



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Dear SPCO Audience Member,

Welcome back to The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra! After an extended period of difficult contract negotiations, I am elated that music is once again filling these beautiful halls. I join the community welcoming the return of the world's best chamber orchestra.

Both sides worked tirelessly in pursuit of an agreement during negotiations. Both the musicians and management made significant compromises in order to bring this treasured institution back to the community, and I am truly grateful for their commitment to reach an agreement.

The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra has been a Saint Paul institution for 54 years -- attracting audiences from this community and around the world to our downtown -- and is an essential part of the fabric of Saint Paul's history. Its role in the vibrancy of our downtown as well as the vibrancy of the Twin Cities metropolitan area is critical. I am so pleased that an agreement was reached and that our Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra will be enjoyed for generations to come.

I hope that you enjoy the concert -- and that you will continue to enjoy and support this fine orchestra in the years to come. I join with you in celebrating the return of the music of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and in looking forward to a bright and vibrant future for this organization.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor