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Reno, Nev. (February 28, 2024) – The Reno Chamber Orchestra (RCO) is pleased to announce it is the recipient of a \$1 million gift from the Madeline Ackley Estate. This generous gift will be placed into a new endowment benefitting the RCO’s musical activities in perpetuity. The Ackley family was supportive of many local non-profits and the RCO is happy that fellow orchestra, Reno Philharmonic was also named as a beneficiary.

“The Ackley family’s generosity and the way they have remembered the Reno Chamber Orchestra speaks to the rich history the RCO has in Northern Nevada,” said Amy Heald, Executive Director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra. “We are so grateful for this gift and are excited about the possibilities it brings to our organizations for our next chapter.”

Since 1974 the Reno Chamber Orchestra has performed intimate, inspirational musical experiences through full orchestra concerts and the Nevada Chamber Music Festival. In 2022 the RCO began growing its education and community engagement programs, first in partnership with Northern Nevada HOPES and with the launch of the Vahe Khochayan Young Artist Concerto Competition. These efforts continue to grow the footprint of the RCO in our community and help reach their goal of making chamber music accessible to all.

About the Reno Chamber Orchestra

Across the landscape of 49 seasons, the Reno Chamber Orchestra has flourished, now boasting 6 regular season concert sets each year, a nationally known chamber music festival, community partnerships that build pathways for access to classical music for all, and the Vahe Khochayan Young Artist Concerto Competition concerto competition that bolsters the musical youth of Nevada.