

Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra

Based in Amsterdam, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra is regarded as one of the very best orchestras in the world. Composers such as Richard Strauss, Gustav Mahler and Igor Stravinsky all conducted the orchestra on more than one occasion and to this day, it continues to foster long-term relationships with contemporary composers.

There have been seven chief conductors to date: Willem Kes, Willem Mengelberg, Eduard van Beinum, Bernard Haitink, Riccardo Chailly, Mariss Jansons and Daniele Gatti. Klaus Mäkelä will commence his tenure as the orchestra's eighth chief conductor in September 2027.

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

The orchestra's extensive educational activities include the successful Academy of the Concertgebouw Orchestra and the unique summer project for talented young people from all over Europe, Concertgebouworkest Young.

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