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A New Home, A New Chapter for the Lafayette Symphony

- The Lafayette Symphony Orchestra (LSO) is moving their administrative offices out of the Long Center and into The Press in downtown Lafayette.

LAFAYETTE, IN – After 44 years, the [Lafayette Symphony Orchestra](#) (LSO) will have a new administrative home in The Press, the former Journal & Courier distribution building at 615 Ferry Street in downtown Lafayette. For over four decades, the second floor of the Long Center for the Performing Arts has been the sole home of the non-profit arts organization. While the Long Center stage will continue to be the host venue for full orchestra performances, the recently renovated office spaces at The Press open up new opportunities for the LSO.

The ADA-accessible co-working space will allow the LSO to reimagine their operations and offerings. Two large glass garage doors open onto a shared common area with sofas, armchairs, a meeting table, and a kitchenette. Further into the building, the LSO will occupy two offices for their staff.

“We’re excited to help establish The Press as a welcoming, collaborative workplace in the heart of the Tippecanoe Arts and Cultural District,” says LSO Executive Director Sara Mummey. “This relocation gives us the chance to increase accessibility for patrons and to better reflect who and what we are as an organization – friendly, casual, and engaged with our community.”

As the flagship tenant for The Press offices, the LSO is excited to set the tone for the newly developed collaborative space. Of course, Mummey says, they will miss their Long Center offices, which they have occupied since 1978 after the building was donated to the city of Lafayette by Irving Long, the president of the 4th Avenue Amusement Corporation, in honor of his father, Dennis Long. The LSO found a home in every sense of the word – office space, storage space, rehearsal and performing facilities, and a place for business meetings and social gatherings. “The orchestra will still be rehearsing and performing in the theater,” says Mummey, “and we’ll continue to support our arts community by making our on-site stage equipment available to local organizations and Long Center clients.”

Long Center for the Performing Arts Executive Director John Hughey is on board with the plan. “As arts organizations, our administrative space must adapt and reflect current needs. I personally congratulate Sara and the Symphony for the vision to expand into The Press offices. The move gives Lafayette’s Sixth Street corridor one more arts-centric anchor, alongside Lafayette Ballet, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, The Arts Federation, Long Center, and Lafayette Theater,” said Hughey. “No doubt, the LSO and its Long Center performances are synonymous. The Long Center will remain the LSO’s performance venue for generations to come. Audiences love attending the Symphony in our city’s 101-year-old historic theater.”

The LSO plans to complete their move in mid-November and will open the new offices to the public shortly after. Their first mainstage concert of the 2022-23 season will take place on November 12 in the Long Center.

For more information about upcoming events or to purchase tickets in advance, visit www.lafayettesymphony.org or call 765-742-6463.

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Launched in 1951 as a non-profit organization, the LSO is focused on enriching the cultural life of the Greater Lafayette community and 14 surrounding counties through musical excellence and educational experience. About 80 percent of its patrons are from Lafayette, West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County, while the remainder are from the surrounding counties of Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tipton, Warren and White.