

Solidarity for Chicago Symphony!

Joint Statement of Musicians Unions from Austria, Germany and Switzerland

During their annual meeting the CEOs, Secretaries and Presidents of the four musician unions from Germany, Switzerland and Austria in Vienna issued a joint statement:

The German speaking musician unions represent members from the Berlin Philharmonic, the Vienna Philharmonic, the Tonhalle Zurich and more than 160 symphony, opera and radio orchestras in Central Europe.

We are deeply concerned about the severe labor conflict at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO).

The CSO is one of the leading US symphony orchestras. Since decades its members contribute with their artistic excellence and passion to the outstanding success of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association. It is unacceptable that the Association is fighting against its own core value of the orchestral organization since weeks: the CSO musicians, to whom we declare our international solidarity.

We appeal to the board of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association to give up unacceptable demands which jeopardize the defined-benefit pension plan, the future security and social welfare of musicians and their families.



We do hope that the board of the Association will return to the negotiating table in due time in order to avoid further damage to the entire orchestra organization.

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