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I make my living as a classical musician and I've seen and felt the impact my work has on audiences. The arts are vital to health and community! However, I know that the great majority of my income has never come from individual ticket sales, but from philanthropy and ideally, state funding. Schools too often cut funding for the arts first when in a budget crisis, depriving young minds of avenues for healthy expression. Let's not deprive our communities of the life enhancing effects of the arts!