

**Auburn Symphony Orchestra wins Murdock Grant  
and announces a new staff position**

**Auburn, WA:** Auburn Symphony Orchestra was recently selected as a recipient of a prestigious capacity-building award from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust. The grant will be used to hire an Individual Giving Director, the third administrative staff member of this impactful organization.

The M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust has been supporting the growth of Pacific Northwest nonprofits since 1975. With a mission to strengthen the region's educational, social, spiritual, and cultural base, the foundation leverages its endowment for grantmaking, enrichment programs, and convenings. In their 40-plus years, the Murdock Foundation has partnered with more than 3,000 nonprofits serving the diverse needs in the communities of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

Last year, Auburn Symphony Orchestra created a 5-year strategic plan with an aim of expanding the organization's services in the South King County community. A few main points of the plan are to

- Diversify artistic voices to present a breadth and depth of orchestral music,
- Grow the board, staff, and audiences to better reflect and represent the population of the community,
- Continue to pay musicians a competitive wage,
- Expand education programs to serve more students and community members throughout South King County.

The Murdock grant is crucial to meeting these goals for this small but mighty non-profit. The focus now will be to hire an Individual Giving Director to lead fundraising initiatives for the orchestra. Reporting to the Executive Director, this role plays an integral part in the organizational success of one of the best professional orchestras in the region. The Individual Giving Director, like all ASO staff, always has a seat at the table to talk about the future, how ASO can improve over the past, and where the focus needs to be. More information can be found at [auburnsymphony.org/opportunities](http://auburnsymphony.org/opportunities).

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