



Symphony Outreach

Loyal patron, Kima Kraimer, supports the Symphony by offering concert tickets to friends unfamiliar with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra.

Kraimer enjoys engaging local friends and shares with them the gem of an opportunity outside their front door. "I believe the maestro's enthusiasm and personal-ness serves as a counter point to preconceived notions of "symphony, opera and theatre" as "stuff" and unaccessible and hopefully opens different generations up to the dimension of classical music and live performance. I remind [friends] how lucky we are to have these local events and not have to head off to a city for fine cultural works of art." Kraimer's invitations present a possibility her friends would not have otherwise considered. "Friends of all ages and backgrounds thank me for reminding them and or introducing them to a great experience that isn't part of their usual world. I like to expose people to the options of live performance and reminding them of the aliveness and beauty in classical music."

Ms. Kraimer was herself introduced to a Traverse Symphony Orchestra holiday concert by friends a few years ago. A few months later she attended a Symphony performance in the City Opera House and was hooked. What she enjoys most about attending the live concerts with friends is the dialogue and conversation about the pieces. "[The performance] provides an opportunity to reflect on something which has touched us, enhancing our perceptions in a way different from our daily life."