



Canadian orchestras are a vital and important part of Canadian communities, large and small: economic drivers, valued arts partners, part of the educational infrastructure, and builders of social cohesion and community pride.

Orchestras Canada/Orchestres Canada's mission is to be the united national voice of the Canadian orchestral community: furthering, enriching and celebrating the work of Canadian orchestras through programs and services in both official languages. OC's activities are overseen by a national board of directors.

OC's membership includes **165 professional, community, youth and training orchestras and related organizations.**

Audiences for concerts by Canadian orchestras have **increased by 25%** compared with six years ago.

OC's member orchestras deliver musical moments to audiences in every Canadian province, in urban and rural communities, in places large and small, north and south. A community's orchestra is an integral part of its fabric, bringing people together and making the places they live more vibrant and healthy.



In 2009-10 our Canadian orchestras reported revenues of **\$161 million** – 38.3% earned, 28.5% contributed and 33.1% from government.

Over 2500 Canadian orchestra performances took place in 2009-10 attracting audiences of more than **2.5 million people** – including 337,000 school children.



Orchestras contribute many jobs to the Canadian economy including the employment of **1250 professional musicians** and just over **400 full-time staff members** in 2009-10. Orchestras also benefit from the support of thousands of volunteer board members and direct service volunteers.

Canada's orchestras serve their communities with comprehensive music education outreach programming. Each year, thousands of young people across the country are enriched by a variety of programs intended to **supplement and enhance their music education.**

Some examples of community programming include music instruction, family concerts, instrument petting zoos, in-school experiences, performances for seniors, programs in libraries and hospitals, and community residencies. By being active citizens, orchestras play their part in ensuring their communities remain **vital, healthy, and engaging** places to live.

