

Resolution N°. 7

July 31, 2024

Subject: *Recognition and Tribute to Leonard Ian Byrne*

Leonard Byrne Resolution

Whereas, Leonard Ian Byrne, who passed away on January 22, 2024, at the age of 70, made profound and lasting contributions to the field of music and to the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA"); and

Whereas, Leonard Byrne served as the inaugural Treasurer of ROPA, playing a crucial role in the formation and establishment of the organization and demonstrating his dedication to the betterment of the orchestral community; and

Whereas, Leonard's remarkable career spanned nearly five decades as the Principal Tuba of the Spokane Symphony Orchestra, a position he held from September 1975 until October 2023, reflecting his unparalleled commitment and passion for music; and

Whereas, Leonard Byrne, born on April 24, 1953, in Renton, WA, was a self-taught musician who overcame significant health challenges to continue his service to the Spokane Symphony Orchestra and the broader musical community; and

Whereas, Leonard's contributions extended beyond performance as a tireless advocate for the arts, including but not limited to founding the Spokane chapter of TubaChristmas and supporting the Spokane Symphony Orchestra's Soiree series and community workshops; and

Whereas, Leonard's impact on the Spokane Symphony Orchestra and the broader musical community is deeply felt, from his extensive collection and knowledge of low brass instruments to his advocacy and contract negotiations that benefited

many musicians; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") honors the legacy of Leonard Ian Byrne by recognizing his exceptional contributions to the field of music, his service to ROPA, and his dedication to the Spokane Symphony Orchestra; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA expresses its deepest condolences to Leonard's wife, Helen Eggleston Byrne, his niece, Elizabeth Grace Churchill, and his extended family, and acknowledges their immense loss; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA encourages its members and the broader community to honor Leonard Byrne's memory by continuing to uphold the values he embodied: dedication, resilience, and a deep love for the art of music-making; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be shared with Leonard Byrne's family, the Spokane Symphony Orchestra, and Local 105 as a testament to his enduring legacy and the profound impact he made on the musical community.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board