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The Results are IN!: Omaha Symphony concertgoers donate nearly 400 pounds of food

Omaha, Neb – Omaha Symphony patrons who attended this past weekend's concerts with The Beach Boys not only supported their orchestra at the performances, but also supported community members who need a helping hand. In response to a food drive coordinated by the Omaha Symphony and The Food Bank of Omaha, concertgoers donated **396 pounds** of food items. In addition to exceptional taste in music, it's clear our patrons also display big-hearted generosity.

This local effort was part of a nationwide initiative called "Orchestras Feeding America," organized by the League of American Orchestras, Feeding America (the nation's largest hunger relief organization), and Participant Media. The large-scale effort coincides with the release of *The Soloist*, an upcoming film based on the true-life relationship between a newspaper columnist and a gifted string player struggling with mental illness and homelessness. *The Soloist*, starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey, Jr., is a testament to the redemptive power of music and a reminder of our connections to the most vulnerable among us.

All donations directly benefit The Food Bank of Omaha. This food drive is part of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation "Million Dollar Match."

The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through May. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Chamber, Discovery, Casual Classics, West "O" Casual Classics, and Family series concerts, the orchestra tours both Nebraska and Iowa providing education and community engagement concerts and special events. For tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.342.3560 or visit www.omahasymphony.org

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