

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra

20th ANNIVERSARY
YEAR BOOK

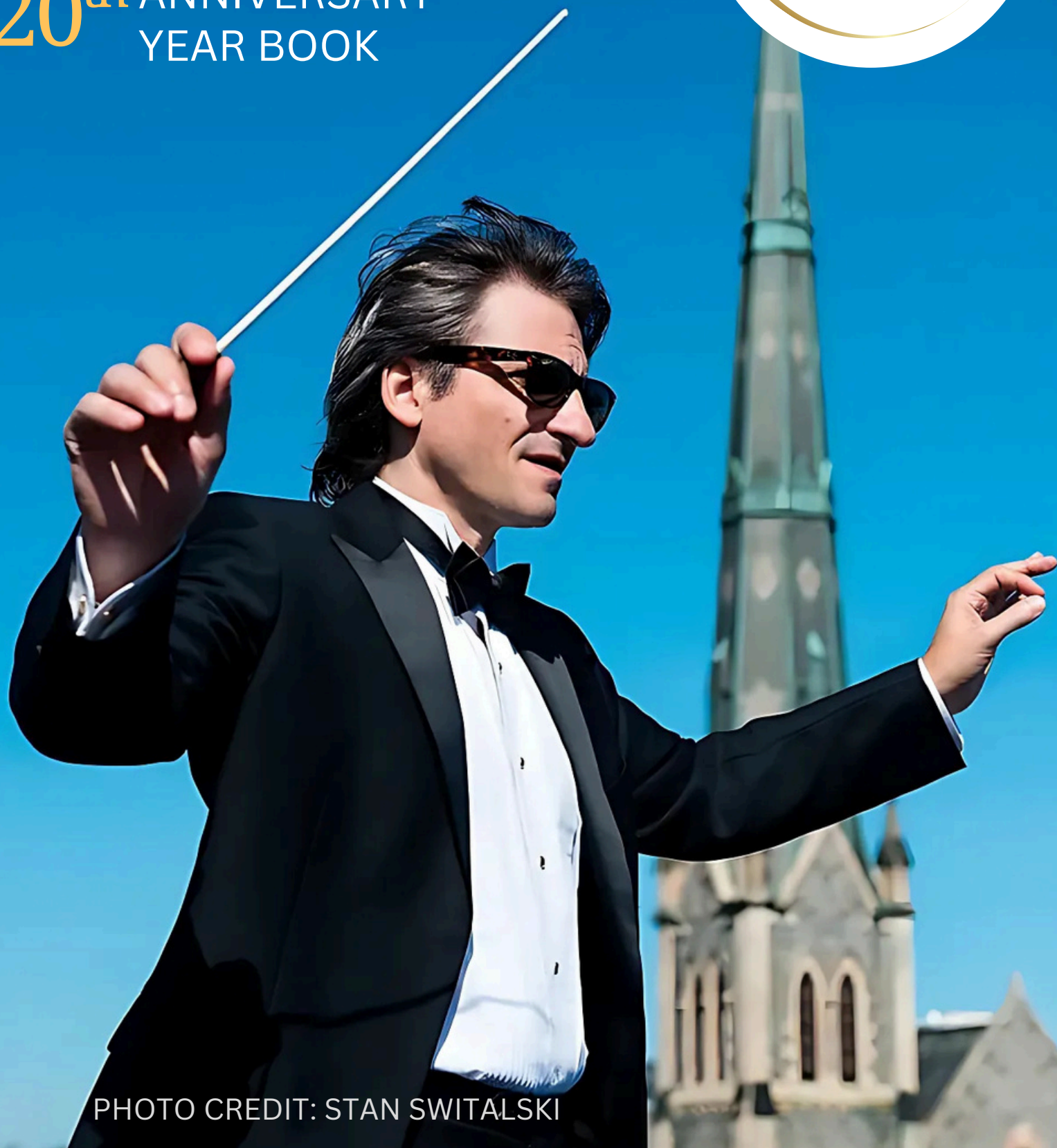


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Dear Friends of the Orchestra,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Music Director of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has been a part of our musical community over the past twenty years! Whether a musician, member of the audience, volunteer, or community promoter, our ability to continue sharing music is a tribute to this community!

In this, our 20th Season, we were blessed by the generous donation of \$20,000 from CSO matriarch, former board chair and long time supporter, Jill Summerhayes to kick off the season. This gift immediately inspired others to follow and contribute first financially and next with time and passion.

As our season was coming to a close, an unexpected knock was received at the door of our Music Director, Sabatino Vacca. Then another very inspiring and unexpected donation of \$20,000 was received at the Movie Magic concert, last one of the season, from Ruth and George Legate, which will certainly help the CSO maintain the high level of programming held this past year.

It is well known that orchestras around the world rely on donations and grants in order to be able to offer outstanding programming. Tickets alone don't cover the costs. We thank the City of Cambridge, all grant providers, concert sponsors and donors for making beautiful orchestral music possible in our community, right at home.

Please consider a donation to help support the CSO through 20 more seasons of bringing beautiful music and magical connection to our community. Donations can be made directly on-line through our website cambridgeorchestra.ca using various payment methods or via e-transfer to CSO.cambridgeorchestra@gmail.com.

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20 or more.

Thank you for supporting the arts in our community, we have another outstanding season coming!

Yours musically,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Lawrie".

Michael Lawrie

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sabatino Vacca".

Sabatino Vacca

Orchestra Management



Sabatino Vacca Music Director

Sabatino Vacca has been the Music Director of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra since 2007. His talent, charisma, and creativity has helped to craft inspiring programming and brought talented guests into performances. In addition to his role with the CSO, Sabatino has helped found the Milton Philharmonic Orchestra in 2014 and is the Founder, Artistic Director, and Chorus Master of the newly formed Southern Ontario Lyric Opera (SOLO).

Joy Schuster Concertmaster

Joy is an experienced musician and teacher who brings skill and energy to the CSO. In 2022 Joy received the Bernice Adams Memorial award for her contributions to the artistic and cultural life of Cambridge. Most recently, Joy was awarded the King Charles the III Coronation Medal by the City of Guelph. Joy's remarkable contributions to Canada can be heard in the music of our community and beyond.



Cathy Gallagher Orchestra Manager

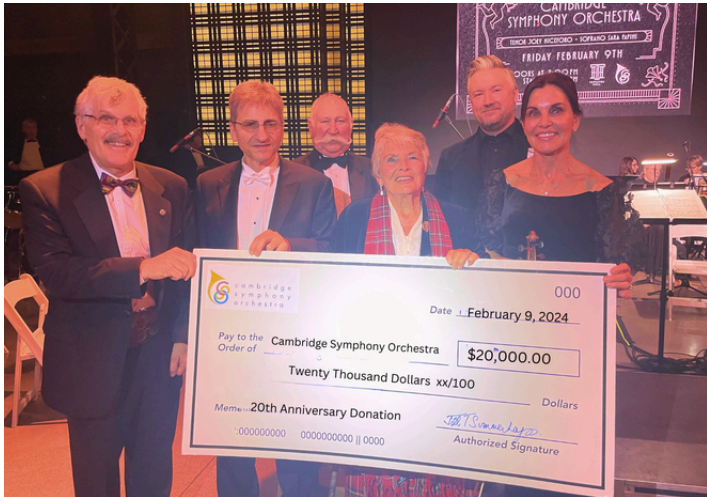
Originally from Dublin, Cathy has performed with top ensembles across Ireland and Canada. A clarinetist with a music performance degree from Dublin and advanced studies in Montréal, she's played with the Irish Youth Wind Ensemble, Milton Philharmonic, and Southern Ontario Lyric Opera. Cathy joined the CSO in 2023 and became Orchestra Manager in 2024. Her creative talents extend into photography and graphic design and Cathy has been generous with her time and talents redesigning the CSO website and helping with programme designs.

CSO *Matriarch*

Jill Summerhayes



Jill has been a critical leader and number one fan of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra since it's founding days. As a leader in the Arts scene in Cambridge, founder of the Writers' Collective and spearheaded the establishment of the Cambridge Centre for the Arts in addition to innumerable awards and achievements, Jill is now and forever the crowned Matriarch of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra.



20th Anniversary *Popups*



With Jill Summerhayes as chair, Jeff Hunter, Kyle Priestly, and Sara Alvarado joined forces and this 'Fantastic Four' formed the CSO-20 committee. Their creativity, energy and commitment to boost the profile of the CSO with promotion, "pop up" concerts, held throughout the summer showcased 20 reasons for 20 seasons and was most well received and successful. Additionally, this passionate group have contributed so many extra touches to make this 20th Anniversary Season a memorable experience for all.





BEATLES FOREVER

FRIDAY SEPT. 13, 2024



The season opening was a black-tie gala affair, at the Hamilton Family Theater with special guests, The British Invasion, who accompanied the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra with a Beatles-Extravaganza that had the crowd out of their seats, laughing, crying, and singing along!





BEATLES FOREVER

FRIDAY SEPT. 13, 2024



Repertoire Flashback

All You Need Is Love - I Want to Hold your Hand - "Love" Medley - She Loves You - All My Loving - Can't Buy Me Love - Penny Lane - Eleanor Rigby - Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds - Michelle - With a Little Help from my Friends - Let it Be - Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da - The Fool on the Hill - And I Love Her - Paperback Writer - Yesterday - Strawberry Fields Forever - When I'm Sixty-Four - The Long and Winding Road - Yellow Submarine - Imagine





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MASTERWORKS I

OCTOBER 26TH AND 27TH

Cellist Cameron Crozman joined the CSO as feature soloist at the Oct 26th concert, and our symphony's own Joy Schuster and Kristi Coleman were featured at the Oct 27th concert in Paris. Repertoire included:

Overture to Der Freischütz C. M. von Weber

Cello Concerto No. 2 in D major, Hob. VIIb2

F. J. Haydn / Concerto for Two Violins in D minor J. S. Bach

Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95 A. Dvořák



FESTIVE FAMILY FUN

Friday November 29, 2024 at 7pm



FROM VIENNA WITH LOVE

New Year's Day 2025

The 20th season marked another first for the CSO with our first ever New Year's Day Gala - From Vienna with Love! The house was packed and patrons enjoyed an elegant New Year's Day in popular Viennese style with Strauss Waltzes and so much more! This 3pm concert is already scheduled for January 1, 2026!





HEARTS ON FIRE

Valentines Concert 2025

Saturday February 15, 2025 at 8pm

Michelle Danese, Soprano
Romulo Delgado, Tenor

A romantic seasonal concert, Hearts on Fire, has become a CSO tradition and our 20th Season edition was as romantic and exciting as they come. Featuring Michelle Danese, Soprano and Romulo Delgado, Tenor, and the stunning Tapestry Hall. The evening was magical as the orchestra accompanied these two magical voices featuring pieces such as Besame Mucho, The Rose, All I Ask of You, and so much more.

CAMBRIDGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

Masterworks 2

JANINA FIALKOWSKA, PIANO

MARCH 23, 2025



We were honoured to be joined by world renowned pianist Janina Fialkowska, who was mentored by Arthur Rubinstein, as a special 20th Anniversary concert! Janina has played all over the world and is well known for her Chopin interpretations.

She was a joy to perform with and paid our Conductor Sabatino Vacca a huge compliment, calling him, “one of the best she has played with!”

CAMBRIDGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTED BY
MUSIC DIRECTOR SABATINO VACCA

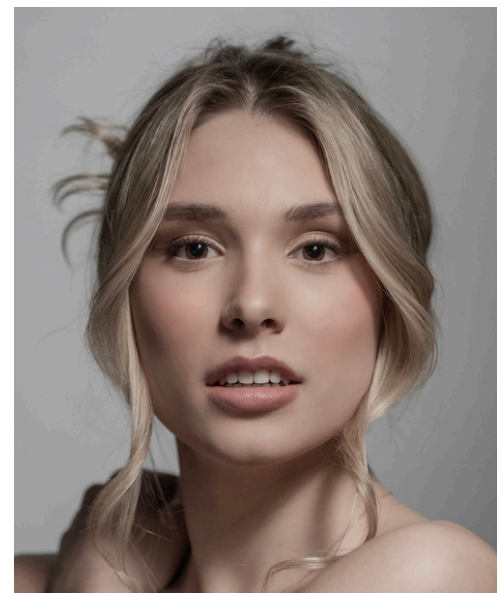


PRESENTS

YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE



This concert is a special celebration of our local youth, providing a stage for Laurier University to feature winners from their annual student Concerto Competition as well as our own Youth Orchestra.





End of **Season** *Potluck Rehearsal*

Building community is everyone's responsibility, and one that the CSO Board takes very seriously. As the season came to a close, the CSO Board hosted a special potluck to thank our incredible musicians—both community players and professionals for their time, talent, and generosity. Your music makes our mission possible, and we are deeply grateful.



MOVIE MAGIC II

THURSDAY MAY 29, 2025 8 PM

TAPESTRY HALL

74 Grand Ave. S. Cambridge

Our final concert of the season was an incredible compellation of magical music from classic movies of the 20th and 21st century! The evening was made extra special as we wrapped up the season with a surprise donation by community supporters Ruth and George Leget! It was a very special moment to be able to celebrate another incredible community leader who sees the value in the work of the CSO. Shortly after the cheque was presented, Jill Summerhayes was surprised with flowers, a tiara and the title of CSO Matriarch!



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Ruth and George Legate
Pollock Family
Dian and John Bell
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Michael and Louise Lawrie
Erica Tennebaum
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Sara and Carlos Alvarado
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Valerie Cleland

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Sandra and John Ridsdale
Graham Nasby
Janet Simms-Baldwin
Theresa Horgan
Milena Protich - In Memory of David Picoski
Long & McQuade
Preston Scout House Band Inc.



CSO Board of Directors



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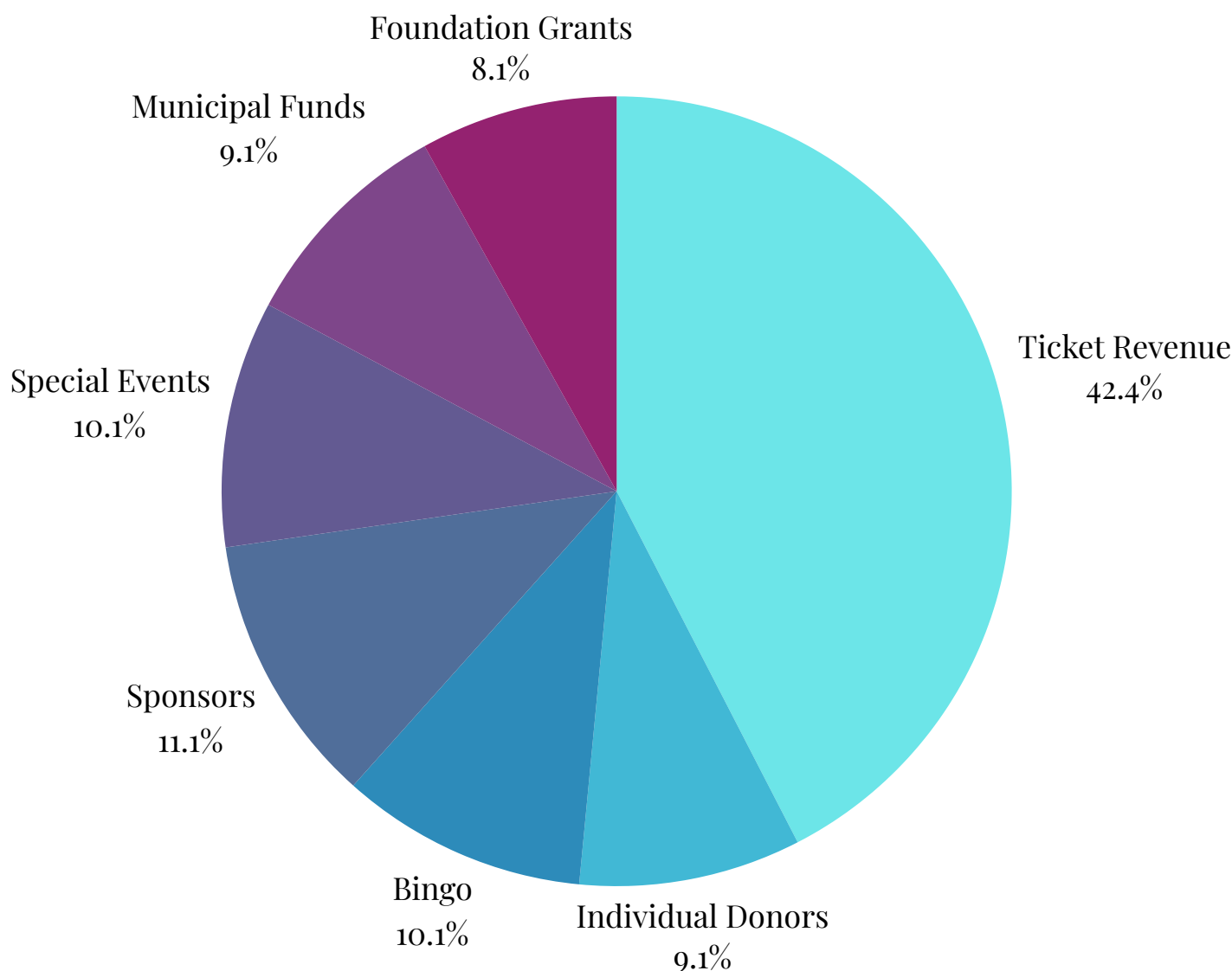
Strong Governance

Responsibility	Chairperson Mike Lawrie	Vice Chair Sara Alvarado	Treasurer Terry Kratz	Secretary Erica Tennenbaum	General Member Kyle Preisley	General Member Rebecca Schoenheart	General Member Jill Lawrie
Leadership & Governance	Leads board meetings & sets agenda	Supports chair, steps in when needed	Contributes to discussions	Contributes to discussions	Contributes to discussions	Contributes to discussions	Contributes to discussions
Financial Oversight	Approves budgets & reports	Supports Treasurer & Reviews Financials	Manages financials, reports to board	Prepares financials and supports bookkeeper	Reviews financials	Reviews financials	Reviews financials
Meeting Facilitation	Chairs & Leads meetings	Chairs if Chair is absent	Leads discussion on finance	Records & distributes minutes	Leads discussion on event planning and growth	Participates	Participates
Strategic Planning	Guides strategic direction	Assists in planning	Ensures financial feasibility	Supports documentation	Provides input	Provides input	Provides input
Compliance & Ethics	Ensures adherence to policies	Supports Chair	Ensures financial compliance	Maintains records	Follows policies	Follows policies	Follows policies
Fundraising & Outreach	Leads fundraising efforts	Supports fundraising	Oversees financial aspects of fundraising	Documents fundraising activities	Participates & networks	Participates & networks	Participates & networks
Community Engagement	Represents the organization	Acts as spokesperson when needed	Engages financial stakeholders	Manages official records & communication	Engages with the community	Engages with the community	Engages with the community
Event Promotion	Promotes events within network and supports growth of audience	Promotes events within network	Promotes events within network	Promotes events within network	Leads growth and strategy on event promotion	Promotes events within network	Promotes events within network
Voting Rights	Has a vote	Has a vote	Has a vote	Has a vote	Has a vote	Has a vote	Has a vote
Event Logistics	Helps with greeting and ticketing as requested	Helps with greeting and ticketing as requested	Helps with greeting and ticketing as requested	Helps with greeting and ticketing as requested	Helps with greeting and ticketing as requested	Helps with greeting and ticketing as requested	Leads ticket sales & coordinates with venues including contracting



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Income Sources



Ticket sales account for only approximately 40% of the total income required to operate the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra (CSO). This underscores the critical importance of other revenue sources, including donations and sponsorships, to sustain our operations and artistic programming.

When compared to other orchestras registered with Orchestras Canada, the CSO receives significantly less in donations than the national average for Canadian symphony orchestras. This analysis highlights an opportunity to grow philanthropic support as a vital part of the CSO's funding model.



CONCERT SERIES 2025-2026

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra



TENORS X THREE

Thursday September 25 2025, 8 PM
Tapestry Hall
74 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge



Giacomo
Folinazzo

Romulo
Delgado

Joel
Ricci

MASTERWORKS I

Two Performances

Overture from The Marriage of Figaro, W. A. Mozart
Symphony No. 7 in D minor, Op. 70, A. Dvořák



Saturday November 1 2025, 7 PM
Central Presbyterian Church
7 Queen's Square, Cambridge

Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major Op. 58
L. van Beethoven
Soloist: Anya Alexeyev, Piano

Sunday November 2, 26 2025, 3 PM
St. Paul's United Church
48 Broadway St. W., Paris

Soloist: Islay-May Renwick, Oboe



TIS THE SEASON FOR THE KIDS

Friday November 28, 2025, 7 PM
Forward Church
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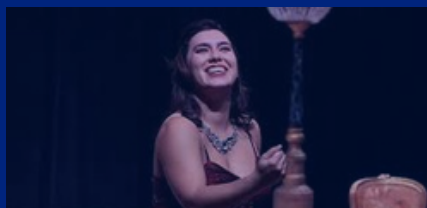


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Featuring Holly Chaplin, Soprano



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MASTERWORKS II

Saturday March 28, 2026, 3 PM
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Soloist: Jerzy Kaplaneck, Violin

Violin Concerto Op. 77 J. Brahms
Symphony No. 3 in C major, Op. 52, J. Sibelius

YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE

Saturday April 25, 2026, 7 PM
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
810 King St. East, Preston



Featuring performances by
2026 Wilfrid Laurier Concerto Winners
Cambridge Youth Orchestra
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra
Symphony No. 1 in Bb major, Op. 38, "Spring",
R. Schumann

MOVIE MAGIC III

Friday May 20, 2026, 8 PM
Tapestry Hall
74 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge

Spend this special evening with the CSO and
enjoy many of your favourite Movie themes,
celebrating some of the most prolific and
incredible film composers of all time: John
Williams, Bill Conti, Thomas Newman to name
a few.



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throughout the season and may be
purchased through our website.

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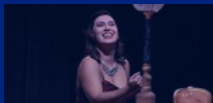


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