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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## **Helping Orchestra London**

In the article *Struggling orchestra clears first cash hurdle* (March 22), one item to be considered in restructuring Orchestra London is "a proposed London Arts Council." Really?

When I returned to London from British Columbia, one of my first actions was to join the London Arts Council. I know the value of such an organization for meaningful contacts and in advocacy for the arts. Most important to me is the thoughtful information it provides. The council is a vital part of London's cultural scene.

Orchestra London's lapse in not remembering its own membership highlights one of the council's most important functions -- timely dissemination of information. And, while we're at that task, you should see the exciting spin-off in the way the Covent Garden Market community supports the arts council office.

Together, we all win. Why? Because, in the process, we're taking small but significant steps to a revitalization of the core of our Forest City. I'll do what I can to help Orchestra London in its time of need. I'll continue happily volunteering with the London Arts Council.

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