



Annual Report FY25

(June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025)



Rhapsody in Blue, 9/28/2024



Happy Holidays with the LSO, 12/7/2024



Cirque de la Symphonie, 3/1/2025



Homecoming: Virgil Moore, 5/17/2025



Dear Friends,

The LSO's 42nd season was a pivotal time of transition and growth. As I reflect on my first year as the Executive Director of the LSO, I am grateful for, and humbled by, our community's support. In the past year, we have ushered in a new era for the LSO, with renewed energy and interest.

- We presented four full-scale symphony orchestra concerts at the Academy Center of the Arts with everything from Williams' *Superman* to Strauss' *Metamorphosen*.
- We have provided LSO musicians for excellent local productions such as two *Temptations* concerts at the Academy and Charles Billingsley's Christmas show.
- We have expanded our outreach in the community, with free performances at places like the Community Market, Lynchburg City Schools, the Lynchburg Public Library, the Arc of Central Virginia, and the Templeton Senior Center, bringing our music to those who might not be able to come to us.
- Our Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra (LSYO) program continues to thrive, with 90 children participating from public, private, and home schools all over the region.
- We hosted an amazing gala dinner concert with 120 people in attendance and raised critical funding to support us in our mission.
- We completed the purchase of a new set of timpani for the percussion section.
- We moved the LSO office to a more visible and accessible location on Main Street in downtown Lynchburg.

Thank you for your support! Please continue to #LoveYourSymphony.

Gratefully,

Ula Kauppi, M.A., CFRE
Executive Director, Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra

Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra FY25 Concerts, Outreach, and Special Events

Date	Description	# Musicians	Attendance
7/19/2024	Shenandoah Music Festival	30	250
8/27/2024	LSO Meet & Greet Findings Art Gallery	2	38
9/14/2024	First Friday Library Outreach Event	3	40
9/28/2024	Rhapsody in Blue at 100	77	667
9/28/2024	LSYO String Seating & Wind Challenges	90	95
10/29/2024	Sandusky Performance	3	50
11/1/2024	First Friday PREAM Outreach Performance	3	10
11/13/2024	Temptations Concert	10	800
11/14/2024	Temptations Concert	10	800
11/16/2024	LSYO Fall Concert	74	400
11/20/2024	Templeton Center Outreach	4	30
12/7/2024	ARC Christmas Outreach	5	70
12/7/2024	Happy Holidays with the LSO	59	798
12/10/2024	Rotary Club Outreach	5	20
12/20/2024	Charles Billingsley Christmas Concert	16	1300
1/8/2025	LSYO Concerto Competition	11	65
1/20/2025	Harmony Day Support Outreach	3	60
2/15/2025	Evening with the Stars Gala	12	112
3/1/2025	Cirque de la Symphonie	66	753
3/20/2025	Instrument Petting Zoo	4	99
4/12/2025	LSYO Spring Concert	114	375
5/3/2025	Seven Hills Chorus Spring Concert	23	150
5/12/2025	Smith Mountain Lake Newcomers Club	3	70
5/16/2025	Jubilee Center-Virgil Moore Outreach	1	50
5/17/2025	Homecoming: Virgil Moore, Bernstein and the LSO	25	535
5/18/2025	LSYO Chamber Recital	21	100

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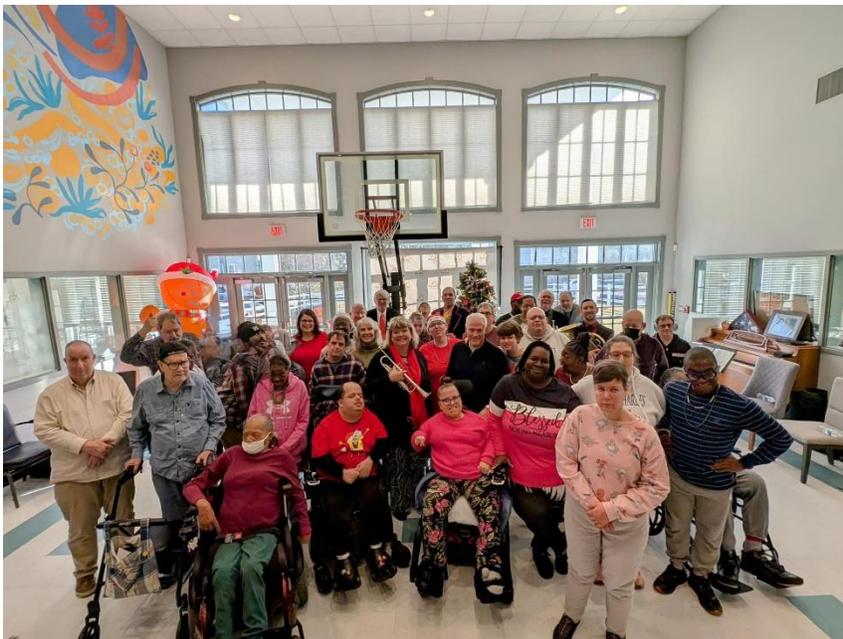
Here are photos of just a few of the amazing outreach concerts your Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra did in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. We are thankful for a grant from the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation that helps to fund our outreach programs!

Love,
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Outreach event at the Community Market – kids learned to conduct.



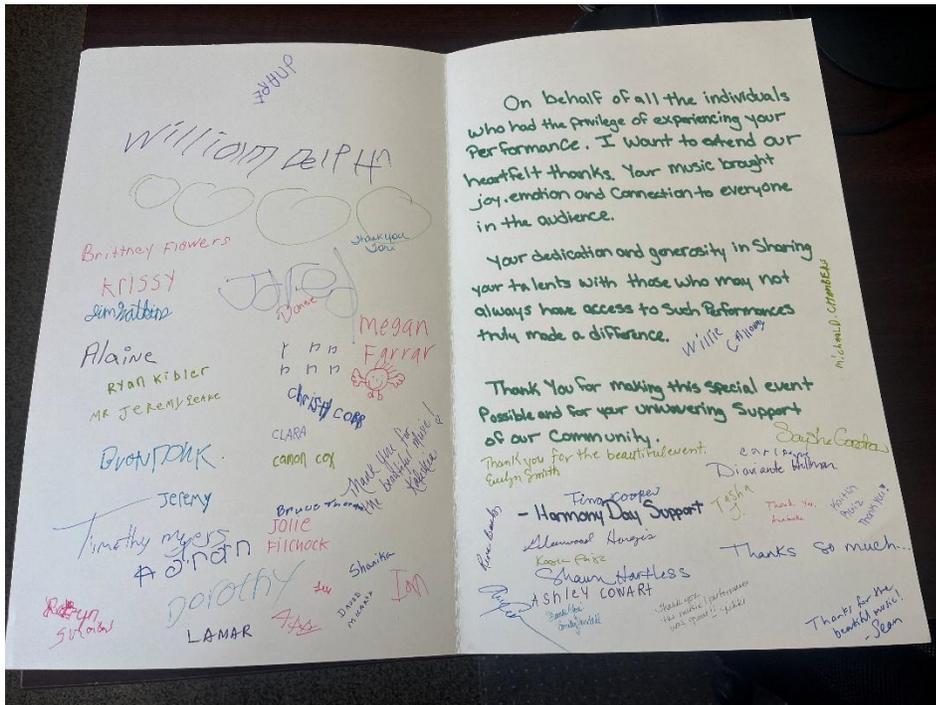
We played music for the clients of the Arc of Central Virginia.



We also played music for the clients of Harmony Day Support...



...and they sent us this lovely card that brought tears to our eyes!



We played music for the community - surrounded by plants - at First Fridays:



And we put together a very special musical holiday event with Santa at the Lynchburg Public Library's downtown branch!



We also did an “Instrument Petting Zoo” at Paul Munro Elementary School, in which all 2nd and 3rd grade students got to see, hear, touch, and even PLAY instruments from every instrument family!



The LSO will be back out in the community in our 2025-2026 season. Some planned activities include the Pierce Street Farmer’s Market in October 2025 and Story Time with Santa and the LSO at the downtown branch of the Lynchburg Public Library in December 2025. You never know where your LSO might show up next!

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A festive holiday tradition with a few new surprises.
Guest Vocalist: Adelaide Trombetta
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March 7, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Here comes the sun! A symphonic tribute to
The Beatles that is not to be missed.
Guest Artist: Jeans 'n Classics

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May 16, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate America's 250th birthday with the LSO.
Featuring vibrant works by Jessie Montgomery, Aaron
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