

Palisades Symphony Fact Sheet, 2019

The Palisades Symphony, a non-profit community orchestra, has been performing in Pacific Palisades for over 53 years. During this time, it has performed over 40 operas, 90 programs with chorus, and about 120 symphony concerts. The Palisades Symphony has conducted 49 annual Young Artist Award Competitions for instrumental performers of school age, followed by concerts at which the winning students perform. All of these concerts have been free of charge.

The Palisades Symphony was founded by its music director Joel B. Lish in 1966 and has performed continuously since then. The orchestra musicians and choir members donate their services, and soloists, conductor, and choir director are paid an honorarium. With a budget of about \$28,000, the orchestra gives seven concerts a year: three with instrumental soloists, two oratorio concerts with vocal soloists and the affiliated Brentwood-Palisades Chorale, a concert version of an opera, and a concert for the winners of the Young Artist Competition.

The Palisades Symphony started under the auspices of Palisades Adult School. In 2009, the adult school system had to cancel all art classes and orchestras for financial reasons. Since then, the Symphony has been an independent orchestra. It is supported by contributions from members of the local community, orchestra and choir members, and audience members.

The concerts with instrumental soloists are held at Palisades Charter High School. Operas are performed at the Palisades Lutheran Church, and oratorios at the Pacific Palisades Community United Methodist Church. The orchestra very much appreciates the opportunity to rehearse and perform in those places.

Palisades Symphony is a non-profit tax exempt corporation with Public Benefit classification; our Federal Employer I.D. number is 23-7092760. Contributions are welcome and may be sent to: Palisades Symphony Orchestra, Inc., Post Office Box 214, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. For further fundraising information, please call Eva Holberg, President and Manager, at (310) 454-8040.

For additional information about the orchestra, including its concert schedule, information for prospective members, and rehearsal schedule, please consult the Palisades Symphony web site at www.palisadessymphony.org.