### TRG's Arts and Culture Benchmark Reflections & Projections A Data-Driven Look Ahead for 2025

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Put in the chat:

What is one challenge you hope to address with the insights shared during this conversation?



#### Who are TRG Arts?

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- 1) 500 organizations in U.K., Ireland, U.S., and Canada
- 2) 250 in the North America (NA)
- 3) 400 Million Transactions

Benchmark Details



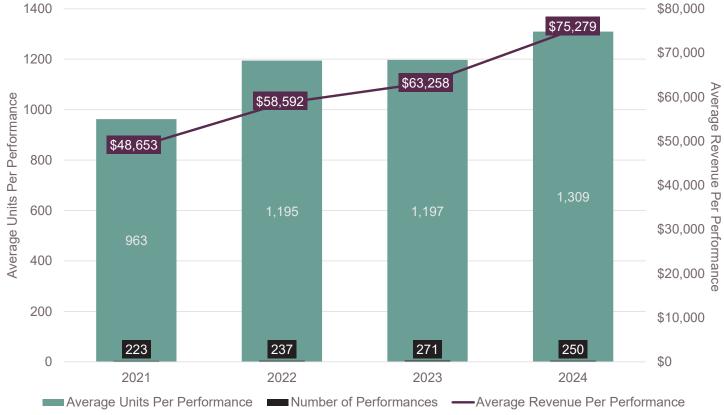
# Holiday





#### **US Orchestras: Holiday**

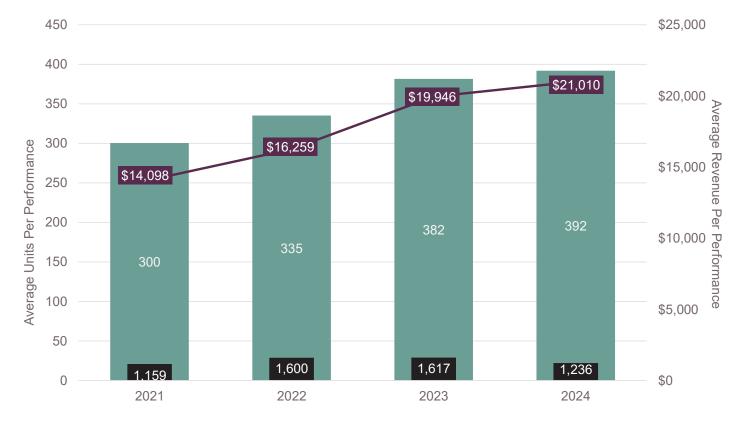






#### **US Theatres: Holiday**

#### 2024: Late Thanksgiving = Less Possible Performance Dates



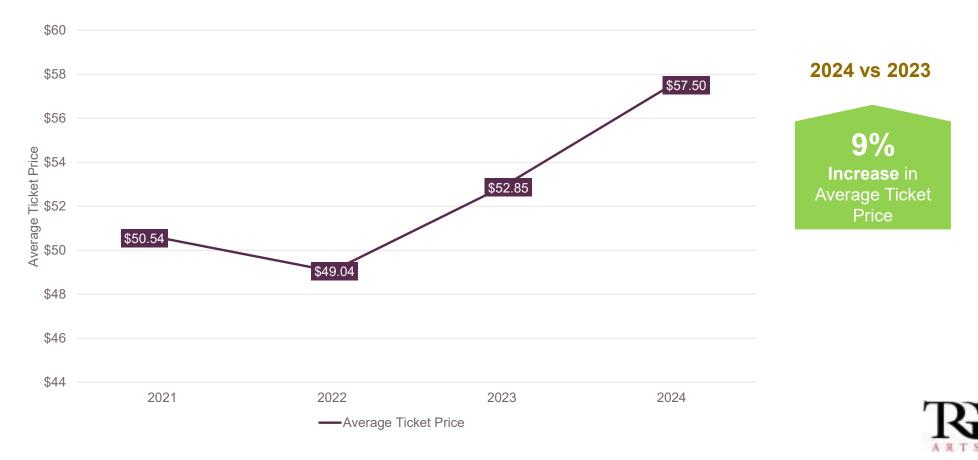




Average Units Per Performance Number of Performances — Average Revenue Per Performance

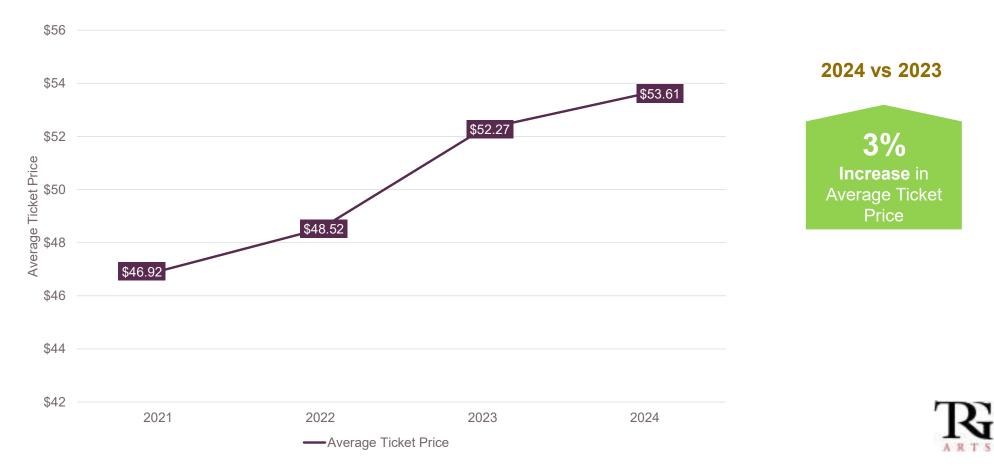
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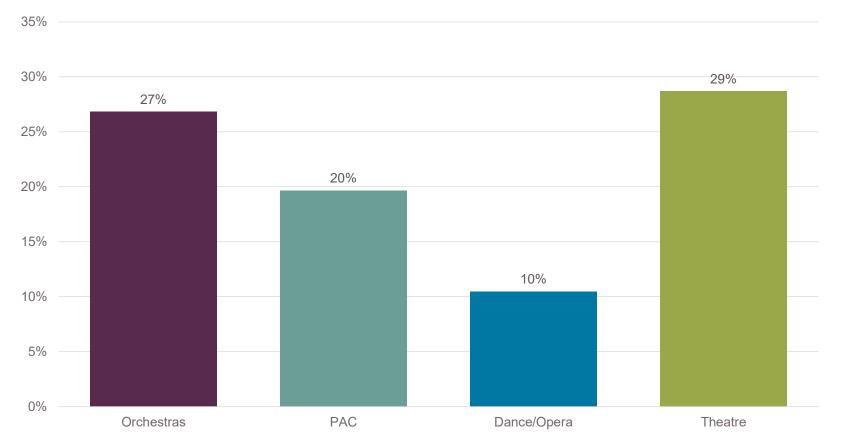


Performing Arts Sector Trends



#### Single Ticket Revenue Change: NA Performing Arts Orgs

Calendar Year 2019 vs 2024



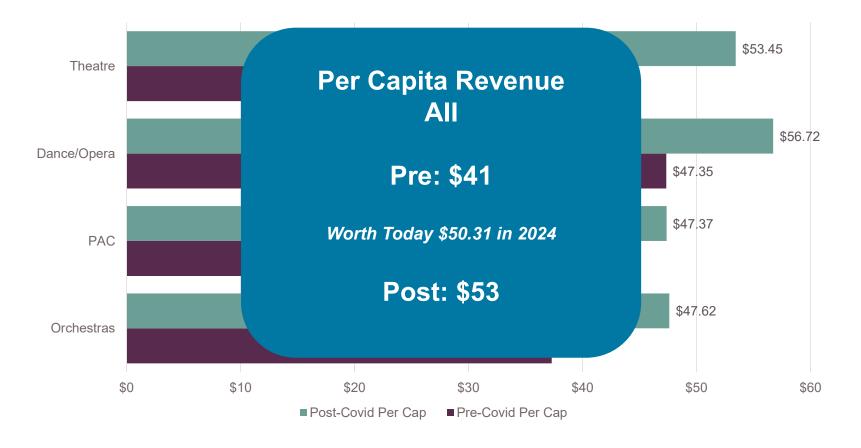


## Single Ticket Per Capita Rev: NA Performing Arts Orgs 2019 vs 2024





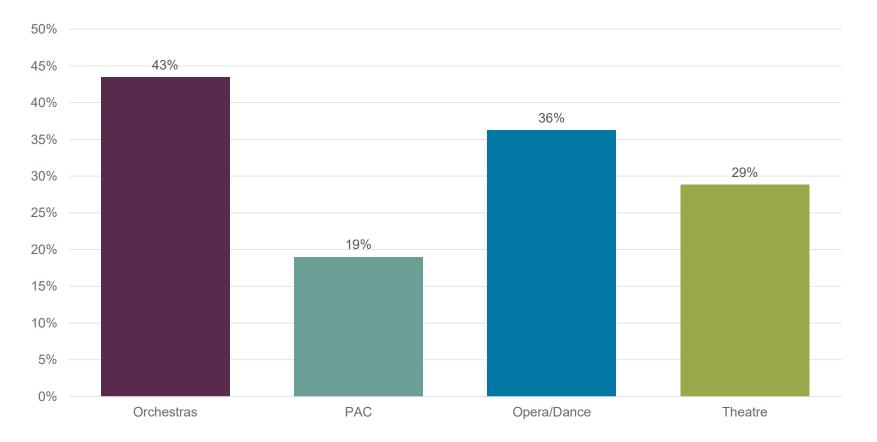
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## Subscription and Membership Revenue Change NA Performing Arts Orgs

Calendar Year 2019 vs 2024



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#### What is Driving Subscription and Membership Resurgence?

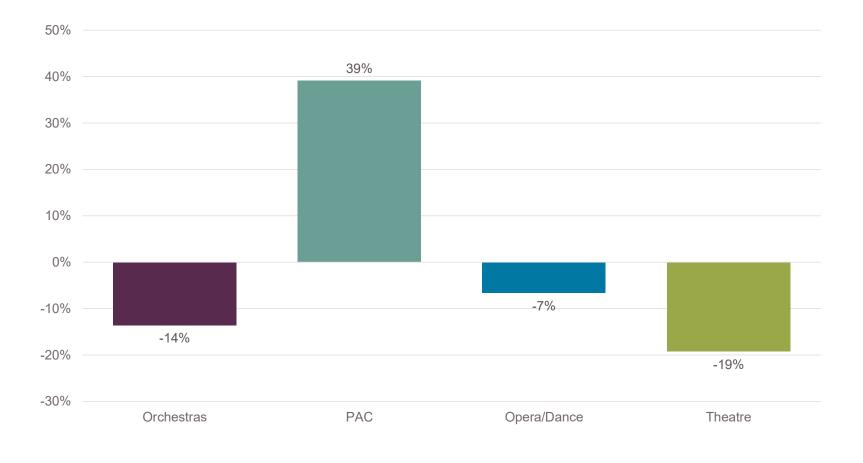
Per Unit, Per Capita is up 24% for NA Performing Arts Organizations





### **Donation Revenue Change: NA Performing Arts Orgs**

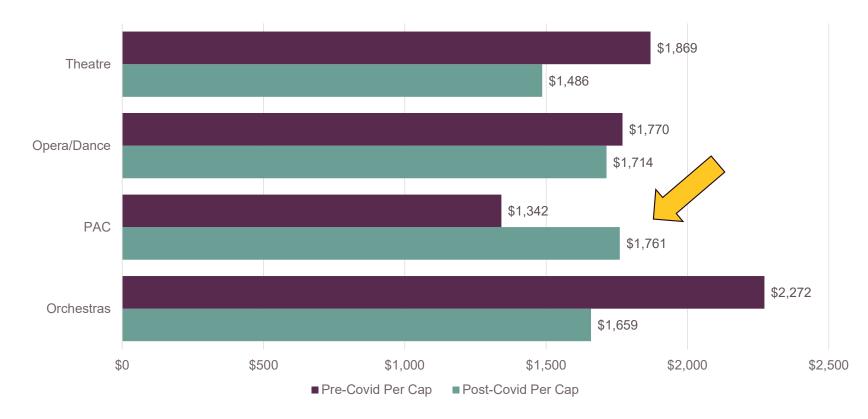
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#### Ave. Gift Revenue: NA Performing Arts Orgs

2019 vs 2024, PACs Recovering Fastest





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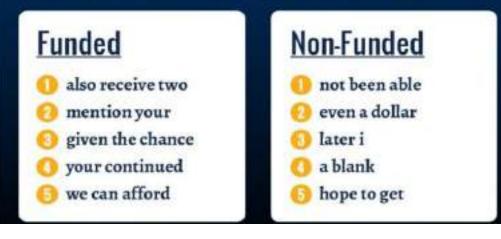




Georgia Tech Researchers Reveal Phrases that Pay on Kickstarter

### KICKSTARTER PHRASES THAT PAY (AND DON'T)

New Georgia Tech Study Finds Pitch Language Plays Major Role in Success of Crowdfunding Projects



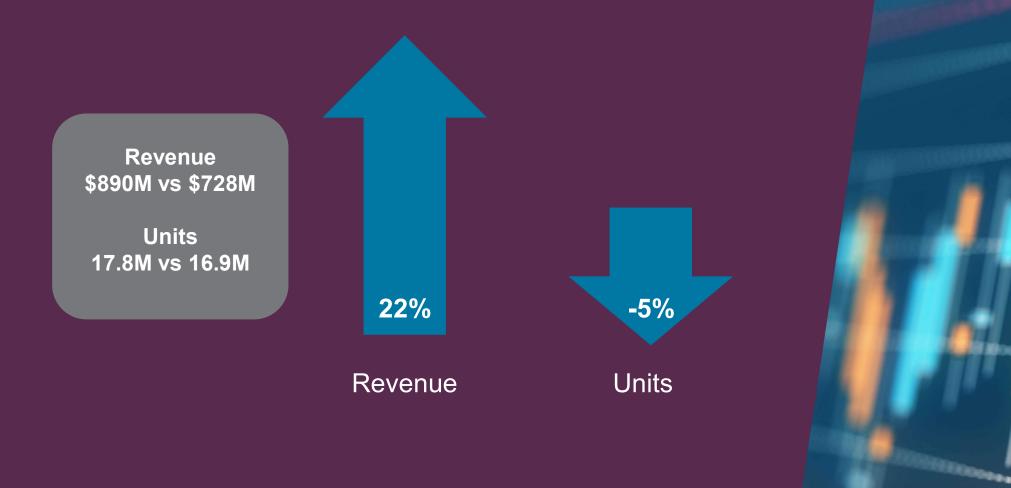
### What themes do you see in funded vs. non-funded projects?

Source: http://www.news.gatech.edu/2014/01/14/georgia-tech-researchers-reveal-phrases-pay-kickstarter

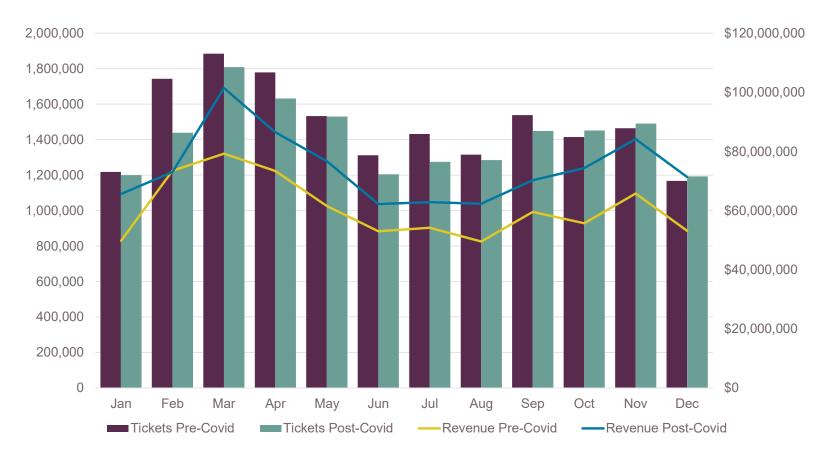
# Single Ticket Sales



### **Single Ticket Sales**: NA Performing Arts Organizations 2019 vs 2024



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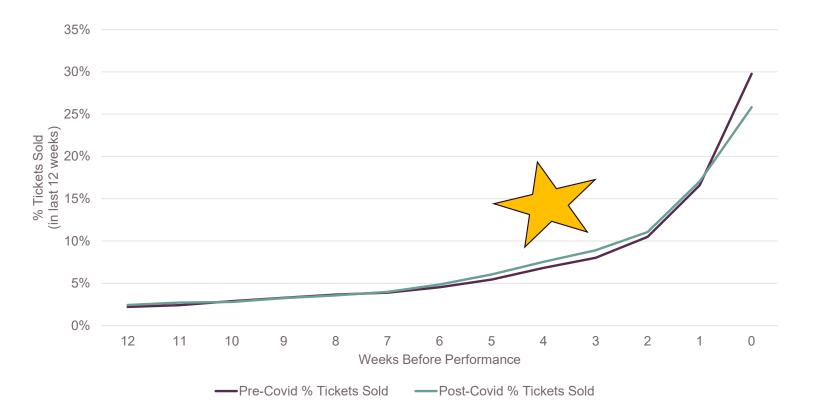






#### Single Tickets: NA Performing Arts Organizations

Weeks Out - 2019 vs 2024





**Subscription and Membership Sales**: NA Performing Arts Organizations 2019 vs 2024

> Revenue \$161M vs \$118M

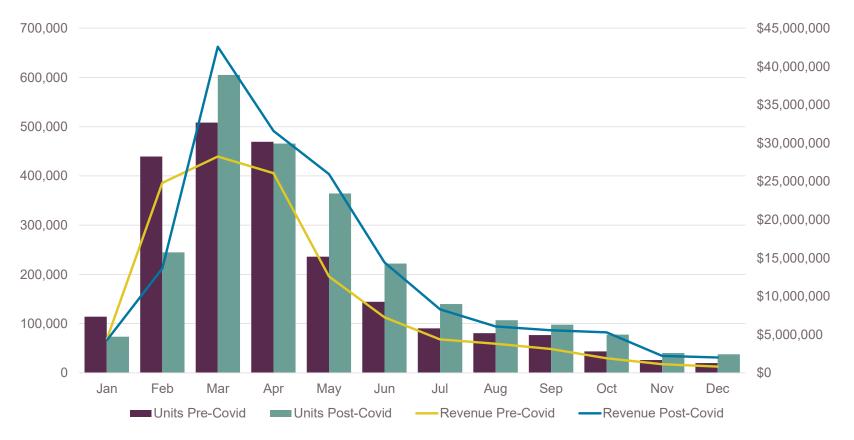
Units 2.48M vs 2.25M 37% Revenue

10%

Units (Not Packages)

#### Subscription and Membership: NA Performing Arts Organizations

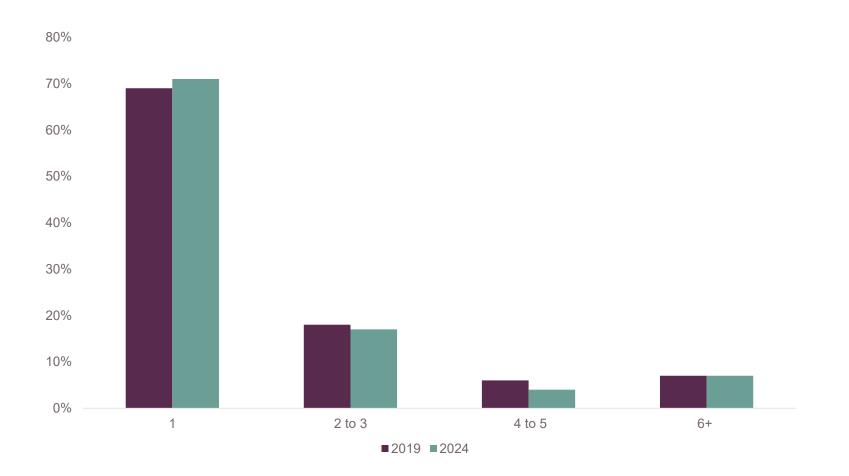
2019 vs 2024





#### What is Driving Subscription and Membership Resurgence?

How Often Customers Attending Each Season – NA Performing Arts Organizations







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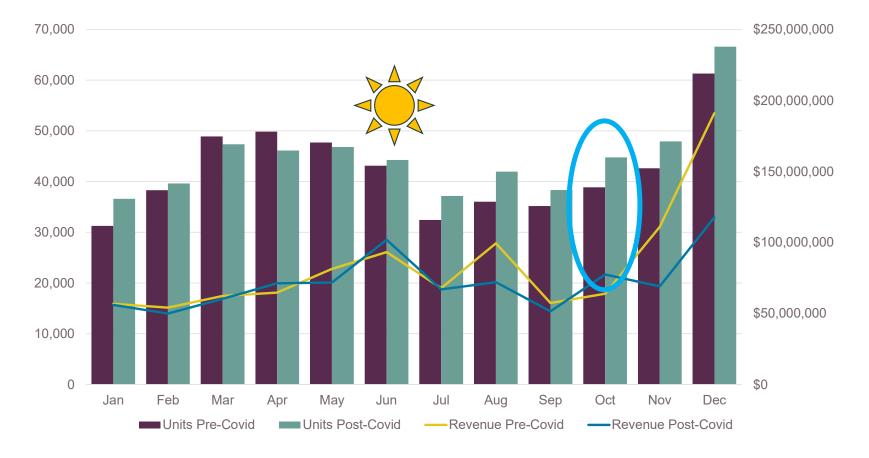
# Individual Donations



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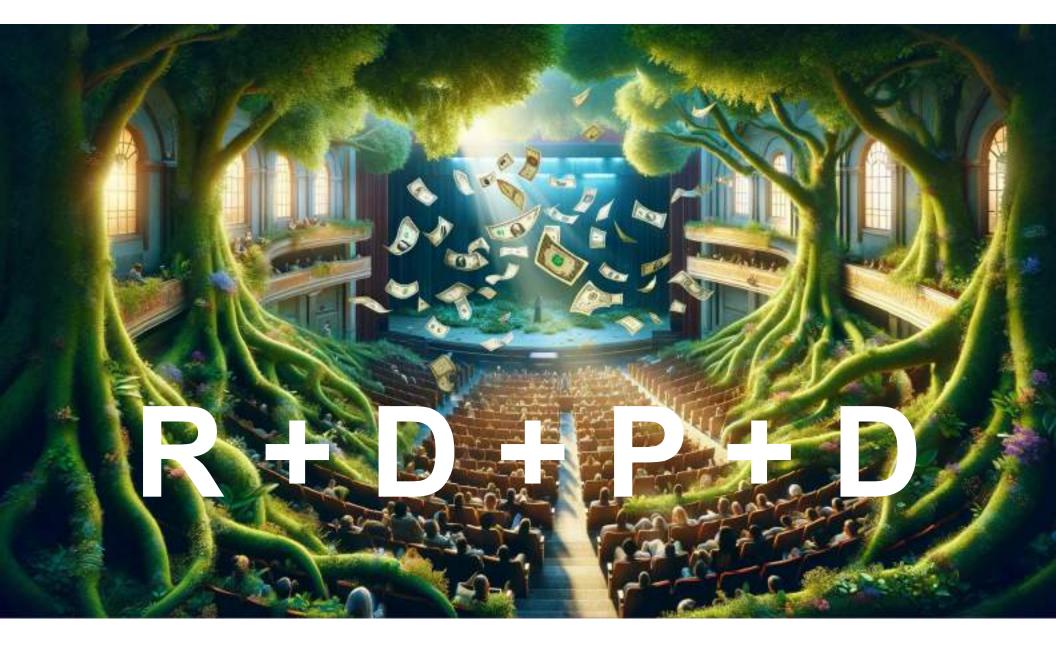


## **Gifts by Month: NA Performing Arts Organizations** 2019 vs 2024









Collaboration for Data Driven Season Selections!

AUDIENCE

TICKET SALES

AUDIENCE INSIGHTS

326

TICKET SHOVES

THEATRE

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Phones are encouraged at performing arts events!

INTERICTIVES

68









## SUSTAINED MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM

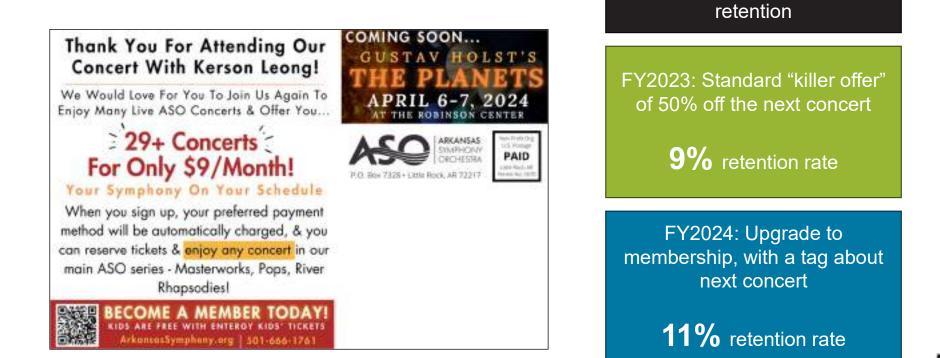
Arkansas Symphony maintains a **steady membership growth rate above 2% monthly**, with revenue pacing 3% ahead of goal. Sold-out chamber series events and an 18% rise in member

reservations for classical programming have driven a 37% year-to-date increase in single ticket sales for these performances, showcasing the lasting impact of their membership strategy.



## Experimenting with the follow up offer

Arkansas Symphony



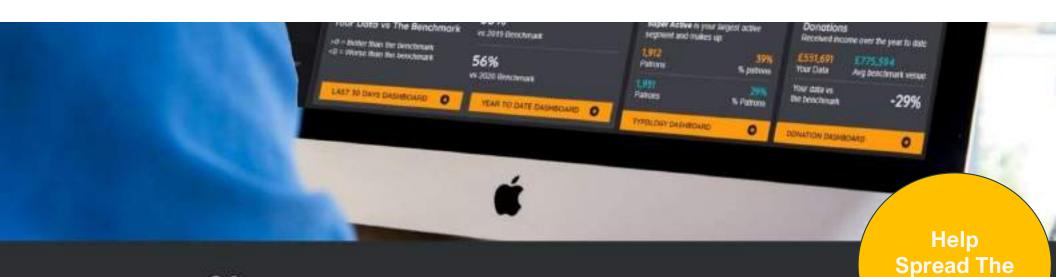


Same-season new-to-file









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