



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

William T. Stachowski

New York State Senator Bill Stachowski Secures \$300,000 Grant on Behalf of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

WILLIAM T. STACHOWSKI August 25, 2009

| COMMITTEE: **COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS**



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR BILL STACHOWSKI SECURES \$300,000 GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

BUFFALO, NEW YORK – Members of the Board of Trustees and management from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra gathered at Kleinhans Music Hall on Tuesday, August 25th, to thank New York State Senator William Stachowski for securing a \$300,000 grant on behalf of the Western New York cultural icon.

"I am proud to have played a small part in the continued success of the famous Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra through the funding awarded today," said Senator Stachowski. "This orchestra is known worldwide for its excellent performances and musicians. Under the leadership of the BPO's Board and excellent Musical Director JoAnn Falletta, the BPO has become as much a part of the community as our professional sports teams and historic landmarks. It is my hope that this funding plays a role in ensuring that the BPO continues to prosper in our community for many years to come."

"Speaking on behalf of the musicians, we are humbled by the generosity of this support by Senator Stachowski," BPO Musical Director JoAnn Falletta said. "It allows us to continue our mission of attaining the highest level of artistic integrity in everything we do as an internationally renowned orchestra."

"We are grateful to Senator Stachowski for his efforts to secure this critically important funding for the BPO," said Cheryl Howe, chair of the BPO Board of Trustees and executive vice president of BlueCross and BlueShield of Western New York. "The BPO has a significant and positive economic impact in our region so we are confident that the Senator's investment in our organization will provide a positive return to the community."

###

About the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra:

The world-renowned Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1935. Since 1940, the Orchestra's permanent home has been Kleinhans Music Hall, a National Historic Site with an international reputation as one of the finest concert halls in the United States. The Orchestra presents more than one hundred Classics, Pops and Youth Concerts each year in Western New York. During the tenure of current music director JoAnn Falletta, the Buffalo Philharmonic has rekindled its distinguished history of NPR broadcasts and recordings, including the release of eleven new CDs of a highly diverse repertoire on the NAXOS and Beau Fleuve labels. The Philharmonic's Naxos recording of composer John Corigliano's "Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan," featuring soprano Hila Plitmann, won Grammys in two categories of the three for which it was nominated: classical vocal performance and classical contemporary composition.