



Dear Federation of Gay Games,

We, the Aurora Symphony Orchestra (ASO), confirm our support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games. We also support the musical program envisioned by the Gay Games Denver 2030 Bid Committee, including the large Gala Concert featuring orchestra, band, choir, and cheer performing together.

Since 1978, the ASO has served Aurora, Colorado and the rest of the Denver Metro Area by providing low-cost and accessible performances to thousands of audience members. Each member of the ASO is a volunteer musician, and through eleven concerts per year we perform music that honors our diverse heritages, celebrates our contemporary artistic environment, and forges a cultural legacy for the future.

In an effort to fulfill our mission and celebrate the community we live in, the ASO has a long track record of supporting efforts and causes promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our orchestra is a safe and welcoming community of volunteer musicians, one which tolerates no intolerance. Our support of Gay Games XIII is a natural step in further demonstrating our public commitment to these principles.

Denver's central location within the United States, with non-stop flights to all fifty states and eighteen countries, along with its incredible cultural diversity and access to world-class outdoor recreation make the city an ideal location for hosting the Gay Games. The city's vibrant music, theater, and arts scenes, along with diverse dining options and proximity to world-class natural attractions such as Red Rocks Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Garden of the Gods, make Denver the ideal location for hosting Gay Games XIII.

The Aurora Symphony Orchestra would leverage our local network of sixty volunteer musicians in supporting Denver as the host city of Gay Games. By promoting opportunities for musicians to participate in athletic events, volunteer at the Games, and/or attend cultural events put on by the games, the ASO would be proud to help ensure the Games success.

We are excited by the opportunities collaborating with Gay Games XIII in Denver would present for not only the ASO, but also the local, state, national, and international LGBTQIA2S+ communities. We look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid committee in ensuring Gay Games XIII is a truly inclusive event with a broad global reach.

Sincerely,
The Aurora Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors