Season’s Greetings to you! 9 December 2021

Maestro Morse is retiring at the end of this Jefferson Symphony Orchestra concert season, after 25 years of involvement with the JSO. To honor him and his fine and flexible leadership in delivering meaningful music from the orchestra to the greater Jefferson County community, the JSA Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the JSA Development Committee, has established the William Morse Conductors Fund.

All five Development Committee members have pledged or already made contributions to the Morse Fund, the goal of which is to create an annual income to support future JSO conductors in perpetuity. John Spear, a member of the JSA Board of Directors, chairs the Development Committee. The other committee members are former Board members Frani Bickart, Robert Collins, Dendy Sloan, and John Trefny. We all cherish the enhancement to our quality of life that the Jefferson Symphony brings, and we want to make sure the orchestra continues to flourish as one of the real treasures of this community.

To show their enthusiasm, the JSA Board and the orchestra members have already begun to contribute to this fund. We now open this fundraising campaign to friends and patrons of the JSO. An anonymous donor has pledged up to $15,000 in matching funds, to double the initial pledges. However, the entire campaign will be continuing to build the Morse Fund over the years. Your early contributions will encourage donations from the broader community.

As you consider making end-of-year gifts to your favorite charities and nonprofits, please contribute to the William Morse Conductors Fund of the JSO. And if you’re stumped for a holiday gift for a loved one who loves classical music, a donation to the Morse Fund in honor of that person might be perfect!

Thank you for your recognition of the talent and effort our beloved Maestro Morse has contributed to the Jefferson Symphony for the last quarter century.

Sincerely,

John Spear, Chair

JSA Development Committee