Calgary
Philharmonic
Orchestra



Education Programs







CALGARY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

A pillar of Calgary's vibrant arts scene since 1955, the Calgary Philharmonic has grown to be one of Canada's most celebrated live music ensembles. Led by Music Director Rune Bergmann, the Orchestra presents a wide range of concerts and inspiring education programs. In a typical season, the Calgary Phil welcomes over 100,000 visitors, connecting audiences to live music experiences, and serves the city of Calgary by fostering creativity and belonging.

The Calgary Phil believes in the value of music and music education by offering a variety of programs designed to stimulate and inspire students of any age. Through the generosity of our supporters, the Calgary Phil provides live orchestral music to our communities, engaging audiences around Calgary and the surrounding areas. To find out more about participating or supporting the Calgary Phil's community programs, please visit calgaryphil.com/education.

Education Concert Series

These one-hour school-day programs are designed to educate and inspire students. Concerts are shaped with themes presented in the classroom, and an accompanying guide is provided to all registered schools.

We welcome all educators and students from public, separate, private, charter, and home schools! These concerts are designed for students Grades 1-6.

For more information and to register, visit calgaryphil.com/education.

Actors Garret C. Smith and Dustin Frank perform with the Orchestra at Napi and the Rock, an education concert in collaboration with Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

Babar the Elephant

20 + 21 November 2024 / 10AM Jack Singer Concert Hall

JULIANE GALLANT conductor

Follow the adventures of Babar, the little elephant who grows up in the big city and returns to the great forest to become King, narrated in both French and English to Francis Poulenc's charming score performed by the Calgary Phil! Complemented by Montréal composer Maxime Goulet's energetic Danse aérobique symphonique and Igor Stravinsky's witty Circus Polka, this concert is sure to delight kids of all ages!

Link Up: The Orchestra Sings

5 + 6 February 2025 / 10AM Jack Singer Concert Hall

JULIANE GALLANT conductor

In collaboration with Carnegie Hall, the Calgary Phil presents Link Up: The Orchestra Sings — a special concert where students are given the opportunity to join the Orchestra in performance from their very own seat in the audience! With their voices as their instruments, students will prepare their part in the classroom then link up with the Calgary Phil for the concert! This special experience is an opportunity for students to apply the musical concepts they've studied alongside a professional orchestra.

A Paintbrush for Piccolo

13 + 15 May 2025 / 10AM Jack Singer Concert Hall

JULIANE GALLANT conductor JONATHAN LOVE director + actor GREEN FOOLS THEATRE SOCIETY puppets

Remember when anything was possible? This uplifting musical story, written by Anne Gatha with music composed by Calgary Phil violist Arthur Bachmann, tells the tale of Piccolo, a child living in the Renaissance who sets out to become a famous artist. Along the way he finds help and inspiration from a loyal dog named Bella and the great Michelangelo himself.

PhilKids

Thanks to the vision and support of longtime Calgary Phil supporter Judith Kilbourne, the Calgary Phil launched PhilKids in 2015 — an El Sistema inspired free after school music program designed to fuel and support the empowerment of children through the exploration of music.

Through Philkids, musicians from the Calgary Phil work side by side with elementary school students as they learn and grow as young people and musicians. In grades one and two, students develop basic musicianship skills by learning about the instruments in the orchestra and how to use their voice as an instrument. Once students have a grounding in the basics of music, they are able to learn violin, cello, trumpet, flute, or percussion.

Through their journey in PhilKids, students discover themselves along with the music, creating friendships and discovering a community that supports them. They often uncover strengths and talents they might not have realized they had, and how to appreciate the strengths and talents of others.

Learn more at calgaryphil.com/PhilKids.









PhilKids introduces children to music and develops the following attributes:

musicianship, rhythm, creativity, self-expression, performance, cooperative learning, and goal achievement

PhilKids creates positive learning environments that nurture:

team work, self-awareness, discipline, leadership, focus and attention, trust and safety, respect for one another, and emotional development

Here are some of the ways you can support:



Rent PhilKids instruments for one year

\$7,000



Provide all PhilKids students with T-Shirts

\$1,200



Buy after-school snacks for 50 PhilKids for a week

\$100



Fund tickets for a whole class to attend an Education Concert

\$450



Pay for a bus for a whole class to attend an Education Concert

\$300



Pay for a Calgary Phil Musician to visit a class

\$210

"It's always wonderful to walk into a room where you see children are engaged and curious. I can see the long-term effects of what the teachers, staff, and musicians have created. They have created a space for these students where their imagination and curiosity for the world is supported and encouraged."

Cellist Yo-Yo Ma on PhilKids

Explore our other Education Programs



Clinics + School Visits

Bring the Calgary Philharmonic to your classroom! Calgary Phil musicians are available for pre or post education concert visits as well as at other times throughout the school year. Musicians share information about their instruments, play a short performance, and answer questions. Appropriate musical experiences can be designed for grades K-12, and can feature solo instruments, duos, trios or quartets. Rates start at \$210 an hour for one musician.

New Music Reading Session

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra New Music Reading Session offers graduate music students of the UCalgary School of Creative and Performing Arts an opportunity to hear their compositions played by a real orchestra.

Marley Rynd Scholarship

Each year a scholarship in memory of Calgary Phil musician Marley Rynd is awarded to an advanced orchestral music student from either the Mount Royal University Conservatory or the UCalgary School of Creative and Performing Arts. The Marley Rynd Memorial Performance Scholarship was created by her family and is managed by Calgary Foundation.

Concerto Concert

Students from the UCalgary School of Creative and Performing Arts and Mount Royal Conservatory present the Concerto Concert — visit scpa.ucalgary.ca for more information.

University of Calgary Continuing Education Course

Since the 1990s, we've offered HUM405: Evenings with the Calgary Philharmonic — a continuing education course through University of Calgary covering orchestral repertoire in a combined classroom and concert experience. Through listening, lecture, discussion, guest musicians, and attendance at select Calgary Philharmonic concerts, empower your curiosity and explore the world of orchestral music in a relaxed and fun environment.

To learn more about our Education Programs, visit calgaryphil.com/education.

Open Rehearsals

Experience a full working concert rehearsal! Students are invited to join us in the Jack Singer Concert Hall for a behind-the-scenes experience at a full working Open Rehearsal to discover the time and dedication it takes to prepare for a performance. This unique opportunity is available for select concerts throughout the season. Tickets are \$15 each — be sure to register ahead of time as space is limited.

To register for an Open Rehearsal, visit calgaryphil.com/open-rehearsals.

Beethoven's Emperor

Friday 27 September 2024 / 10AM

Bernstein's Serenade with Karen Gomyo

Friday 18 October 2024 / 10AM

Nicolas Namoradze plays Rachmaninoff

Friday 15 November 2024 / 10AM

Symphonie fantastique

Friday 28 February 2025 / 10AM

Jeneba Kanneh-Mason plays Mozart

Friday 21 March 2025 / 10AM

French Impressions: Poulenc's Organ Concerto

Friday 9 May 2025 / 10AM

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