

## Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra

Based in Amsterdam, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra was founded in 1888. Its very distinct, individual sound is partly due to the unique acoustics of The Concertgebouw. Another determining factor is the influence of the chief conductors, of whom there have been seven to date: Willem Kes, Willem Mengelberg, Eduard van Beinum, Bernard Haitink, Riccardo Chailly, Mariss Jansons and Daniele Gatti. In 2022 the orchestra announced that Klaus Mäkelä will be its eighth chief conductor, commencing in September 2027. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands is patroness.

The Concertgebouw Orchestra has always collaborated with the world's greatest conductors and soloists. Such composers as Richard Strauss, Gustav Mahler and Igor Stravinsky all conducted the orchestra on more than one occasion. To this day, the orchestra continues to foster long-term relationships with contemporary composers.

In addition to some eighty concerts performed at The Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the orchestra gives forty concerts at other major concert halls throughout the world, and expands its reach through videos, streaming, radio and television broadcasts, and CD and DVD releases on its own RCO Live label.

The Academy of the Concertgebouw Orchestra successfully moulds young, talented musicians into orchestral players of the highest calibre. The biennial summer project Concertgebouworkest Young brings together hidden talent aged fourteen to seventeen from all over Europe.

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