

E-mail dated April 20, 2012 from Margo Grant and Fraser Ross re: Symphony Nova Scotia

>>> Margo Grant <gomargo@eastlink.ca> 4/20/2012 2:17 pm >>>

> We were dismayed and ashamed when we heard that HRM had
> significantly reduced its funding to Symphony Nova Scotia in the
> latest budget. It's a debilitating set-back to an organization that
> works so very diligently to earn its keep. No other Halifax arts
> organization is more deserving of real support from the city it so
> superlatively represents. Instead of cutting their funding the City
> should be building them a decent concert hall. A top-notch, city-
> owned performing arts centre is at least as worthy of consideration
> as a convention centre.

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> City Hall wants Halifax to be "world class" but a city without its
> professional musicians is just another little wannabe place. We
> actually HAVE a wonderful symphony orchestra that puts us on the map
> in some circles -- did you know that CBC Radio plays SNS more than
> any other Canadian orchestra? We can't build on our strengths unless
> we recognize them. We urge HRM councillors who have not experienced
> Symphony Nova Scotia to discover what a treasure we have and to
> reinstate the withdrawn funding at the earliest opportunity.

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