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### **Musicians Reject Fort Wayne Philharmonic's Contract Proposal as Strike Continues**

Musicians of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic remain on strike after rejecting management's January 10 proposal earlier tonight. The vote to reject was nearly unanimous.

"The Philharmonic's proposal for job cuts and elimination of our workplace rights is unacceptable," says Players' Association spokesperson Campbell MacDonald. "We will remain on strike until the Fort Wayne Philharmonic removes their unnecessary roadblocks to a resolution."

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic Players' Association (American Federation of Musicians Local 58) went on strike on December 8 after performing for 3 months under the terms of an expired contract. Fort Wayne Philharmonic leadership concluded a \$10 million fundraising campaign last year, and currently sits atop an endowment approaching \$30 million. The Fort Wayne Philharmonic is currently placed on the 'International Unfair List' by the American Federation of Musicians. A pending Unfair Labor Practice charge against the Philharmonic alleges Unlawful Interrogation of Employees and Refusal to Bargain in Good Faith.

Please visit the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Players' Association website at [www.fwpmusicians.com](http://www.fwpmusicians.com) for more information.



