

Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra

Based in Amsterdam, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra has brought music to life for 137 years. The orchestra is renowned for its unique sound and stylistic versatility.

The Concertgebouw Orchestra has the privilege of working with the most prominent conductors and soloists. It has a close relationship with Klaus Mäkelä, who will commence his tenure as chief conductor in 2027. His predecessors were Willem Kes, Willem Mengelberg, Eduard van Beinum, Bernard Haitink, Riccardo Chailly, Mariss Jansons, and Daniele Gatti. Riccardo Chailly has been conductor emeritus since 2004, Iván Fischer has been honorary guest conductor since 2021. Her Majesty Queen Máxima is patron of the orchestra.

The orchestra gives around 130 concerts a year, both at home in the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and in the most prestigious concert halls around the world. This makes the Concertgebouw Orchestra an ambassador for the Netherlands and an indispensable part of its cultural heritage.

From the outset, the orchestra has enjoyed working closely with composers. Richard Strauss, Gustav Mahler, Arnold Schönberg and Igor Stravinsky conducted the Concertgebouw Orchestra on more than one occasion. Today, such composers as Thomas Adès, George Benjamin and Tan Dun are following in their footsteps. Each year, several new commissioned compositions are premiered.

The orchestra sees it as its responsibility to pass on the power of symphonic music. The musicians share their knowledge, experience and love of music through the Academy of the Concertgebouw Orchestra and the international youth orchestra Young, while the orchestra trains young conductors in the Ammodo Masterclass and through the Bernard Haitink Associate Conductorship. With innovative concert formats and performances outside the concert hall, the orchestra inspires new listeners.

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