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KEVIN & PAT HANICK

According to Pat and Kevin Hanick, it feels good to support a worthy cause. Volumes could be written about the impacts of philanthropy on non-profit organizations and countless arguments made for the benefits of supporting the arts, but underneath the academic arguments remains the simple truth that supporting a worthy cause is deeply satisfying at a personal level. Though not the primary intention of the Hanicks, this “good feeling” blossomed as their support for Orchestra Iowa grew. Their strong ties to the organization remain visible today. They are Orchestra Iowa season subscribers and Pat serves on the Board of Directors as Secretary.

Upon getting to know them, Kevin and Pat are loving parents first and foremost. They have three adult sons; one is a writer and two are musicians. Prior to starting a family, and even before meeting one another, music was a strong part in both their lives. Kevin’s background is anchored on singing. He has been in numerous men’s choirs and has been a member of a rock band, *The Recliners*, for many years. Pat started her musical foray as a pianist and discovered the viola through her school’s music program, where she went on to become first chair. As time went on, the Hanicks continued to make music a constant in their home.

In balance with their love of sports and other amusements, the Hanick children were encouraged to pursue musical and cultural activities. Living in Iowa City provided abundant opportunities in the arts. To help keep them focused, the family television was packed up and stored in the basement. As the years went by, their sons developed their individual strengths. Conor excelled in piano, Emmet in double bass, and Riley in writing. Like all parents, Pat and Kevin sought ways to nurture their sons’ abilities, and their musical success exceeded all expectations. As early music lessons led to performances and music camps gave way to competitions, the whole family’s involvement and experiences with the world of music grew.

As emptynesters, the Hanicks remain engaged with the rich assortment of cultural events throughout The Corridor. Eases on their busy schedules have brought Kevin and Pat to more Orchestra Iowa performances than ever. Though they frequent the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids, Orchestra Iowa’s extended programs at West High School and Coralville Center for the Performing Arts are irresistibly convenient for this Iowa City couple.

Wherever the venue, the Hanicks enjoy a love of classical music that is deep-seated, keeping them genuinely committed to the organization and attending Orchestra Iowa performances throughout the year. Pat explained that being on the board has given her insight into the world of professional music which her sons’ experience in their own careers. Kevin noted the gratification that comes with supporting the musicians, many of whom have become personal friends.

The reasons for their support are many and the benefits are numerous, but plainly stated, Kevin and Pat Hanick give to



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