

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Dear Angela Elster, President & CEO of Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO)

I am writing to extend my sincere gratitude for the gracious invitation to attend the 5th annual Day of Music event on June 1, 2024, as well as the 3rd annual The Path Forward on June 13, 2024, hosted by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and VSO School of Music.

Both of these events hold significant importance in our community, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry and artistic talents that make Vancouver such a vibrant city. The Day of Music, with its celebration of free concerts and performances, brings people together in joyous harmony, fostering a sense of unity and appreciation for the arts. Similarly, The Path Forward, with its focus on Truth and Reconciliation, serves as a meaningful platform for dialogue and understanding, highlighting the importance of Indigenous voices and perspectives in our shared journey towards healing and reconciliation.

As a Vancouver City Councillor, I am deeply committed to supporting initiatives that promote inclusivity, diversity, and cultural enrichment within our city. I believe that events like the Day of Music and The Path Forward play a crucial role in fostering community spirit and bridging cultural divides, and I commend the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for their dedication to these noble endeavors.

Once again, thank you for the invitation, and please convey my best wishes to all involved.

Warm regards,



Lenny Zhou  
Vancouver City Councillor