Sphinx Organization – Our Work

EDUCATION AND ACCESS

The Sphinx pipeline of talent begins with access at the early and intermediate levels. Sphinx offers full scholarship programs for solo and chamber music performance, wellness, and citizenship:

**Sphinx Overture**: year-round beginner-level instrumental instruction in Detroit and Flint, MI

Overture Summer Camp: Two-week summer music program for Detroit Overture students

**Sphinx Performance Academy**: National summer intensives for young artists ages 11-17

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT

We empower artists by encouraging, developing, and recognizing classical music talent while addressing access and systemic obstacles within our communities:

**Sphinx Competition**: flagship program for young string musicians

**Robert Frederick Smith Prize**: $50,000 award bestowed upon the senior winner of the Sphinx Competition Senior Division

**Sphinx Orchestral Partners Auditions**: professional audition and advancement experience
**National Alliance for Audition Support:** Alliance with League of American Orchestras, New World Symphony, 117 orchestras and their unions to prioritize preparation, support and placement while addressing the systemic obstacles and representation in our communities.

**PERFORMING ARTISTS**

We support professional soloists and ensembles through performances and presentations of the highest artistic caliber, while bringing vibrant and relevant programming to all audiences.

**Sphinx Virtuosi:** one of the nation’s most dynamic professional chamber orchestras

**Sphinx Symphony Orchestra:** one-of-a-kind orchestra comprised of top professionals from around the country

**EXIGENCE Vocal Ensemble:** professional vocal ensemble highlighting artistic excellence while addressing the historic lack of representation in our field

**Harlem Quartet:** a professional quartet dedicated to engaging new audiences with diverse repertoire

**Catalyst Quartet:** a professional quartet that advances innovation and unique repertoire

**Sphinx Soloist Program:** showcases winners of the Sphinx Competition through featured performances with orchestras

**Sphinx Global Scholars:** an initiative that brings Sphinx artists around the globe to engage in teaching, learning, and performing abroad

**ARTS LEADERSHIP**

Sphinx believes in a vibrant future for our field. This area of our programming offers mentoring and supporting extraordinary musicians, administrative leaders, and entrepreneurs through career development and professional empowerment:

**SphinxConnect:** an annual global convening and the epicenter for artists and leaders committed to addressing systemic obstacles in Black and Latino communities
**Sphinx LEAD:** Two-year leadership program designed to evolve the industry landscape by empowering the next generation of exceptional executive leaders

**MPower Artist Grants:** competitive scholarships designed to empower Sphinx alumni

**Sphinx Medals of Excellence:** highest honor bestowed by the Sphinx Organization, recognizing extraordinary classical musicians and awarding a $50,000 career grant