



## About Us

### Conductor Showcase Season (2021-22)

#### **Orchestra:**

Founded in 1967, we are **Oakville's largest orchestra** with 85 musicians. Ten are professionals, several are Young Artist Award-winners, and the rest are committed amateurs. Two original members still play with the orchestra, including Jean Grieve, founder of the Oakville Suzuki Association. Outstanding guest soloists perform at each concert.

#### **Concerts:**

Each year, Oakville Symphony performs eight subscription concerts and two Family Christmas concerts at the **Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts**, which seats 496 patrons. Most of these concerts are close to sold-out. [Read a concert review.](#)

#### **Community outreach:**

Pre-Covid, we engaged 780 children through mini-concerts in the lobby of the Oakville Centre, school visits with the Oakville Community Foundation's *Community Classroom* program, and outreach events at Kerr St Mission. Small groups of musicians performed at the hospital and retirement residences, and our Maestro presented his *Not Just the Score* talks at venues such as the Oakville Club.

#### **Covid-19:**

During the pandemic, **we took music online**. We developed a [Virtual Recital Series](#) including solo performances by our professional musicians and guests, and artist chats. Our musicians recorded presentations from home for OCF's [Online Community Classroom](#) and our regular mini-concert attendees. We featured local businesses and Town Councillors in a Virtual Twelve Days of Christmas video, and we shared a Musician Spotlight series on our website and social media.

#### **Board:**

Oakville Symphony is a **registered charity**, governed by a volunteer board of directors.

#### **Youth orchestra:**

Oakville Symphony is affiliated with [Oakville Symphony Youth Orchestra](#).

#### **Looking ahead:**

Coming up in 2021-22, four exciting [guest conductors](#) will audition for the position of new Music Director/Conductor.

