

## Quick Facts about the Lake Placid Sinfonietta

The Lake Placid Sinfonietta, The Orchestra of the Adirondacks, is the only professional orchestra in the Adirondack Park. Its mission is to enhance the cultural life of the Adirondack region through the presentation of musical performances of exceptional quality and through music education programs.

The Lake Placid Sinfonietta is now in its 30th year as an independent non-profit organization responsible for its own support. The Lake Placid Club had founded the orchestra in 1917 and sponsored it for many years.

The Lake Placid Sinfonietta is a significant asset to the community, enhancing the Lake Placid experience for year-round residents, summer residents and visitors alike. The Symphony Series performances at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts are offered at affordable prices for adults and are free to those 18 and younger. The Park Series and Children's Concert charge no admission and a matinee is deeply discounted. The Adirondack Series of concerts brings welcome events to neighboring communities. When the New York Times last published a feature article on Lake Placid as a summer resort, it was highlighted by a picture of the Sinfonietta playing in Mid's Park.

The Orchestra consists of a Music Director/conductor and nineteen talented professional musicians who perform with symphony orchestras throughout the country. Each is a highly qualified artist and many capable of performing as a featured soloist. In 2009 Ron Spigelman was chosen as Music Director from among 182 applicants eager to lead this highly-regarded summer orchestra.

The Lake Placid Sinfonietta has an annual budget of just over \$200,000 eighty percent of which covers salaries for the musicians and staff as well as the costs for performance space and music. Sinfonietta musicians work full-time, with 30 rehearsals and 18 performances during the six-week season. Their compensation, which is just barely adequate to cover living expenses, is virtually all expended in Lake Placid. There are 1.5 year-round administrative staff.

Donations by the nearly 500 Sinfonietta Members, who are about evenly divided between year-round residents and summer residents, account for about 50% of annual revenue. In addition, members of the Board of Directors and of the Guild contribute many hours as volunteers.

Concert income provides only 20% of annual revenue because the ticket prices are kept affordable, the Park concerts offered free and other concerts at discounted prices. Other symphony orchestras average 35-40% of their revenue from their concerts.

The Lake Placid Sinfonietta secures needed support through the sponsorship of concerts by corporations, businesses, organizations and individuals. A sponsorship is recognized in the community as a distinct gift enabling the Lake Placid Sinfonietta to enhance the cultural life of the area for residents, summer residents and for visitors.

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