

Foundation Grant Supports New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY — Investors Foundation, which provides grant funding for not-for-profit organizations that enrich the communities served by Investors Bank, has awarded \$125,000 to the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The grant will be used to sponsor one weekend of concert programming for the next five years, beginning with the 2015-2016 concert season.

"We are very proud to continue our longstanding partnership with Investors Foundation, which is a strong advocate for supporting arts in our New Jersey communities," said NJSO Interim President & CEO Susan Stucker. "Like the NJSO, Investors Foundation believes in enhancing lives and bringing meaningful, enriching cultural experiences to the residents of our state."

Named "a vital, artistically significant musical organization" by *The Wall Street Journal*, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra's superb musicians.

"In the first season of its generous multiyear gift, Investors Foundation is sponsoring a concert program in three different communities—Newark, Red Bank and Morristown," Stucker said. "In doing so, Investors is helping the NJSO fulfill its mission to bring high-quality musical experiences to audiences across the state."

Under the leadership of Music Director Jacques Lacombe, the NJSO presents classical, pops and family programs, as well as outdoor summer concerts and special events. Embracing its legacy as a statewide orchestra, the NJSO is the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and regularly performs at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and bergenPAC in Englewood. Partnerships with New Jersey arts organizations, universities and civic organizations remain a key element of the Orchestra's statewide identity.

In addition to its lauded artistic programming, the NJSO presents a suite of education and community engagement programs that promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music. Programs include school-time Concerts for Young People performances and multiple offerings—including the three-ensemble NJSO Youth Orchestras and El Sistema-inspired NJSO CHAMPS (Character, Achievement and Music Project)—that provide and promote instrumental instruction as part of the NJSO Academy. The NJSO's REACH (Resources for Education and Community Harmony) chamber music program annually brings original programs—designed and performed by NJSO musicians—to a variety of settings, reaching as many as 17,000 people in nearly all of New Jersey's 21 counties.

For more information about NJSO, please visit njsymphony.org.

About the Investors Foundation

Investors Bank, headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With over \$20 billion in assets and a network of 130 retail branches, Investors delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors' banking services include complete deposit, loan and cash management products for consumers and businesses. The Investors Foundation supports non-profit organizations that enrich the quality of life in the communities the Bank serves. Since 2005, the Foundation has dispensed more than \$16 million to support initiatives ranging from community and civic improvements to the fight against diseases.