Music speaks to each of us in deeply personal and emotional ways. It touches that innermost part of us that makes us human. When the HSO crafted its mission statement, “To enrich lives and community through great music,” we specifically chose the words “great music,” not “orchestral music” or “classical music,” because we wanted to be able to celebrate and promote the myriad styles of music that impact the lives of Connecticut residents each day. Hartford is our home, a home with a community that includes people from all races, genders, ethnicities, religions, and lied experiences. To that end, today’s HSO strives to create a diverse, inclusive experience that embraces and unites strangers across cultural, ethnic or other perceived boundaries.

Both an oasis of positivity, beauty, and joy, as well as a place for open and in-depth discussions, our concerts champion great music from an eclectic mix of cultures and are performed by artists from around the world. We welcome unexpected partners and collaborators. Through technology and new concert experiences, we break down some of the physical barriers that separate musician from audience member. Traditional lines are blurred in comfortable, casual settings like a local brewery or art gallery, and new education programming brings HSO musicians and students into the community to create music and learn from one another in unique ways.

The future of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra is one that seeks to widen the scope of what and how we perform, who performs, and who we perform for, in even broader strokes. It is a future that elevates music as a celebration of life, touches and inspires us in profound ways, and illuminates the stories of our ever-changing, ever-growing community.

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