

Due to the rapidly changing public health situation, visits to the Symphony Designer Showhouse have been suspended until further notice. This includes all associated activities: the Café Musique, the SCORE boutique, the Dashi Food Truck Fridays, the Wine Bar, and Saturday Brunch will be suspended until further notice. After-hours events at the Showhouse such as the Coffee with the Maestro, Sip 'n Socials, Arts Insights with Maura Hogan , etc. will also be suspended. This is a great disappointment to all of us. The designers of the CSOL 2020 Designer Showhouse have put in an extraordinary effort to create a beautiful Showhouse that deserves to be seen; volunteers at the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League are exploring ideas to offer virtual tours of the DSH. They are also researching ways to offer designer furniture, furnishings and accessories, as well as SCORE boutique merchandise for sale via an online store. Information about these alternatives will be forthcoming.

As you probably know, the CSOL Designer Showhouse is our largest annual fundraiser and provides critically needed funds to both the Charleston Symphony Orchestra as well as to our student scholarship programs. The revenue loss to both these programs will be significant this year. We would like to make the following suggestions as ways to continue to support the CSOL and its programs in spite of this crisis:

- If you purchased tickets to tour the Designer Showhouse and/or made advance reservations for Saturday brunches, consider converting your ticket and brunch purchases into a 100% tax deductible donation to the CSOL. Simply send an email to info@csolinc.org with your wish to donate the cost of the pre-purchased ticket(s) to the CSOL. Please include your full name, address, phone number and email address. You will receive a letter of acknowledgement for your generous donation.
- If you purchased tickets to the Gala in the Garden Preview Party, consider converting the ticket purchases to either a full 100% tax deductible donation to the CSOL, OR splitting the ticket purchase to buy a ticket for the CSOL 2020 Car Sponsorship (\$100) with the balance going as a tax deductible donation. Should you choose this second option, you will automatically be entered into a Second Chance drawing at the end of each day for a second free Car Sponsorship ticket. If you elect to convert your Preview Party ticket purchase to a Car Sponsorship ticket purchase/donation, please notify Ron Schildge rfschildge@gmail.com.
- Consider supporting the CSOL through additional Car Sponsorship ticket purchases. As a special promotion, starting Tuesday, March 17th, ticket purchasers can buy 3 tickets and get one ticket free (\$100 value). Any single ticket purchase as of Sunday, March 15th going forward is eligible for the daily Second Chance drawing. See csolinc.org – EVENTS-2020 CAR SPONSORSHIP to take advantage of these offers.
- Finally, you can support the CSOL by simply making a 100% tax deductible donation. You can make an online donation at csolinc.org – SUPPORT or send your check to Claudia Porter, P.O. Box 22613, Charleston, SC 29413.

We understand and recognize how difficult this current health crisis is for everyone. We hope that the unprecedented measures that have been taken by federal, state and local governments will help shorten the duration of this crisis and that we can all look forward to a return of 'normalcy' soon.

We want to extend our deepest thanks to all of you for your loyal support during these challenging times. The Designer Showhouse would not be possible without our designers, sponsors, donors, guests, volunteers and visitors; we know you share our disappointment about having to suspend the DSH. We cannot thank you enough for everything you have done to support the CSOL and the 2020 Designer Showhouse, and we hope it is not long before we can all go out and enjoy ourselves again.

We will keep you informed if there are any changes in the Designer Showhouse plans or schedule.

With gratitude,
The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League
Lyn Magee, President