

## Member Orchestras (2016)

### Mission Statement

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The Regional Orchestra Players' Association (ROPA) promotes the interests of its member orchestras and their musicians. As an official Players' Conference of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), it acts to enhance communications among orchestras, with the AFM and its Locals, and with other Players' Conferences.

**A victory for one is  
a victory for all!**

Akron Symphony	Lincoln Symphony
Albany Symphony	Long Beach Symphony
Allentown Symphony	Los Angeles Opera Orchestra
Annapolis Symphony	Madison Symphony Orchestra
Ann Arbor Symphony	Memphis Symphony
Arizona Opera Orchestra	Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra
Atlanta Ballet Orchestra	Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra
Atlanta Opera Orchestra	Minnesota Opera Orchestra
Austin Symphony	Mississippi Symphony
Binghamton Philharmonic	Monterey Symphony
Boston Ballet Orchestra	New Haven Symphony
Boulder Philharmonic	New Mexico Philharmonic
California Philharmonic	New West Symphony
California Symphony	Oakland Symphony
Canton Symphony	Omaha Symphony
Chattanooga Symphony & Opera Orchestra	Orchestra Iowa
Colorado Springs Philharmonic	Pacific Symphony
Dallas Opera Orchestra	Palm Beach Opera Orchestra
Dayton Philharmonic	Pasadena Symphony
Delaware Symphony	Pittsburgh Ballet Orchestra
Duluth Superior Symphony	Pittsburgh Opera Orchestra
East Texas Symphony	Portland (OR) Opera Orchestra
Eastern Connecticut Symphony	Portland (ME) Symphony
El Paso Symphony	Reading Symphony
Elgin Symphony	Rhode Island Philharmonic
Erie Philharmonic	Richmond Symphony
Eugene Symphony	Santa Barbara Symphony
Flint Symphony	Santa Rosa Symphony
Fort Wayne Philharmonic	Sarasota Orchestra
Fresno Philharmonic	Shreveport Symphony
Glimmerglass Festival Orchestra	South Bend Symphony
Green Bay Symphony	Southwest Florida Symphony
Harrisburg Symphony	Southwest Michigan Symphony
Hartford Symphony	Spokane Symphony
Houston Ballet Orchestra	Symphony Silicon Valley
Houston Grand Opera Orchestra	Tacoma Symphony
Hudson Valley Philharmonic	Toledo Symphony
Huntsville Symphony	Tri-Cities Opera Orchestra
Illinois Philharmonic	Tucson Symphony
Kalamazoo Symphony	Tulsa Opera Orchestra
Knoxville Symphony	West Virginia Symphony
Lansing Symphony	Wichita Symphony
Las Vegas Philharmonic	Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra
Lexington Philharmonic	



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# ROPA

## Benefits

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- ❖ Membership in ROPA gives access to *valuable communication resources and effective organizing tools* that enable musicians to deal successfully with their managements and boards.
- ❖ Provides a conduit for the sharing of information amongst over 5000 musicians from our member orchestras.
- ❖ Publishes/Distributes *The Leading Tone* newsletter
- ❖ Maintains a **Conductor Evaluation Database** accessible to full member orchestras
- ❖ Organizes an **Annual Conference**, which provides educational seminars and workshops, networking opportunities, and information on current industry trends
- ❖ Offers an **email discussion list** for ROPA members and AFM friends.
- ❖ Works closely with the AFM **Symphonic Services Division (SSD)**
- ❖ Maintains an **Emergency Relief Fund (ERF)** for helping full member orchestras through difficult times.
- ❖ Membership Dues and Conference Expenses - Full Member orchestras pay annual dues of \$680 (plus \$100 to the ERF); Associate Member\* orchestras pay annual dues of \$200.
- ❖ Membership in ROPA *builds solidarity* on both a local and national level with *strong programs and support to protect jobs and sustain fair working conditions* among union musicians.
- ❖ Above all, membership in ROPA means *working with colleagues who share the same goals and aspirations* for the welfare of our art and our profession.

\*Associate membership does not include access to the Emergency Relief Fund or voting privileges. Associate members do receive all bulletins, are listed in the AFM Wage Scale Chart, and receive a limited number of ROPA'S publication, *The Leading Tone*.



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