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Ron Gallman, the San Francisco Symphony's Director of Education and Youth Orchestra, oversees the conceptualization, implementation and management of the San Francisco Symphony's extensive educational programs. These programs have been hailed as national models and serve the spectrum of Bay Area communities and beyond. They include the nationally-recognized *Adventures in Music (AIM)* program, serving every student in grades 1–5 in all of San Francisco's public elementary schools; the *Music and Mentors* program, providing artistic and technical support to public school instrumental music programs; *Concerts for Kids*, which invites school groups from throughout Northern California to Davies Symphony Hall for live orchestral concerts; and *SFSKids.org*, the Symphony's free interactive website for children, schools, and families. Gallman also oversees the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and its constituent artistic development programs: instrument training initiatives, an annual concerto competition, and international touring. In addition, Gallman supervised the SFS's *Community of Music Makers*, a five-year initiative that provided workshop experiences for amateur instrumentalists and choristers on stage at Davies Symphony Hall, with SFS musicians and resources.

Gallman has extensive involvement in service to the orchestra education field, including writing, lecturing and consulting. In addition to developing educational materials for the San Francisco Symphony, Gallman has given pre-concert talks and contributed program notes to the Symphony's *Playbill*. He has been a speaker at national conferences of the League of American Orchestras, Americans for the Arts, the Arts Education Partnership's National Forum, and at annual conferences of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras and other organizations, where he has presented topics relating to arts-in-education issues and youth orchestra management. The National Endowment for the Arts has appointed Gallman to serve on arts-in-education committees multiple times. He has also served on music panels of the California Arts Council and on the City of San Francisco Arts Task Force. Gallman currently represents the San Francisco Symphony on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Community Music Center, where he chairs the Program Committee, and serves on the national Education Leadership Committee of the League of American Orchestras, where he was appointed Chair for two successive terms. He also served for eleven years on the Board of the Association of California Symphony Orchestras.

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