into a cultural powerhouse, demonstrating its readiness to lead the way in showcasing how a modern Symphony can effectively serve its community. The Symphony attracts "Guest Musicians" nationwide to perform alongside "Core Musicians" for Masterworks and Pops, as well as other instances requiring additional professional musicians. Oversight of the Symphony's operations comes from 12 full-time staff members under the leadership of its Board of Directors.

After 89 years of uniting audiences through emotionally moving music, the Symphony has demonstrated its resilience and commitment to serving the vibrant Charleston community. It stands as one of the select few orchestras nationwide that performed full-scale symphonic repertoire to live, in-person audiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Symphony remains dedicated to delivering the highest quality artistic and educational programming accessible to all community members. Each educational program provided by the Symphony is both led and performed by well-established musicians, ensuring an engaging and approachable experience for students of all ages, economic backgrounds, and levels of musical knowledge. Moreover, each of the Symphony's 24 core musicians dedicates approximately one-third of their professional time to community impact programming, reaching over 20,000 students annually across Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties.

The Symphony presents programs that reflect Charleston's vibrant cultural heritage, showcasing acclaimed repertoire performed and conducted by internationally renowned musicians. The Symphony's 2023-2024 season, themed "Music for Everyone," featured a remarkable lineup of internationally acclaimed guest conductors and world-renowned visiting artists. From legendary conductors like Thomas Wilkins, Carl St. Clair, Gerard Schwarz, Tito Muñoz, and Lina González-Granados to superstar guest musicians such as Michelle Cann, Pinchas Zukerman, Maxim Lando, and Sara Davis Buechner, the season continued to elevate the Symphony as a top-tier arts and cultural destination. With sensational programming, including works by Price, Bruckner, Brahms, Marsalis, Verdi, the season showcased incredible repertoire, and larger orchestral sounds elevated the Symphony to new heights. The Symphony's commitment to artistic excellence resulted in record subscription and single ticket revenue.

In February 2024, the Symphony collaborated with Chabad of Charleston to present "An Evening with Itzhak Perlman." For one night, our community experienced this rare opportunity to hear the legendary violinist, Itzhak Perlman, perform and conduct the Symphony. This special performance sold out in less than three weeks.

The Symphony is programming at all organizational levels to bolster inclusivity, build trust, and foster a welcoming environment that mirrors the diverse Charleston community it serves. As the field of classical music evolves, the Symphony believes that embracing change is essential, not only for the Symphony's success but also to represent the diversity and range of the next generation of performers and audience members. The Symphony will continue to showcase Charleston's extraordinary cultural heritage through Project Aurora. Additionally, the Charleston Symphony Inclusion Fellowship (CSIF) continues as a crucial program, empowering and uplifting musicians and arts leaders from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.

Thanks to strategic investments in artistic programming and marketing, the Symphony achieved record-breaking sales, surpassing our earned revenue budget by over \$300,000—45% above our goal. Despite industry-wide declines in audience attendance post-pandemic, the Symphony experienced a 31% increase in attendance, far exceeding our unit goals. Key milestones include reaching \$1 million in single ticket sales for the first time in Symphony history, selling 14,000 individual tickets, and attracting over 1,500 new ticket-buyer households. Our annual Holiday Pops program also set a new record as the highest-grossing concert in Symphony history. Compared to the pre-pandemic season, the 2023-2024 season results represent a 67% increase in units sold and a 45% boost in revenue. These achievements underscore our commitment to delivering exceptional musical experiences and expanding our audience base.

The Symphony has a receivable on the Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 of \$542,519 and \$910,878, respectively, related to the Employee Retention Tax Credit issued as part of the CARES Act and is waiting for this to be funded by the IRS.

The symphony has the following educational programs:

Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra Program: The Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra (CSYO) is a cornerstone of the Symphony's educational initiatives, offering middle and high school musicians the opportunity to perform symphonic music at a high standard of excellence. The Charleston Symphony Youth Sinfonietta (CSYS) is a string orchestra that integrates wind and brass sections in each concert cycle, preparing younger musicians for the more advanced CSYO. This year, the program served over 100 students from grades 3-12, who performed three concerts at the Charleston Gaillard Center and a final concert at the Music Hall during the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The CSYO and CSYS were also featured in a Symphony Masterworks performance, providing students with the life-changing experience of performing alongside professional musicians of the Symphony on the Gaillard stage, conducted by Maestro Gerard Schwarz. Additionally, the annual retreat at James Island County Park offered both CSYO and CSYS members intensive rehearsals and team-building activities, enhancing their musical abilities while fostering camaraderie and lasting friendships.

Young People's Concert - Carnegie Hall Link Up: This year, the Symphony presented two sold-out performances of our Young People's Concert in collaboration with the Charleston Gaillard Center and Carnegie Hall, featuring The Orchestra Rocks. The Symphony partnered with the Cane Bay High School Drumline, showcasing 13 students in grades 9-12 performing live on stage with the Symphony. Approximately 3,000 students from 21 schools participated in the program, with Title I schools receiving complimentary tickets and transportation. To enhance the educational experience, all participating teachers attended an accredited workshop on the Link Up curriculum at the start of the school year.

**Musicians in Schools:** Charleston Symphony musicians perform at local schools throughout the tri-county region free of charge, breaking down barriers like cost and transportation to make live music accessible to all students. These performances enrich teachers' curricula by bringing to life the musical concepts students are learning in the classroom. Many Symphony musicians, who are also music educators, tailor each performance to the age and knowledge level of their audience, ensuring an engaging and educational experience. For many younger students, this is their first exposure to live music, while older students benefit from Symphony musicians visiting their band or orchestra programs to offer specialized coaching and sectionals on their current repertoire. This year, the Symphony performed at 44 schools, reaching nearly 9,000 students, 50% of whom attend Title I schools

Charleston Symphony Inclusion Fellowship: The Symphony continued its partnership with the College of Charleston for the third year of the Executive Fellowship program and introduced the second season of the Orchestral Fellowship. This year, five musicians from traditionally underrepresented communities, along with two executive fellows, were selected through a rigorous process to join the Symphony. The program offers personal and professional development for emerging nonprofit arts leaders and musicians. This season, the fellows participated in a variety of Symphony activities, including main series performances, education and community projects, and the Fellowship Showcase. The Symphony remains dedicated to providing culturally relevant programming that resonates with diverse audiences.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The Symphony's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. Under this basis, revenue is recognized when earned and expenditures are recognized when incurred.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Symphony's financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) of the United States of America in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958 – 205, Not-For-Profit Entities – Presentation of Financial Statements. These standards require classification of net assets and changes in net assets as net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions as follows:

<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u> - Net assets that are not subject to or are no longer subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

<u>Net assets with donor restrictions</u> - Net assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions.

Revenue and support are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of donor restrictions on the net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets. The Symphony has adopted a policy to classify donor restricted contributions as without donor restrictions to the extent that donor restrictions were met in the year the contribution was received.

#### Use of Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Symphony considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Cash - Operating Reserve Fund

An operating reserve fund was established with Board designated and donor restricted funds reserved by the Symphony to support the Symphony's day-to-day operations in the event of unforeseen and significant shortfalls.

#### **Long-term Investments**

The Symphony carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair market value based on quoted market prices. Unrealized and realized gains and losses, interest and dividends, and investment expenses are included in the Statements of Activities as Investment income, net. Investment income, net is reported as unrestricted and temporarily restricted, depending on the nature of investment.

#### **Unconditional Promises to Give**

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue or gains in the period received and as assets, decreases of liabilities, or expenses, depending on the form of the benefits received. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met, and the promises become unconditional. Unconditional promises to give due in subsequent years are reported at present value of their net realizable value, using the allowance method to determine uncollectible promises to give when deemed necessary. The allowance is based on prior years' experience and Management's analysis of specific amounts.

#### COVID Relief Grants Receivable and Grant Revenue

COVID grants receivable consist of Employee Retention Tax Credit receivable from government agencies for COVID relief and no allowance for doubtful grants receivable was deemed necessary by management. Government grants are recorded as revenues in the period the Symphony meets the conditions for revenue recognition, namely when expenses have been incurred for the purposes specified by the contracts.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Purchased property, equipment, and musical instruments are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at approximate fair value at the date of donation. Expenditures for major additions and improvements, generally in excess of \$5,000, are capitalized and minor replacements, maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred, with the exception of music. All music purchases are capitalized at their purchase price. When property and equipment are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations for the respective period. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Useful lives of property and equipment are as follows:

Musical equipment15 yearsOther equipment5 yearsVehicles5 years

The Symphony retains two grand pianos which are not expected to decrease in value and are not depreciated. The related maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Additionally, the Symphony maintains a music library which consists of works of music and rights to certain collections. These items are capitalized at cost and are not depreciated as they do not lose their value over time and have an indefinite life.

#### **Endowment Funds**

The state of South Carolina follows the State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA). The Board of Directors of the Symphony has interpreted SPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Symphony classifies as net assets with donor restrictions in perpetuity (a) the original gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in net assets with donor restrictions in perpetuity is classified as donor restrictions for use or purpose until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Symphony in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SPMIFA.

In accordance with SPMIFA, the Symphony considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Symphony
- (7) The investment policies of the Symphony

#### Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Symphony has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Symphony must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period.

#### Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Symphony relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Symphony targets a diversified asset allocation that places an emphasis on equity-based investments and bond funds to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

#### Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Symphony has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year a percentage of its selected endowment fund's moving average fair value over a rolling 12 quarters in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the Symphony considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long-term, the Symphony expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to maintain its purchasing power or grow through new gifts and appreciation.

#### Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

Contributions received are recorded in accordance with ASC 958 – 605, *Not-For-Profit Entities* – *Revenue Recognition*. These standards require that contributions received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and are reported in the Statements of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### Functional Allocation of Expense

The Symphony allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its various programs and support services. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program or support service are allocated directly according to the appropriate expenditure classification. Other expenses that are common to several functions are allocated by various statistical bases as determined by Management.

#### **Income Tax Status**

The Symphony is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from state income taxes under the laws of South Carolina. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been provided for. The Symphony qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

The FASB provides guidance on the Symphony's evaluation of accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. Management evaluated the Symphony's tax position and concluded that the Symphony had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance.

#### **Donated Assets**

Donated marketable securities and other noncash donations are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair values at the date of the donation.

#### **Donated Services**

<u>Donated services</u> are recognized as contributions in accordance with ASC 958 – 605, *Not-For-Profit Entities* – *Revenue Recognition* (ASC 958-605), if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Symphony. Volunteers provided many hours in program services and fund-raising services throughout the year that are not recognized as contributions in the financial statements since the recognition criteria under ASC 958 – 605 are not met.

#### Marketing Expenses

<u>Costs of promotion</u> and advertising are expensed as incurred. Advertising and promotion expense were \$342,982 and \$281,570 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### Adoption of Accounting Pronouncement

<u>In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842)</u>. Topic 842 includes a lease accounting model that recognizes two types of leases – finance and operating. Topic 842 requires that lease arrangements longer than 12 months result in an entity recognizing a "right of use" asset and a lease liability payable. Topic 842 provides a group of optional practical expedients that must be elected as a package and applied by a reporting entity to all of its lease consistently. The Symphony adopted Topic 842 and the following package of practical expedients on July 1, 2023.

- 1. The Symphony need not reassess whether any expired or existing contracts are or contain leases.
- 2. The Symphony need not reassess the lease classification for any expired contracts or existing leases (for example, all existing leases that were classified as capital leases in accordance with Topic 840 will be classified as finance leases.
- 3. The Symphony need not reassess initial direct costs for any existing leases.

In addition to the above package of practical expedients, the Symphony has elected to adopt Topic 842 as of July 1, 2023 and record any cumulative adjustment needed, as opposed to restating all periods presented before July 1, 2023. As of July 1, 2023 there was no cumulative adjustment needed to adopt Topic 842.

The Symphony has elected under ASU 2021-09, *Leases* (Topic 842): *Lessors - Discount Rate for Lessees That Are Not Public Business Entities to* use a risk-free rate as the discount rate by class of underlying asset.

#### Reclassifications

<u>Certain prior per</u>iod amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

#### Note B - Operating Reserve Fund

The Symphony holds cash for an operating reserve fund which totaled \$126,601 and \$122,195 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The operating reserve fund consisted of donor restricted funds which totaled \$101,659 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and Board designated funds which totaled \$24,942 and \$20,536 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### Note C - Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Symphony to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents in banks, investments managed by brokerage firms and promises to give. The Symphony places its cash and cash equivalents and investments with reputable financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure for cash to any one financial institution. Accounts held by banking institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 and cash and cash equivalents in investment accounts are placed in US government or US government backed securities.

#### Note D – Unconditional Promises to Give, Net

Unconditional promises to give are estimated to be collected as follows:

	2024	2023
Unconditional promises to give		
expected to be collected in:		
Less than one year	\$ 833,347	\$ 806,593
One to five years	 898,289	1,511,735
Total unconditional promises		
to give before discount	1,731,636	2,318,328
Less: Discount at 2.65%	(77,227)	 (171,794)
Total Unconditional Promises to Give, Net	\$ 1,654,409	\$ 2,146,534
Promises to give, current	\$ 833,347	\$ 806,593
Promises to give, long term - net	 821,062	1,339,941
	\$ 1,654,409	\$ 2,146,534

Credit loss expense related to unconditional promises to give was \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

#### Note E - COVID Relief Grants Receivable

COVID relief grants receivable totaled \$542,519 and 910,878 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and related to the Employee Retention Tax Credit program. Credit loss expense was \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$0 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

#### Note F - Property and Equipment, Net

Major classifications of property and equipment as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 are summarized below:

	2024		2023
Depreciable property and equipment:			
Musical instruments	\$	74,010	\$ 74,010
Equipment		58,961	58,961
Vehicles		81,808	 81,808
Total Depreciable Assets		214,779	214,779
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(214,779)	 (209,312)
Total Depreciable Property and Equipment, Net		-	5,467
Non-depreciable property and equipment:			
Grand pianos		155,300	155,300
Music library		179,204	 179,204
Total Non-Depreciable Property and Equipment		334,504	 334,504
Total Property and Equipment, Net	\$	334,504	\$ 339,971

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$5,467 and \$13,079, respectively.

#### Note G - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Symphony follows the provisions of ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, for its financial assets and liabilities. The Symphony is required to provide additional disclosures. ASC 820 clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Symphony utilizes market data or assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. ASC 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant

to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Prices for certain cash equivalents, such as money market mutual funds and equity securities are readily available in the active markets in which those securities are traded, and the resulting fair values are categorized as Level 1.

The Symphony does not have any financial assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis categorized as Level 3, and there were no transfers in or out of Level 3 during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. There were no changes during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 to the Symphony's valuation techniques used to measure asset and liability fair values on a recurring basis.

The following tables present the assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2024									
		Level 1 Level 2		Level 1 Level 2		Level 2		Level 2 Lev		evel 3
Money market	\$	112,523	\$	-	\$	-				
Mutual funds		1,344,820		-		-				
Equities		4,979,363		_						
Total	\$	6,436,706	\$	-	\$					
Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2023										
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 2		Le	evel 3		
Money market	\$	76,941	\$	-	\$	-				
Mutual funds		1,011,803		-		-				
Equities		4,040,153		_						
Total	\$	5,128,897	\$		\$					

#### Note H - Deferred Revenue

The Symphony received \$893,127 and \$839,306, on advanced ticket sales, deferred CSYO tuition payments, and program advertising sales for the upcoming concert season for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As each production is presented, the portion of the advance sales collection and marketing expense that pertains to that production will be recognized. In the event any of the scheduled productions for the upcoming season are not presented, the ticket holder may either obtain a refund of the ticket price or contribute the ticket refund to the Symphony. The Symphony has retained in its cash balances, at June 30, 2024 and 2023, amounts in excess of these advanced ticket sales and advertising revenue.

#### Note I - Deferred Pension Settlement

In October 2013, the musicians of the Symphony voted to decertify the Union, Local 502. This action caused the unfunded portion of the Plan allocated to the Symphony to become due. Management and the Board of Directors worked with Symphony counsel, actuaries, and representatives of the American Federation of Musicians and Employers' Pension Fund (AFM-EPF) to reach a settlement. On November 13, 2014, a settlement was reached. This agreement calls for a \$720,000 settlement to be paid to the AFM-EPF in quarterly installments of principal and interest of \$9,000 over a 20-year period, less \$46,939 in payments already made to this amount on June 30, 2014. This settlement was discounted at the Plan's stated discount rate of 7.50%. This discounted deferred pension obligation expense incurred by the Symphony associated with this settlement totaled \$379,696 for the year ended June 30, 2014. This was the full and final settlement of this deferred pension plan obligation which included a fixed amortization schedule.

The deferred pension settlement balance was as follows as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	 2024	2023		
Deferred pension settlement Less: Current portion of deferred pension settlement	\$ 237,860 (18,509)	\$	254,984 (17,124)	
Deferred Pension Settlement, Net of Current Portion	\$ 219,351	\$	237,860	

The schedule of future minimum payments is as follows:

Year ending June 30,	
2025	\$ 18,509
2026	19,950
2027	21,504
2028	23,145
2029	24,981
Thereafter	129,771
	\$ 237,860

Imputed interest under this agreement totaled \$29,673 and \$13,605 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The AFM-EPF notified all participants and beneficiaries of the Plan, that the funding status of the Plan was considered "critical and declining" as of April 1, 2024. The Plan submitted an application for special financial assistance. See Note Q – Subsequent Events for information related to the approval of this application.

#### Note J - Endowments

Charleston Symphony Endowment Funds include assets held by the Symphony and donor advised funds.

**Symphony held assets** are reported on the Statements of Financial Position. In accordance with U.S. GAAP, net assets related to endowment funds are classified based on donor-imposed restrictions or board designations. Annual disbursements of Symphony held funds are subject to the Symphony's Investment Policy, which is currently set at 3% of the Endowment Fund balances over the previous twelve quarters. Funds held by the Symphony include:

**Music Matters Endowment Fund** (2021, Board designated): Provides income to support the Symphony's mission. The Symphony Board has approved a provision to allow for an additional draw to be taken to support the recently launched cost of the employee match 401(k) plan until 2028. It is expected that after 2028, this additional support will no longer be needed.

**Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund** (1995, Board designated): Provides income to support the Symphony's mission.

**David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment** (2014, donor restricted): Provides income to support music education programs.

**Donor Advised Endowment Funds** name the Symphony as the beneficiary but are held by external sponsoring organizations, which have variance power over the funds. These funds are excluded from the Symphony's financial statements but provide annual income to support its mission. The Symphony's Donor Advised Endowment Funds include:

- Funds held by the Coastal Community Foundation. The following funds disburse approximately 4% of the average market value over the previous twenty quarters.
  - Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment for the Symphony Fund (2018)
  - Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston Symphony Orchestra (2016)
  - Symphony Permanent Endowment Fund (2022)
- American Gift Fund (2020): Managed by the American Gift Fund, this fund disburses 3% annually based on its market value on the date of the disbursement and may allow for additional disbursements at the donor-advisor's discretion.

The following are the Endowments by type as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

2024	Purpose	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Symphony Held Assets				
Music Matters Endowment Fund	Operating	\$ 5,482,536	\$ 1,277,409	\$ 6,759,945
Charleston Symphony Orchestra				
Endowment Fund	Operating	721,910	-	721,910
The David Stahl Education Through  Music Endowment	Education		170 272	170 272
	Education	<u> </u>	179,273	179,273
Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets		\$ 6,204,446	\$ 1,456,682	7,661,128
Donor Advised Endowment Funds				
Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment				
for the Symphony Fund	Operating			593,356
Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston Symphony Orchestra	Education			136,386
Symphony Permanent Endowment Fund	Operating			970,406
American Gift Fund	Operating			587,454
Total Danier Advised Fuder meant Funds	-   0			
Total Donor Advised Endowment Funds Excluded from Net Assets				2,287,602
Total Endowment Funds				\$ 9,948,730
		Without		
		Daman	Mith Danas	
		Donor	With Donor	
2023	Purpose	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
	Purpose			Total
2023  Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund	Purpose Operating			Total \$ 6,815,169
Symphony Held Assets		Restrictions	Restrictions	
Symphony Held Assets Music Matters Endowment Fund		Restrictions	Restrictions	
Symphony Held Assets Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra	Operating Operating	\$ 4,902,923	Restrictions	\$ 6,815,169
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund  Charleston Symphony Orchestra  Endowment Fund	Operating	\$ 4,902,923	Restrictions	\$ 6,815,169
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through	Operating Operating	\$ 4,902,923	\$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment	Operating Operating	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment  Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets	Operating Operating	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets  Donor Advised Endowment Funds Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment for the Symphony Fund	Operating Operating	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967
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Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment  Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets  Donor Advised Endowment Funds  Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment for the Symphony Fund  Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston Symphony Orchestra	Operating Operating Education Operating Education	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967 7,463,208 545,379 126,258
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment  Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets  Donor Advised Endowment Funds Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment for the Symphony Fund Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston Symphony Orchestra Symphony Permanent Endowment Fund	Operating Operating Education Operating Education Operating	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967 7,463,208 545,379 126,258 897,348
Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment  Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets  Donor Advised Endowment Funds  Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment for the Symphony Fund  Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston Symphony Orchestra	Operating Operating Education Operating Education	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967 7,463,208 545,379 126,258
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Symphony Held Assets  Music Matters Endowment Fund Charleston Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund The David Stahl Education Through Music Endowment  Total Endowment Funds Included in Net Assets  Donor Advised Endowment Funds Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment for the Symphony Fund Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston Symphony Orchestra Symphony Permanent Endowment Fund American Gift Fund	Operating Operating Education Operating Education Operating	\$ 4,902,923 477,072	Restrictions \$ 1,912,246	\$ 6,815,169 477,072 170,967 7,463,208 545,379 126,258 897,348

The Symphony received the following disbursements for each of the Charleston Symphony Endowment Funds and Donor Advised Funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Purpose	2024		2023	
Symphony Controlled Endowment Funds					
Music Matters Endowment Fund	Operating	\$ 171,378	\$	281,193	
Charleston Symphony Orchestra					
Endowment Fund	Operating	20,472		89,426	
The David Stahl Education					
Through Music Endowment	Education	 6,049			
Total Symphony Endowment Disbursements		197,899		370,619	
Donor Advised Endowment Funds					
Elizabeth Rivers Lewine Endowment					
for the Symphony Fund	Operating	17,082		15,351	
Reyburn/Griffith Fund for Charleston					
Symphony Orchestra	Education	4,892		4,770	
Symphony Permanent Endowment Fund	Operating	33,749		32,709	
American Gift Fund	Operating	 			
Total Donor Advised Disbursements		55,723		52,830	
Total Support from Endowment Disbursements		\$ 253,622	\$	423,449	

#### Note K - Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

The Symphony's net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes as of June 30:

	2024	2023
Subject to Time Restrictions	\$ 1,277,409	\$ 1,912,246
Subject to Purpose Restrictions		
Operating reserve	101,659	101,659
Future concert sponsorships	445,500	292,550
David Stahl Endowment restricted for education	179,273	170,967
Total Subject to Purpose Restrictions	726,432	565,176
Total	\$ 2,003,841	\$ 2,477,422

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by the donors. The net assets released from restrictions for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$1,249,275 and \$791,093, respectively.

#### Note L - Retirement Plan

The Symphony provides a salary reduction 401(k) plan to eligible employees. The Symphony may provide a discretionary matching contribution. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were 6% discretionary matching contributions with employer expense of \$90,222 and \$88,932, respectively.

#### Note M - Affiliated Organizations

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, Inc. (a separate 501(c)(3) organization) is a group of volunteers whose purpose is to support the Symphony through music education programs, audience development, and providing financial assistance through fundraising projects. During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the League contributed \$203,500 and \$152,973, respectively, to the Symphony.

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra Chorus (a separate 501(c)(3) organization) is a group of auditioned, volunteer singers whose purpose is to promote enjoyment and appreciation of choral music in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. The Charleston Symphony Orchestra Chorus provides choral components for the Symphony throughout the year.

#### Note N - Related Party Transactions

The Symphony received \$401,706 and \$333,674 in contributions, pledge payments, and ticket sales from members of its Board of Directors for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### Note O - Operating Lease

The Symphony has an operating lease for office space in Charleston, South Carolina extending through August 2028. As a result of implementing Topic 842, the Symphony recognized a right of use asset in exchange for a new operating lease liability of \$567,423. The Symphony has elected to use a risk-free discount rate and applied it to this lease. The weighted average remaining lease term of the operating lease is 4.17 years, and the weighted average discount rate used for calculating the present value of lease payments is 8.50%. Lease expense during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 for the operating lease is \$116,667 and \$0, respectively.

Future maturities of the operating lease are as follows as of June 30, 2024:

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2026		145,833
2027		150,000
2028		150,000
2029		25,000
Total Undiscounted Cash Flows Less: Present value discount		595,833 (95,224)
Total Lease Liability	\$	500,609

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#### Note P - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Symphony's working capital and cash flows have variations throughout the year attributable to the timing of support, concert revenue, and expenses. To manage liquidity, the Symphony evaluates cash on a regular basis as part of the monthly review of the internal financial statements, and estimates cash needs based on budgeted and current expenses.

The following reflects the Symphony's financial assets reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or internal designations. Needs for expenditures within one year will be utilized fully for program services and general and administrative costs.

	 2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,074,370	\$ 925,718
Cash - operating reserve fund	126,601	122,195
Current portion of unconditional promises to give, net	833,347	806,593
COVID relief grants receivable	542,519	910,878
Total Current Financial Assets	2,576,837	2,765,384
Less: Amounts not available to be used within one year:		
Other net assets with donor restrictions not to be met in one year	(179,273)	(170,967)
Donor restricted for operating reserve	 (101,659)	 (101,659)
Total Amounts Not Available to be Used Within One Year	 (280,932)	 (272,626)
Total Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash		
Needs for Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 2,295,905	\$ 2,492,758

#### Note Q – Subsequent Events

During August 2024, the AFM-EPF notified participants that the Plan had been approved Federal assistance in the amount of \$1.4 billion. As a result of special funding, the Plan has moved from "critical and declining" to "critical" status.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, there were no material adjustments to these financial statements.

# Charleston Symphony Orchestra Supplementary Schedules of Revenues Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Funds Raised		
Support		
Contributions	\$ 2,246,690	\$ 1,870,234
Endowment contributions	263,839	1,533,633
Grants	 271,905	233,091
Total Funds Raised	2,782,434	3,636,958
Concert Revenue		
Season ticket sales		
Masterworks	644,218	577,913
Pops	208,174	172,877
Livestream	-	1,525
Single ticket sales		
Masterworks	322,247	238,716
Pops	421,625	295,811
Chamber music	26,598	22,391
Special events	245,622	35,194
Education		
CSYO	38,707	30,474
Sold services	 194,439	 182,122
Total Concert Revenue	2,101,630	1,557,023
Miscellaneous income	 33,966	33,553
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 4,918,030	\$ 5,227,534