

Inside the Usher Corps: Bob Cedoz



Ushers are Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra ambassadors and an integral part of our success! These volunteers are responsible for providing outstanding customer service to Hilbert Circle Theatre and Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* patrons. Read the experience first-hand from one of our dedicated ISO volunteers, **Bob Cedoz**, who has volunteered almost 600 hours with the ISO! He is loved by fellow volunteers and front-of-house management and is greatly appreciated as an usher.



Tell us about yourself and your background.

I grew up in a small town in Ohio. I studied engineering at Ohio State and then at Notre Dame. I have worked as an engineer the last 32 years at Allison/Rolls-Royce helping to design and build airplane engines.

What motivated you to become an ISO volunteer?

I retired in December 2014 and knew I wanted to be involved with nonprofits and the arts. I now volunteer for a number of great organizations, including ushering at theaters around the city. My favorite place is the ISO.

Have you ever played an instrument?

I tried as a child and took piano lessons for several years. I guess I could hit all the right keys, but it just didn't sound right.

Who is your favorite composer?

Steven Sondheim. I like that he writes complex music with adult themes.

What has been your favorite experience with the ISO so far?

Not one experience in particular, but I like *Yuletide* and movies where we have first-time patrons to the Hilbert Circle Theatre and we can help them to have a good first experience. Some of the new patrons would like information about the Symphony or the theatre, and we like to help them to enjoy their visit.

Why is volunteering for the ISO important to you?

The ISO is the premiere performing arts organization in Indiana. It is important to Indiana that it be successful, and the volunteers help make the theatre an enjoyable place to go.

What would you tell someone who is considering volunteering with the ISO?

Since retiring, many of my friends and associates are people who volunteer at one or more organizations. Conversations will be about the enjoyment of where we work. The Symphony is such an enjoyable place to spend your time. The theatre is beautiful and the music is great and of such wide variety. Until I started ushering at the ISO, I did not know the broad variety of music the Symphony plays. Concerts like the movies or special events make this the best theatre around.