



BOSTON SINGERS' RELIEF FUND

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Keeping the Voices of New England Strong

Did you know?

There are fewer than 150 full-time jobs in singing in the entire United States? About 100 are with the MET Chorus and the rest are with a smattering of small, professional singing ensembles scattered about the rest of the country. There are no full-time singing jobs in New England. When a singer in New England chooses a life singing, they do so with the knowledge they will be piecing together a freelance career free of a daily routine and pursuing the life of an artist. They are also free of some other benefits such as sick leave, healthcare coverage, vacation days and worker's compensation. A recent survey showed that even some singers with over 25 years experience and international careers have chosen the most basic of healthcare coverage, which would mean financial devastation if something significant were to happen. Many singers have contemplated moving from New England at more than one time in their careers in order to find more work or to live in an area with a lower cost of living.

New England Professional Singers

Singers in the New England region are some of the most skilled and experienced in the world, many of whom have launched major international careers. Chances are high that you have performed in the same concert as many of these fine singers. Recently, the State Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognized the Professional Singers of Massachusetts for their 'artistic, educational and economic contributions to the artistic life of our commonwealth...' Many of these highly trained singers perform on the area's main concert stages, in schools, and may teach your children and perform for your audiences.

How can you help?

If your ensemble hires several professional singers or if it hires only one or two per season, then you know the value of these musicians. They act as helpful section members or stunning soloists or both. Some groups have developed long lasting relationships with certain singers over the years. The Boston Singers' Relief Fund is asking the singing community to join together in supporting these fine musicians by contributing 2% of their annual singing budget to the Fund. This money will help keep the professional singing community strong and centered in New England.

How does your organization benefit?

- You will be actively helping New England singers stay in the singing business so the pool of talent stays strong for your organization and audience.
- Your organization will be listed on our website as a member of our Advisory Board and will be sent regular updates about the Fund.
- Contributing to the Boston Singers' Relief Fund is a fully tax deductible donation.
- Your organization will have the privilege of displaying the BSRF logo on your programs to show your support for the professional singers in New England.

My organization would like to contribute to the Boston Singers' Relief Fund and help keep the voices of New England strong.

Name of organization or individual: _____

Address: _____

Phone and fax: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

We pledge 2% of our annual budget for hired singers. Our contribution this year will be: _____

Web address of your organization that will be hyperlinked on the BSRF website: _____

If you are an individual donor, please consider the level of giving that fits your budget.

Donor Levels:

Singers' Circle - \$1000+

Angel - \$500 - \$999

Sponsor - \$250 - \$499

Supporter - \$1 - \$249

Mission Statement:

The Boston Singers' Relief Fund provides financial relief in a confidential, respectful manner to those in the singing community who have significantly contributed to the artistic life of New England and are facing job loss, illness, catastrophic acts of nature, or other events such as vandalism or theft, and who have insufficient resources with which to handle such situations. The BSRF recognizes the essential value of singers to society and culture and treats all applicants with dignity, discretion, and compassion.

Contact information:

If you have questions about the Fund, please contact Murray Kidd at:

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Also feel free to visit our website for more information and online donations: **www.provocal.org**

Please submit contribution to:

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