



1948  
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YEARS

BATON ROUGE  
*Symphony*  
ORCHESTRA

Annual Report  
2012-2013

## BOARD CHAIR & MUSIC DIRECTOR



Dear Music Lovers,

As we look back on the 2012-13 season, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, donors, sponsors and patrons for allowing me the privilege to lead and serve this inspiring organization. Now more than half-way through my two-year term, I remain honored to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra.

Your Baton Rouge Symphony Board of Directors and Staff worked diligently throughout our 64th season to keep our longtime, loyal audience entertained and engaged while reaching out to new audiences. Our Masterworks and Chamber series experienced positive growth, as did our education programs.

The highlight of the season was the 10th Anniversary of our beloved Irene W. and C. B. Pennington Great Performers in Concert Series. The Symphony Pops at the LSU Rural Life Museum entertained old and new audience members who enjoyed a lovely evening under the stars.

Year after year, the Baton Rouge Symphony League is one of the largest sources of financial support for the BRSO. Once again they supported our Orchestra with their countless volunteer hours and generous contributions.

I am greatly encouraged to feel such tremendous positive momentum as we enter our 65th year and celebrate 15 years with our renowned Music Director, Timothy Muffitt. I am proud to represent the BRSO and to invest in the orchestra both professionally and personally to help ensure its strong future for generations to come. We thank you, our audience, and all of our donors and sponsors for your continued support. You make the music happen!



**John D'Angelo**  
Board Chair  
CEO, Investar Bank



Dear Friends,

While I have not been with the BRSO since our founding in 1947, I do have a good knowledge of our institutional history. I think it is quite possible that we have just completed our greatest year yet.

Our Investar Bank Masterworks Series remains strong and vital. Our Lamar Chamber Series has moved to a new level of financial success. Discovery Concerts played to over 6,000 of our young people this season, and our new LSU Rural Life Museum concert brought many new faces to the BRSO experience. And, let's not forget two unforgettable concerts with superstars Diana Ross and Audra McDonald!

In addition, the BRSO released its first commercial recording, garnering excellent reviews by esteemed international publications, and being broadcast on radio stations in every state of the union. It has become a very significant artistic export from our city.

And finally, why do I say this is our best year yet? We accomplished all the above and more, with a balanced budget.

The BRSO is very much in step with the growth of our city. The arts are a cornerstone of economic development and civil society in general. And we are there, supporting the growth of this city in a prominent and significant way, meeting the new needs.

All of this doesn't happen by itself, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our Musicians, our Board, our extraordinary Staff and of course, our Patrons. Together, we make this organization great and continue our tradition of excellence and our contributions to the quality of life of our fine city.



**Timothy W. Muffitt**  
Music Director





*"The Capital Region is enriched by having a high-quality Symphony Orchestra, which is a key component of any vibrant city."  
- Adam Knapp, President and CEO, Baton Rouge Area Chamber*

Over the last 64 years, the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra (BRSO) has occupied a unique position in Baton Rouge as the largest and most long-lived arts institution in the Capital Region. The BRSO has an impact in three key areas: quality of life, education and economic development.

#### **Quality of Life**

The BRSO is committed to enhancing quality of life through creative and innovative programming that is reflective of our diverse region. In addition to traditional symphonic programming such as our Masterworks and Chamber series, in the last ten years we have added:

- The Irene W. and C. B. Pennington foundation Great Performers in Concert Series
- The Louisiana Gospel Tradition
- All Star Automotive Pops Series
- "Home for the Holidays" Christmas concerts
- Live After Five concert downtown
- Christmas Brass, Percussion & Harp Concerts at area venues and historic sites
- Partnership with LSU Rural Life Museum outdoor concert

These offerings transcend cultural and ethnic barriers and are a unifying force in our community.

#### **Education**

The BRSO provides a lifelong learning experience, from the first concert exposure in kindergarten, to performing with a youth orchestra, to attending the concerts and pre-concert talks. According to Harris Interactive, Inc., "schools that have music programs have significantly higher graduation rates than those without music programs (90.2 percent as compared to 72.9 percent)."

The Baton Rouge Symphony is committed to supplementing and enhancing existing music education in schools and bringing classical music education to our community.

#### **Economic Development**

Baton Rouge is growing. Businesses are looking to provide their employees with a variety of cultural opportunities for employee community engagement, enjoyment and education.

#### **Strategic Plan**

The BRSO has responded to the growth of the region and has recently completed a 5-year strategic plan. We will continue

to add innovative partnerships, events and creative collaborations.

## Mission

*The Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra develops and maintains a symphony orchestra that is nationally recognized with a regional focus that provides cultural enrichment, educational opportunities, and entertainment primarily through live symphonic music experiences.*

## ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR & PERFORMANCES



Dear Symphony Patrons,

The 2012-13 Season was a banner year for the Education and Outreach programs of the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra. Not only did we accomplish a great deal, but we are determined to dream big for the future outlook of our community footprint.

The Discovery Concert series reached over 6,000 students throughout the Baton Rouge area and its surrounding parishes. Many of these students came from underserved communities, where the sounds of a world-class symphony orchestra are not heard. Some saw a violin or an oboe for the very first time, and were inspired to make music an important part of their lives. As we move forward, we will continue to reach as far and wide as possible, bringing music and interacting with our community's young people in a meaningful way. We will provide more education concerts in conjunction with renowned programs such as Carnegie Hall's Link UP, where students get to play an instrument along with the Symphony. Exciting things are on the educational horizon, and the BRSO will be in the center of it.

The Louisiana Youth Orchestras continued to provide a supplemental education to the talented young musicians of the Baton Rouge area. Our three ensembles provided an inspiring and encouraging atmosphere for budding orchestral players from age 6 through 22. Many will go on to be professional musicians and all will go on to be better people for having participated in our program. We will continue to maintain a first-class youth orchestra and train the musicians and audience members of the future with the Louisiana Youth Orchestras.

Part of our mission is to bring quality classical music to as many people as possible. Next year we will be playing several family-friendly concerts in unique and exciting new venues. The collaboration with the LSU Rural Life Museum was a success. With this and other new initiatives, the sky is the limit. The Baton Rouge Symphony will continue to dream big.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Torn".

**David Torn**

Associate Conductor

Louisiana Youth Orchestras Music Director

### ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES

The cornerstone of the Baton Rouge Symphony's offerings is the Investar Bank Masterworks Series. Each season, seven or more concerts are held at the River Center Theatre with repertoire from 17th to 21st century composers, plus perennial favorites and world premiere pieces. The 2012-13 season featured many acclaimed artists such as Grammy®-nominated violinist Cho-Liang Lin, piano prodigy Colton Peltier and well known pianist Christopher O'Riley.

Because of its intimate nature, chamber music has been described as "the music of friends." Longtime Chamber Series sponsors Carole and Charles Lamar have truly been "friends of the music." These intimate concerts are held at a variety of venues from the Manship Theatre to area churches, presenting music specifically composed for small ensembles.

The Irene W. and C. B. Pennington Foundation Great Performers in Concert Series features the full orchestra as well as guest artists of international status who bring the world to Baton Rouge. Celebrating 10 magical years in the 2012-13 season, this milestone anniversary was commemorated with two concerts featuring the incomparable Diana Ross and Tony Award Winner Audra McDonald.

### NEW FOR THE 2013-2014 SEASON:

- The All Star Automotive Pops Series, featuring live symphonic pops music on the cutting edge of entertainment.
- The Louisiana Gospel Tradition, a community-wide project involving collaborations between local churches, businesses, the BRSO Chorus and other professional musicians.
- Live After Five, a free outdoor concert at the new Galvez Plaza in Town Square.

### BATON ROUGE SYMPHONY CHORUS

This all-volunteer choral ensemble of over 100 members meets weekly during the season and enables the orchestra to extend its repertoire to great musical works with a vocal component. These joint performances usually feature masterworks by major composers and are among our most popular concerts.

## EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

### LOUISIANA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

The Louisiana Youth Orchestras are an educational component of the BRSO and a project of the Baton Rouge Symphony League. The LYO supplements and enhances music education in schools and promotes the highest standards of educational performance.

### DISCOVERY CONCERTS

The Young People's Discovery Concerts reach more than 6,000 children each season in grades K-12. These are concerts of classical music specifically chosen to awaken imagination and excite creativity in young people.

### MUSIC AND CLASSROOM TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

This award program encourages music and classroom teachers to integrate music into other disciplines across the curriculum, showing the value of music in teaching, problem solving, creativity, logical thinking, memory and other cognitive skills.

### SYMPHONY 101

This program features a short reception and educational program, featuring Maestro Timothy Muffitt. The attendees then join the orchestra onstage sitting among BRSO musicians during rehearsal of a Masterworks concert. Patrons can see and hear music being made from a totally unique perspective.

### ENCORE SOCIETY

With a planned gift to the BRSO, your wish to give philanthropically can be harmonized with your overall financial, tax and estate planning goals. By leaving a charitable bequest to the BRSO's Funds for Excellence, you have the pleasure of knowing that the music that has enriched your life will continue for future generations.

## BATON ROUGE SYMPHONY LEAGUE

Founded in 1949, the Baton Rouge Symphony League inspires community support for the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra through a wide range of innovative fundraising events, educational programs and hands-on projects. The League is one of the largest sources of financial support for the BRSO and has contributed over one million dollars. Volunteer members come from all sectors of the community. Membership is open to all who share the commitment to enrich and elevate our city through the finest symphonic music.



Over  
6000

Children attend our Young People's  
Discovery Series



THE IRENE W. AND C. B. PENNINGTON FOUNDATION  
*Great Performers in Concert*  
10 year ANNIVERSARY



2003  
Itzhak Perlman

2004  
Dame Kiri Te  
Kanawa

2005  
Yo-Yo Ma

2005  
Yefim Bronfman

2006  
Van Cliburn

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Renée Fleming

2007  
Itzhak Perlman

2008  
Yundi Li

2009 & 2010  
Chris Botti

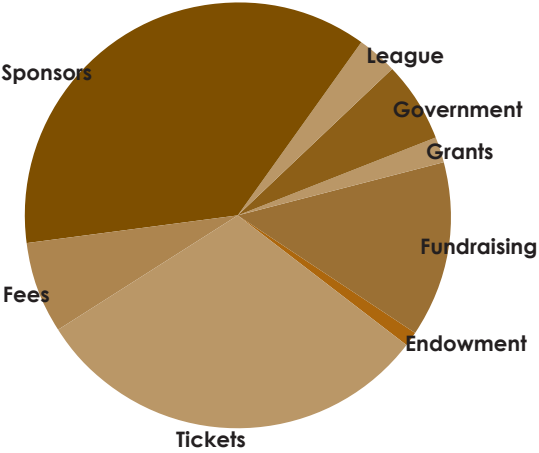
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& Richard Troxell

2012  
Natalie Cole

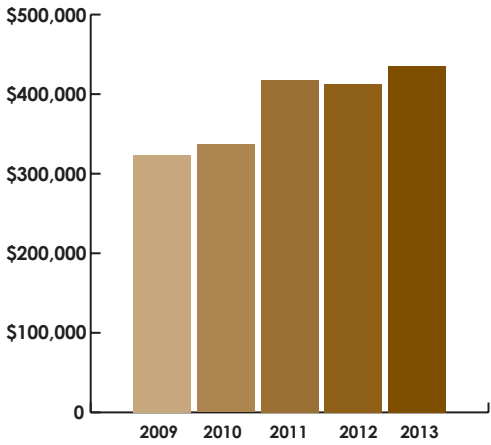
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2013  
Audra McDonald

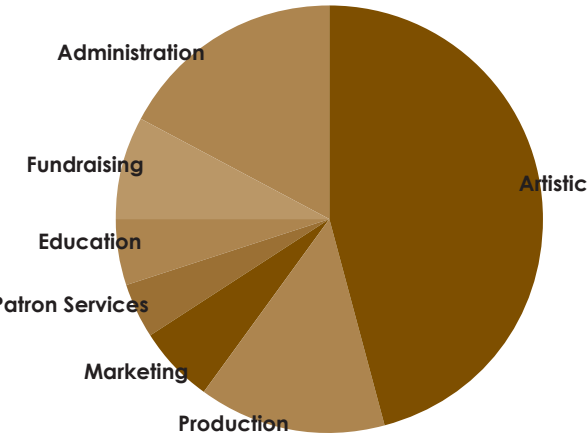
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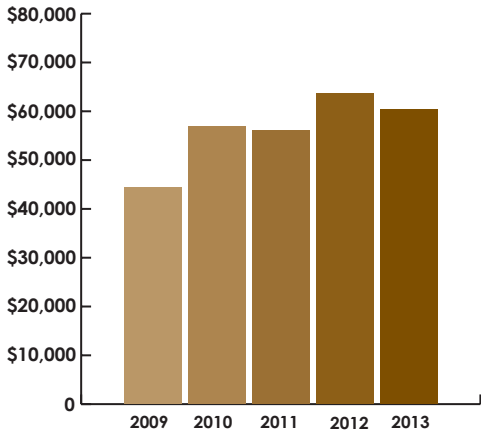
Revenue from Masterworks\*



Total Expenses\*



Revenue from Chamber\*



\* As of August 31, 2013

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**Live After Five, 2013, at The Crest in Downtown Baton Rouge.**  
Photo by Jamie Phillips.

## SEPTEMBER 2013

### LIVE AFTER FIVE

Friday, September 6, 5:00 pm  
North Boulevard Town Square

## OCTOBER 2013

### THE LOUISIANA GOSPEL TRADITION

Friday, October 11, 7:30 pm  
River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES I

Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm  
River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCOVERY CONCERTS

October 23-25, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Christian Life Academy, Baton Rouge

### LAMAR CHAMBER SERIES I

Thursday, October 24, 7:30 pm  
First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

Friday, October 25, 7:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church, St. Francisville

## NOVEMBER 2013

### LOUISIANA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT

Saturday, November 9, 3:00 pm  
Baton Rouge Magnet High School

### SYMPHONY 101

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 pm  
River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES II

Thursday, November 14, 7:30 pm  
River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### LAMAR CHAMBER SERIES II

Thursday, November 21, 7:30 pm  
First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

Friday, November 22, 7:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church, St. Francisville

### SYMPHONY LEAGUE BALL

Saturday, November 30, 8:00 pm  
Crowne Plaza Ballroom, Baton Rouge

## DECEMBER 2013

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES III,

"Home for the Holidays"  
Thursday, December 5, 7:30 pm

### MATINEE PRESENTATION:

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 pm  
River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts



## ALL STAR POPS SERIES I,

"Home for the Holidays"

Sunday, December 8, 7:00 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

## LAMAR CHAMBER SERIES III

Christmas Brass, Percussion & Harp

Friday, December 6, 7:00 pm

Hemingbough, St. Francisville

Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Downtown Baton Rouge

Sunday, December 15, 4:30 pm

Houmas House, Gonzales

## THE NUTCRACKER, A TALE FROM THE BAYOU

Saturday, December 21, 2:00 & 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 22, 2:00 & 6:00 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

## JANUARY 2014

### LAMAR CHAMBER SERIES IV

Thursday, January 16, 7:30 pm

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Baton Rouge

Friday, January 17, 7:00 pm

Grace Episcopal Church, St. Francisville

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES IV

Thursday, January 23, 7:30 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

## FEBRUARY 2014

### ALL STAR POPS SERIES II, SPECTRUM MOTOWN

Saturday, February 8, 7:30 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### LOUISIANA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT

Saturday, February 15, 3:00 pm

Baton Rouge Magnet High School

## IRENE W. AND C. B. PENNINGTON

### GREAT PERFORMERS IN CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, February 22, 8:00 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

## MARCH 2014

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES V

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### ALL STAR POPS SERIES III, WICKED DIVAS

Friday, March 28, 7:30 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

## APRIL 2014

### SYMPHONY LEAGUE MAD HATTER'S

#### LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

Monday, April 7, 9:00 am

Crowne Plaza, Baton Rouge

### SYMPHONY 101

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES VI

Thursday, April 10, 7:30 pm

River Center Theatre for the Performing Arts

### LOUISIANA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT

Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm

Baton Rouge Magnet High School

## MAY 2014

### INVESTAR BANK MASTERWORKS SERIES VII

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 pm

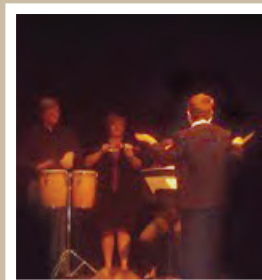
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### SYMPHONY POPS!

#### AT LSU RURAL LIFE MUSEUM

Saturday, May 10, 6:00 pm

LSU Rural Life Museum



Adam Hebert at the Manship Theater

### YOUNG COMPOSER'S CAMP, A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MANSHIP THEATRE

*"Last year my 9 year old, Adam Hebert, attended your Young Composer's Camp around Thanksgiving.*

*He loved it so much. He was the one who insisted that I bring him his suit so he could direct the band properly.*

*Recently he was filling out a form at the orthodontist office and one of the questions asked, "What is your favorite band or musical group?" his answer was the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra. I just wanted to let you know how much he enjoyed his experience. Even though it is almost a year ago, he still remembers and apparently the BRSO is still his favorite."*

Stacey Hebert



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