

# Presidents and Chairmen



For the first 25 years the New York Philharmonic, organized as a cooperative society, was managed by the musicians themselves. From 1865 to 1909, the musicians chose a president who was not a member of the orchestra but rather a distinguished, music-loving member of New York society and great supporter of the Philharmonic. In 1909, the cooperative system was replaced by a Board of Directors which at first included musicians from the Orchestra. At this point the players became contracted workers of the society.

## PRESIDENTS

Ureli Corelli Hill	1842–1847
Henry C. Timm	1847–1863
William Scharfenberg	1863–1867
Robert Ogden Doremus	1867–1870
George Templeton Strong	1870–1874
Henry G. Stebbins	1874–1875
Edmund H. Schermerhorn	1875–1879
Julius Hallgarten	1879–1881
Josef W. Drexel	1881–1888
E. Francis Hyde Esq.	1888–1901

Andrew Carnegie	1901-1909
N/A (Guarantors time period)	[1909-1911]
Mary Seney Sheldon	1911-1913
N/A	[1913-1916]
Oswald Garrison Villard	1916-1918
Henry E. Cooper	1919-1922
Frederic A. Juilliard	1922-1928
Harry Harkness Flagler	1928-1934
Marshall Field	1934-1946
Charles Triller	1946-1950
Floyd G. Blair	1950-1956
David Manning Keiser	1956-1963
Amyas Ames	1963-1970
Carlos Moseley	1970-1978
Sampson R. Field	1978-1981
Constance R. Hoguet	1981-1984

Stephen Stamas	1984–1989
Frederick Krimendahl	1989–1996
N/A	[1996–2004]
Zarin Mehta	2004–2012
Matthew VanBiesen	2013–2017
Deborah Borda	2017–

**CHAIRMEN**

Clarence H. Mackay	1921–1938
Marshall Field	1939–1945
Charles Triller	1945–1951
N/A	[1951–1956]
Floyd G. Blair	1956–1958
Arthur A. Houghton, Jr.	1958–1963
David M. Keiser	1963–1970
Amyas Ames	1970–1983
Carlos Moseley	1983–1985
N/A	[1985–1989]

Stephen Stamas	1989-1996
Paul Guenther	1996-2009
Gary Parr	2009-2014
Oscar S. Schafer	2014-2019
Peter W. May	2019-
Oscar L. Tang	2019-