

Given my love of the Symphony, it is not surprising that people share their thoughts about it with me. You might think that they talk about dollars and cents and the contribution the Symphony makes to economic development, or the kind of performances they wish they could hear and the level of quality they expect from the music.

They do, indeed, talk about all of that. However, I hear people in Toledo talking about the Orchestra in uncommonly deeper ways. The Orchestra and the community embrace and support each other because our priorities are shared. Our Orchestra fully understands its place within the regional community – and the community utilizes the gift of the Orchestra. We're fortunate to be able to mature as both an artistic and cultural asset. Ours is an orchestra deserving to be heard.

I have learned that the Toledo Symphony shines in its core commitments to artistic quality and community service. We do this well, and that is what people talk about.

Congratulations on a season of very fine music-making. And listen up. An even better season is just ahead.



Richard P. Anderson, *chairman of the board*



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