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## MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Legal Name: Mankato Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc.

Classification: Arts

Tax Status Determination: 501(c)3

Federal ID: 23-7319396

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### Mission Statement

Founded in 1950, the mission of the Mankato Symphony Orchestra is to celebrate classical music through public performance, to promote arts education by introducing the children of our community to the wonders of orchestral and classical music, to make such music accessible to all residents, and to contribute vital energy to regional economic development and cultural tourism.

### Annual Programming

- Five or more Subscription Series concerts featuring the full orchestra and acclaimed guest artists
- Music on the Hill, an up close and personal approach to chamber music, four concert series
- An off-season pops concert
- Family Concert series, four concerts specially designed for parents or grandparents and young children to enjoy
- Free Youth Concerts for all 4th and 5th graders in the region; 2,500 or more students attend every year
- Music Appreciation at the Elementary School Level; 1,000 Mankato 3rd graders participate
- Summer Music & Literacy program at Franklin Elementary, Mankato

### Acclaim

“Mankato’s best kept secret...The opening concert was a terrific showcase of the orchestra’s talents with full-blown sound and passionate playing. Bravo!” -Steve Staruch, MPR’s Regional Spotlight

“Maestro Freed is a musician’s musician, a gifted artistic interpreter, and delightful collaborator...under his baton I have seen tremendous artistic growth in the orchestra. His vision for educational outreach, his embracing of technology and commitment to service has expanded the perception of the symphony as a treasured asset for the entire region.” -John B. Weaver, trombone

### Planned Giving

There are many ways to make your mark on the future of the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. Consider a gift to our endowment fund, a one year or permanent endowment of a chair, a tribute gift in honor of a person or event, or sponsoring a favorite event or program. Contact the MSO Office at 507-625-8880 for additional information or to request copies of our audited financial statements.