

Board Application
 Board terms are three (3) years

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other _____
 Name (as you would like it to appear in the program) _____
 Title/Position _____
 Company/Organizational Affiliation _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____ Website _____
 Name of Spouse/Civil Union or Domestic Partner (If applicable): _____
 Name of Garden State Philharmonic Referring Contact _____

Board Position Desired: Please indicate your preference:

- Board of Directors Membership Committee Membership

1. Board of Directors membership involves financial commitments as well as commitment of time, energy, and expertise; it is a voting position.
2. Board *Committee* Member responsibilities do not necessarily involve financial commitment, although they do involve commitments of time, energy, and expertise; it is non- voting position.

Areas of Interest: Please rank your areas of interest below, with #1 being the area of strongest interest:

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| __ Resource Development | __ Marketing & Public Relations |
| __ Education | __ Governance |
| __ Finance & Budget | __ Operational Oversight |
| __ Policy | __ Other |

Would you be interested in chairing any of the committees you have indicated above?

Skills: The Board of Directors is interested in what skills a nominee feels s/he can contribute to the organization. The Trustee Profile may be helpful in focusing ideas. In the space below, please indicate what you anticipate your contribution to be. Your professional resume would help us utilize your expertise most effectively and can be attached if available or mailed/faxed/emailed.

Board of Directors Profile and Expectations

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society, Inc. represents the public trust and serves as the governing body of the Garden State Philharmonic, its various programs and artistic and administrative staff. The Board's overall purpose is to create an environment in which the Philharmonic can flourish and grow. The Board's specific role is to:

- Determine, periodically reassess, and maintain focus on the Philharmonic's mission and vision (as attached to this document)
- Ensure human, financial and material resources required by the Philharmonic
- Review and approve budgets and strategic plans
- Assess Board performance annually
- Develop and implement sound governance principles that ensure fiscal responsibility and compliance with the law
- Determine, monitor and strengthen the Philharmonic's programs and services.
- Select, support and review the Managing Director and Artistic Director and prepare succession plans
- Carefully select, orient, and review Board members with the objective of Board composition being representative of the diverse audiences and communities the Garden State Philharmonic serves and prepare succession plans
- Provide a supportive environment for musicians, staff and volunteers and prepare succession plans
- Enhance the Philharmonic's public standing. The Board should clearly articulate the Philharmonic's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the region.

Responsibilities of Individual Board Members

Each member of the Board is expected participate in the following ways:

- ***Participate in the governance of the organization.*** Directors should make every effort to attend 65% of regularly scheduled Board meetings in addition to the Annual Meeting of the Philharmonic. In addition, each Director will serve actively on at least one Board committee. New members are required to serve on one of the following committees: Resource Development, Governance, Marketing, Finance, Policy, Operational Oversight, or Education. .
- ***Attend concerts and serve as an advocate for the Philharmonic in the community.*** Directors are expected to subscribe to the Philharmonic season and attend GSP concerts and events regularly.
- ***Make a generous financial or material personal contribution.***
- ***Support Philharmonic fundraising initiatives.*** Fundraising is a very important Board responsibility. Directors are expected to support Philharmonic fundraising initiatives in at least one of the following manners: assist in referring individual donor prospects and/or in cultivating increased support from current donors; assist in providing entrees to area businesses for new or increased sponsorship support; attend and/or help promote special fundraising events.

Directors fulfill responsibilities by:

- Participating in discussions, asking questions, and making informed decisions, including financial statements;
- Focusing attention on long-term and significant policy and governance issues;
- Willingly volunteering one's special skills or resources to support the staff and committees to further the Philharmonic's purposes;
- Sharing information about the community, including its key players, newcomers, its economy and development;
- Soliciting friends and associates and one's place of employment/company for sponsorships
- Soliciting donors for the Annual and/or Endowment Fund and
- Recommending qualified individuals with relevant skill and experience as possible nominees for the Board.

What Board Members Can Expect

In turn, the Garden State Philharmonic will be responsible to me by:

- Providing accurate, timely and transparent financial and operational status reports
- Providing access to the annual Philharmonic audited financials
- Providing straightforward and timely answers to all questions
- Welcoming environment from all members of the staff and Board
- Ensuring that Board members receive notice of any significant news before it is released to the public
- Providing advance notice of meeting dates to support Board members' attendance goals
- Providing information about issues in the industry to help Board Members perform their duties
- Providing complimentary concert tickets to assist Board members in introducing the Philharmonic to potential audiences and patrons
- Providing opportunities to take pride in serving the community by enriching the cultural fabric of the Jersey Shore

The Garden State Philharmonic's strength is in its people – musicians, conductor, staff, volunteers, and Directors. The Philharmonic celebrates the dedication of all these individuals who contribute to the furtherance and well being of the Philharmonic and the community.

MISSION

The Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society, Inc. (GSP) takes pride in its mission "to maintain and operate a professional symphony orchestra at the Jersey Shore; to give concerts of cultural and educational value in and for the community; and to foster such related activities that will encourage interest in and appreciation of music."

VALUES

- *Accessibility*—Assuring that no physical barriers prevents members of the community from experiencing performances and assuring equal opportunity access to administrative facilities.
- *Artistic Quality*—Presenting the highest quality performances for as many people possible at the Jersey Shore.
- *Diversity & Outreach*—Promoting and defining music knowledge and appreciation for the various populations of our community.
- *Education* – Providing formal and informal opportunities to explore and develop a lifelong love of music and the arts.
- *Efficiency*—Producing the highest quality symphony and choral repertoire at an affordable cost.
- *Engagement* – Sharing the wealth of symphonic riches with our audience, current and future, by making the concert experience exciting and vital.
- *Fiscal Responsibility* – Ensuring that the Society's resources are allocated in a responsible manner with respect to the mission and constituent expectations.
- *Innovation* – Dedication to pursue invigorating solutions to operational and artistic challenges.
- *Integrity* – Commitment to uphold the highest ethical standards in our operations.

VISION

To make all citizens of our community aware of the Garden State Philharmonic as the cultural hub of the Jersey Shore and encourage participation in the GSP's programs.