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\$85 Million Fund for Cincinnati Music

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Oh, how lucky to be a Cincinnati musician. **Louise Dieterle Nippert**, a 98-year-old minority owner of the [Cincinnati Reds](#) whose fortune descended from a founder of Procter & Gamble, has established an \$85 million fund to support classical music in the city. Announced Thursday night, the fund will provide about \$3 million a year to the **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra**, or 75 percent of the fund's annual distributions; \$500,000, or 12 percent, to the **Cincinnati Opera**; and \$200,000, or 5 percent, to the **Cincinnati Ballet**. The rest will go to an array of smaller musical institutions. The Cincinnati Symphony cut staff recently and has built up about \$3.8 million in accumulated deficit. The gift provides some breathing room for a major regional orchestra at a time when music institutions have been severely strapped in their finances.

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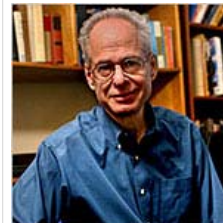
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