

M & T Bank donates assets of bankrupt Syracuse Symphony to Cultural Resources Council, Onondaga Historical Association and SU

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The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra's Steinway piano in storage at the Civic Center in April.

M & T Bank closed the chapter on what's left of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. The bank's regional president Allen J. Naples announced the dispersal of the SSO's assets to three community groups at a Thursday morning press conference at Onondaga Historical Association. The bank was the main secured creditor for any assets of the **SSO when it filed for Chapter 7** bankruptcy in May.

Naples said the orchestra's instruments, including the Steinway piano, computer and electronic equipment would be donated to the **Cultural Resources Council** of Syracuse and Onondaga County. The SSO's sheet music, considered to be the most valuable asset, will be given to the

Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University. **Onondaga Historical Association** will receive the orchestra's archives, albums and paintings.

The intent always was to preserve and keep the assets in the community, said Allen.

In making his announcement, Naples was joined by Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney, CRC Executive Director Stephen Butler, Director of the Setnor School Patrick M. Jones and OHA Executive Director Gregg Tripoli.

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