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BSO Receives \$1.2M for Education

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BSO board chair Barbara Bozzuto announced that Patricia and Mark K. Joseph have donated \$1.2 million from their foundation, The Shelter Foundation, to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to support access to the orchestra's education programs for students in Title 1 Baltimore City Public Schools; \$1 million of this transformative gift will endow the Patricia and Mark K. Joseph Music Education Fund for City Schools Students.

An additional \$150,000 will provide bridge funds so that the BSO can start bringing more students to Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall as soon as schools are back in session this fall. The remaining \$50,000 of the gift is directed to the BSO's groundbreaking OrchKids program.

In 1924, the BSO was the first American orchestra to establish a series of educational concerts performed explicitly for an audience of children. Today, thousands of students from all over Maryland and neighboring states travel to the Meyerhoff annually to experience the orchestra's Midweek Concerts.