

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. To this day, the Concertgebouw Orchestra continues to foster long-term relationships with contemporary composers.

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.

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. 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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