



2017/18 Year in Review

For 100 years, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has been one of the most successful, active and innovative orchestras in North America, performing and presenting over 150 concerts per year to an annual attendance of over 200,000 throughout Metro Vancouver, and reaching 50,000 children, teens and young adults through our 13 engaging education programs.

Since its inception, the Symphony has continued to create music of the highest artistic excellence, celebrate creativity and innovation, foster a growing and engaged local and global audience, and reflect the spirit and cultures of Vancouver.

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Our Mission

To enrich and transform lives through music by:

- Presenting passionate, high quality performances of classical, popular and culturally diverse music
- Creating meaningful engagement with audiences of all ages and backgrounds wherever we perform
- Developing and delivering inspirational education and community programs



Artistic Excellence



71

exceptional orchestra musicians who also teach and advocate for music in our community

5,500

minutes of unique repertoire was available to concert attendees

441

rehearsal hours last season



250,000

concert attendees in one season

40,000

attended our free community concerts last summer

7,647

family members attended our Kids Konzerts



The Importance of Music

The two significant elements of classical music that make it so intensely appealing are its rhythm and melody. The rhythm acts like a stimulant for the brain while the melody sparks up your mind. Melody and rhythm when combined affect the performance and organization of the brain in the positive direction.



Education & Community



53

public school classroom visits by VSO musicians as part of VSO Connects

500

students attended open rehearsals as part of VSO Connects

23,742

students came to the Orpheum for an Elementary School Concert



3,720

hours spent with youth in coaching and mentoring sessions at VSO Orchestra Institute in Whistler

Brain Development with Music

Listening to classical music during your infancy has a proven effect on the passages that are built in the brain to facilitate the functioning of neurons. Exposing babies to stimuli like classical music can improve the functioning of neurons which results in a higher ability of knowledge and talent.

Did You Know

1919

Establishment of the Vancouver Symphony Society with a series of five concerts

1931

The Orchestra plays a live broadcast on air for the first time on Canadian National Railroad radio

1938

Creation of the Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra

1977

The renovated Orpheum re-opened its doors to the VSO as its new (old) home

1986

Launch of the Vancouver Symphony Foundation ensuring long-term stable funding

2008

James Ehnes and the VSO earn a GRAMMY® and JUNO®

2011

VSO School of Music opens its doors with programs for children to seniors



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