



February 24, 2023

Dear Hall of Fame Committee,

Jack Champaigne is an exemplar of leadership in this community and would be an apt addition to the South Bend Community Hall of Fame. In my role at the Symphony, I have seen firsthand Jack's impact, from how his presence heightens the thinking of a strategy meeting to his leadership support of the arts in our region. As a board member of the South Bend Symphony, Jack leads by example, sharing his passion for the arts, supporting financially, advocating for us to those in power, and being future-focused in the questions he asks. His financial contributions alone total more than \$1.15 million dollars and have proved foundational in our ability to program boldly, attract additional support, and lead as a community-focused arts organization.

I can't count the number of meetings I've been in with board members, musicians, and neighbors where Jack's name is brought up as a "Thank goodness South Bend has Jack Champaigne." His humility and humor in person bely the power and impact he has had on all of us. He's been instrumental in making the Symphony's most productive decade possible, and I can think of no one more deserving of entering the Hall of Fame than Jack Champaigne.

Sincerely and enthusiastically,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justus Zimmerman', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Justus Zimmerman  
Executive Director  
South Bend Symphony Orchestra