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Dave and Shari Boehnen

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Dave and Shari Boehnen rely on Classical MPR as a daily companion. "I turn it on with the coffee in the morning," says Shari. When traveling, Dave enjoys having access to live broadcasts of Minnesota Orchestra performances on MPR. "Even though I'm streaming, it's a nice touch of home and lets me visualize the experience." He says MPR's partnership with the Orchestra and other performing arts groups is important to them.

The Boehnens' love for classical programming inspired them to designate an estate gift to create an MPR endowed fund supporting classical performance programming for years to come. They also value and support Classical MPR's education initiatives.

"Being from South Dakota, we realize the importance of bringing classical music to places that don't have those opportunities," explains Shari. "Opening children's eyes to the world through art is so important. Music opened up my world and encouraged me to reach beyond my boundaries and dream bigger."

"It's important that we connect the next generation to this beautiful music and bring classical initiatives to underserved communities and greater Minnesota, whether in collaboration with the Minnesota Opera or Orchestra," adds Dave.

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Top: MPR News Collegeville bureau and environmental reporter Kirsti Marohn rides along with Friends of the Mississippi River to report on water quality in Minnesota's rivers and lakes.

Bottom: Fond du Lac tribal elders, scientists and community members shared knowledge and traditional Ojibwe values about water in a time of changing climate at an event co-produced with MPR News. Children presented the results of their water art project to host Les Gibbs at the conclusion of the gathering.

Circle: The Current mascot and friends joined the annual Pride Parade in Minneapolis.