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FWSO Receives $1.5 Million Challenge Grant from Amon G. Carter Foundation

Three-Year Campaign Will Build Base of Annual Donors

FORT WORTH, TX – February 6, 2017 – The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra is delighted to announce the ***Play Your Part: 3 Steps to $3 Million Challenge*** campaign generously made possible by the Amon G. Carter Foundation. For three years, the Foundation will match up to $500,000 per year in new and increased contributions, resulting in a potential three million dollars of additional revenue for the Orchestra.

"We are overjoyed and tremendously grateful to the Amon G. Carter Foundation for stepping forward in this significant way to help maintain the Orchestra's standing as the crown jewel of Fort Worth's performing arts," said Amy Adkins, FWSO President and CEO. "Through this matching grant, the Orchestra will deepen our ties to the community and enlarge our family. This is an important step in enhancing the financial stability of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in the years to come."

Intended to create an upsurge in grassroots giving, the ***Play Your Part*** challenge will be promoted collaboratively by the FWSO staff, board, and the orchestra's musicians. To qualify for the incentivized match, donors must make a contribution in 2017 and pledge to continue that level of support over the subsequent two years. Matching funds will be earned for gifts from all new donors and existing donors electing to increase their contribution. The annual match is limited to $10,000 per contributor.

"It is our intent for this challenge grant to encourage broader community support for the symphony and substantially expand the base of ongoing donors," said John Robinson, executive vice president of the Amon G. Carter Foundation. "The Carter Foundation is proud to participate in ensuring a stable and bright future for this community's orchestra."

Dan Sigale, FWSO violist and chair of the musicians' committee, expressed support for the campaign, saying "We hope that the people of Fort Worth will continue to demonstrate their support for the symphony. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity that we will be doing our best to promote alongside the FWSO staff and board of directors."

For more information or to give, visit www.fwsymphony.org or call (817) 665-6500.

About the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Since 1912, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra has educated, entertained and enhanced the cultural life of Cowtown. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs a broad range of symphonic and pops concerts from August through May. In addition to its own concert series, the Orchestra also collaborates with the Texas Ballet Theater, Fort Worth Opera, Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Southwestern Seminary Master Chorale, and the Children's Education Program of Bass Performance Hall. Concerts In The Garden, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's summer music festival, was launched in 1990 and takes place each June - July at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. For more information about Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, visit www.fwsymphony.org.

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