

Resolution N°. 11

July 31, 2024

Subject: *Support and Encouragement for Utilization of the Music Performance Trust Fund*

MPTF Resolution

Whereas, The Music Performance Trust Fund (“MPTF”) was established in 1948 as a nonprofit public service organization with the mission to enhance public knowledge and appreciation of music, and to ensure that music becomes an integral part of every child’s life experience; and

Whereas, MPTF, which operates under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, evolved from a landmark collective bargaining agreement (“CBA”) between the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”) and major recording companies, and has since become a crucial entity in delivering live, admission-free musical programs; and

Whereas, Funded by royalties from signatory record labels—including Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group, and Warner Music Group—MPTF supports thousands of free musical events annually, enriching the lives of millions across diverse audiences and locations, from schools and parks to veterans’ hospitals and shopping malls; and

Whereas, MPTF’s programs span a broad spectrum of musical genres and venues, emphasizing the delivery of quality live music while ensuring that these performances are not used for fundraising, commercial promotion, or any partisan, religious, or closed membership activities; and

Whereas, MPTF provides vital support to musicians by supplementing their income and ensuring that the joy of live music is accessible to all, at no cost to patrons or audience members; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") fully supports the ongoing efforts and mission of the Music Performance Trust Fund ("MPTF"); and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA will assist its members by providing information on the application process to receive MPTF funding; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA acknowledges the importance of MPTF's support in promoting music education, enhancing community engagement, and providing professional opportunities for musicians, and commits to advocating for the Fund's continued relevance and success; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA will promote awareness and encourage participation in programs sponsored or co-sponsored by MPTF.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board