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OAKLAND SYMPHONY VOLUNTEERS ARE RECOGNIZED AS
"MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS" AT THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRAS' 48TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Oakland, CA

Harry Howe and Inge Wells, two volunteers for the Oakland Symphony, were awarded the **Most Valuable Player Award** at the Association of California Symphony Orchestras' (ACSO) Conference in Oakland on August 6, 2016. The awards presentation was part of ACSO's 48th Annual Conference, which took place August 4– August 6, 2016, at the Oakland Marriott City Center, hosted by the Oakland Symphony. More than 240 orchestra trustees, volunteers, musicians, conductors, and staff members came together for three days of networking, panels, peer forums, and musical events.

Initiated in 1996, the Most Valuable Player Awards were created to recognize exemplary volunteers, volunteer projects, and volunteer organizations working for California's symphony orchestras and choruses. A total of nine awards were presented at the ceremony, representing volunteers from orchestras from all budget categories throughout California.

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The Association of California Symphony Orchestras is a non-profit service organization composed of California's professional, chamber, community, and youth orchestras and choruses and their volunteer associations, as well as businesses serving the orchestra and chorus field. Established in 1969, it provides leadership and services to over 120 orchestras and choruses in California and the region. Its mission is to encourage and support the artistic, organizational, and fiscal development of California's symphony orchestras and choruses. It fosters their ability to serve a diverse population and promotes to the public the value and importance of orchestras and choruses and the music they perform. Services include a quarterly newsletter, management consultations, the Annual Conference and webinars, comparative statistics, website, and resource materials. The office is located in Sacramento. www.acso.org