



PASADENA
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Introduction to Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts

Thank you for your interest in membership in Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (PSHA). PSHA is an all-volunteer non-profit California corporation whose members donate their time and talents to produce the annual Pasadena Showcase House of Design. Founded in 1948, and formerly known as The Pasadena Junior Philharmonic Committee, they adopted the Pasadena Showcase House of Design as their annual benefit in 1965. It is one of the oldest, largest and most successful house and garden tours in the nation.

The Pasadena Showcase House of Design is a complex fundraiser that takes place annually between mid-April and mid-May. Planning takes most of the year, however, the work begins in earnest, in late January when the house is leased from the owner for renovation to transform it into the Showcase House and hold public tours. This is an enormous annual project that requires the dedication and hard work of many volunteers. The multifaceted nature of this project requires volunteers with a myriad of skills and talents.

An essential part of our mission is to nurture the study and appreciation of music and to ensure that music is available to a broad range of audiences. Examples include the underwriting of concerts, choral productions, musical theater, opera, jazz quartets, marching bands and orchestras at local schools, senior centers, and through many other non-profit organizations. Integral parts of our program are music therapy for at-risk children, scholarships for young musicians and music education at a variety of levels. This is in addition to our longstanding support of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association.

PSHA also funds and produces three annual music programs: PSHA's Youth Concert is a free concert designed to weave musical concepts into an appealing program that is presented at Walt Disney Concert Hall by the Los Angeles Philharmonic for 4,200 fourth grade students. Exceptionally talented musicians, aged 16 to 24, compete for monetary prizes to further their music education in PSHA's Instrumental Competition. Approximately \$30,000 is awarded annually. PSHA's Music Mobile™ program is a hands-on award-winning program that with the partnership of the Pasadena Conservatory of Music is presented to third grade students throughout the San Gabriel Valley. It provides an introduction to classical music, the opportunity to play a selection of instruments and be part of a simulated orchestra.

The success of the Pasadena Showcase House of Design has enabled PSHA to make cumulative donations of more than \$21 million in support of the arts and provide opportunities for over 450,000 young people to discover, enjoy and study music. The programs funded by PSHA have enriched the lives of countless people and brought a lasting legacy to the community.



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Criteria and Benefits of Membership

For any questions regarding membership please contact:

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Membership chair 2016-2017
626-818-1233
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Candidates for membership in PSHA should have previously demonstrated the ability to accept responsibility, to fulfill commitments and to work effectively with others. Candidates must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Submit a completed application prior to May 23, 2017;
- Attend an interview prior to May 28, 2017; and
- Provide two references prior to May 23, 2017. Each reference must be willing to recommend the candidate in writing. References can be anyone who can attest to the candidate's experiences, work ethic, integrity and commitment. As part of the application process references may be contacted to verify and/or expand upon the information provided.

Applying is not a guarantee of an offer of membership.

Membership in PSHA is established by its bylaws and subject to vacancies and the needs of the organization. PSHA considers applicants for membership without regard to race, religion, gender, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability or sexual orientation.

There are a myriad of benefits to membership in PSHA.

Most members volunteer in PSHA because of a deep desire to help provide funding for the arts. Design and architecture aficionados are attracted to PSHA because they enjoy observing the renovation of an estate for the Pasadena Showcase House of Design and the opportunity to learn about new design products and concepts. However, it is important to note that the majority of PSHA positions are not related to design. Most members find a camaraderie that often flourishes into life-long friendships. Many cherished memories have been made at the end of the day as the members debrief and share experiences. Additionally members are offered invitations to a variety of social occasions and two tickets to a concert presented by the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Like all community service, the real benefits are intangible and provide deep gratification. Recently a member was asked about the legendary commitment of PSHA members. Her response was, "It is the personal stories about how these funds impact the community, especially its children, that compels us all to roll up our sleeves and work even harder. It is an honor to be a part of this legacy".



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Requirements for Active Members

We have found that the members who are most involved are the ones who experience a deeper connection to the mission of PSHA and greater satisfaction from participating. PSHA provides several different volunteer opportunities and undoubtedly you will connect with one of the philanthropic aspects. We are very mindful that employment and family obligations often restrict the amount of time and the manner in which one can participate. PSHA tries very hard to work with individuals to help them find ways to meet their PSHA obligations in a manner that is acceptable to both the individual and the organization. However, a project of this scope requires certain limitations that cannot be amended. Applicants should note that the Pasadena Showcase House of Design is open from mid-April to mid-May with pre-staffing from mid-January to mid-April. Meetings are held on Wednesdays.

Provisional Year: For the first year, members are provisional. In addition to the requirements outlined for Active Members they are required to attend two additional meetings: an Orientation Meeting and a Benefit Committee Meeting in January, February or March. Throughout the year there are several opportunities available for participation on a voluntary basis to help new members become better acquainted with other members and the organization.

After successfully completing the provisional year, a member with paid employment may choose to change her/his status to Business Member, which has a time commitment at a lower level.

Financial: Annual dues are \$125.00

Music Programs: Staff at one of the PSHA music programs – Youth Concert, Music Mobile™ or Instrumental Competition.

Meetings: Attend the March General Meeting. Attend two additional General Meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday in October, November, January, February, and June or “Punch & Lunch” in mid-April.

Staffing at the Pasadena Showcase House of Design: Work two Pre-staffing shifts (four hours each) during January, February, March and early April. Staff ten shifts (four hours each) while the Pasadena Showcase House of Design is open to the public from mid April to mid May. (There is an alternative available for five shifts if it is not possible for a member to work all ten shifts.) Staffing requires the ability to stand for a four-hour shift (with one 15 minute break) as well as the ability to climb stairs, walk throughout the property and perform additional physical tasks.

Benefit Committee: Every Active member is required to serve on either the Benefit Committee or a sub-committee. These positions require a variety of time. Some positions require a large amount of time spent onsite at the Showcase House while others can be done at home. It is very important that members read the job descriptions posted on the PSHA website before accepting a position so to insure a good match.



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Application for Membership

The enclosed completed application, a check for \$125.00 made payable to PSHA for Provisional dues and two letters of reference must be mailed prior to March 27, 2017 to:

Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts
Attn: Membership Chair
P.O. Box 93486
Pasadena, CA 91109

Please print

Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name or Initial if used

Address _____
Street Number Street Name City State Zip Code

Telephone Number (s) _____
Home Cell Work

Email _____

Social Title _____
(Example: Mr. and Mrs. Tom King or Ms. Kara Dalton)

Month/Day of Birth _____

How did you learn about PSHA? _____

Why are you interested in becoming a member of PSHA? _____

What have you found to be the most rewarding and/or challenging aspects of your previous community service experiences or work experiences? (Professional, Civic, Service, Political & Community Organizations)

What are your personal areas of interest and hobbies? _____

Please list two references either from other community service organizations, an employer, a PSHA member or other source. Letters of reference must be included with your application. References will be contacted to verify and/or expand upon the written information provided. Please grant permission to each reference to discuss your application with a PSHA representative.

First Reference

Name _____ Name of Organization _____

Relationship to Reference _____

Address _____
Street Number Street Name Apt or Suite # City State Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Second Reference

Name _____ Name of Organization _____

Relationship to Reference _____

Address _____
Street Number Street Name Apt or Suite # City State Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Community Service Experience (Professional, Civic, Service, Political & Community Organizations)
(Please attach an additional page if more space is needed)

Name of Organization	Years of Participation	Positions Held
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Employment History (Please attach an additional page if more space is needed)

Name of Employer	Years of Service	Positions Held
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_____ I have been convicted of a felony. Charge _____ Date _____

_____ I understand that PSHA may conduct a background check on any applicant.

I hereby consent to have my name submitted for review for membership. I have read the criteria and requirements for membership. I understand that my references will be contacted and information about me will be solicited.

Candidate's Signature

Date