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Jacksonville Symphony Announces 2024/25 Season Scholarship Recipients

Jacksonville, Fla. (September 11, 2024) — The Jacksonville Symphony is proud to announce that five students have been selected as the 2024/25 Season Usher Scholarship recipients. The students, Melissa Molano, Cara Standard, Jasmine Walker, Luis Sosa and Gloria Choi, will usher at 10 concerts during the Symphony’s 75th Anniversary Season. They will receive their cash awards at the end of their final shift, which can be used toward their educational endeavors.

The Usher Scholarship Program, established last year, aims to foster student engagement and further the Symphony’s mission of enriching lives through symphonic music. “This program offers students a unique opportunity to build strong leadership skills while experiencing the beauty of the symphony,” said President and CEO Steven Libman. “We recognize the importance of introducing our youth to music, and we believe this initiative plays a vital role in nurturing essential skills and cultivating a new generation of arts enthusiasts.”

Last year’s participants enjoyed the program and most reapplied for this season. “Working at the Jacksonville Symphony as a scholarship usher has been such a memorable experience! I made a few friends with other ushers and had opportunities to meet performers, which wouldn’t have been possible otherwise,” said Richard Wilson, a 2023/24 scholarship recipient from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. “Being a scholarship recipient has helped me invest in my musical career by providing funds for school and reed-making tools. Thank you so much for this experience!”

Students can choose concerts from the Symphony’s 75th Anniversary Season lineup, including ushering at a sold-out movie music concert or welcoming long-time subscribers to Florida Blue Classical concerts. At the end of the 2024/25 season, recipients will receive \$500 and submit a brief overview of their experience and how it contributed to their overall education and development.

About the Jacksonville Symphony

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida’s leading nonprofit performing arts organization offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. Led by President and CEO Steven Libman and Music Director Courtney Lewis, the Jacksonville Symphony reaches over 165,500 individuals through over 95 performances each season. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. For more information about the Symphony, visit JaxSymphony.org.

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