

the "Symphony Under the Stars" summer program attracted over 15,000 people to each performance.

"The artistic vitality of a city centers on its orchestra. An orchestra is the touchstone of a city's pride in itself, of its belief in the creative power of man. Those involved in performances are the highly trained caretakers of our civilizing forces. They merit every consideration and support."

Isaac Stern

"These are special people—these who play in your philharmonic. They create an atmosphere that must touch and transform your community. It is the atmosphere that cherishes art for its own sake; that glorifies the talent of one and, at the same time, honors the efforts of many; that excites the young while it uplifts the old.

Artur Schnabel

