

RED DEER

# Symphony Orchestra

CLAUDE LAPALME | MUSIC DIRECTOR

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Anniversary Season



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## *About the RDSO*

Established in 1987 by a group of dedicated and enthusiastic music lovers, the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra (RDSO) has become Central Alberta's flagship professional performing arts organization over the last forty years.

Skillfully led by a volunteer Board of Directors, the RDSO is a community-oriented organization committed to inspiring appreciation for art and culture in Central Alberta through high-calibre performances and public outreach programs.

Celebrating his 37th year as our Music Director, Maestro Claude Lapalme sets the artistic and musical direction for the orchestra's journey while the RDSO musicians and staff do the important work of bringing the music to our community.

The sustainability of the RDSO relies on the continued support of its members, volunteers, staff, musicians, and community, in addition to multiple local, provincial, and national funding agencies.



## *We Need You*

### **Do you love live music and believe in building community?**

As your local destination for world-class artistry, RDSO needs your help to keep our music alive! We are now accepting applications to fill vacancies on RDSO's Board of Directors and committees. RDSO followers with skill and experience in business, performing arts, education, marketing, fund development, and event planning are strongly encouraged to join us at this exciting time in the RDSO's development.

The RDSO Board meets a minimum of six times per year to discuss strategy and objectives, and support our operations, programs, and productions. Each Director participates in at least one of the RDSO's committees, which meet with a frequency that relates to their activities. The RDSO Board and committee activities are supported by staff and volunteers.

**The 2026 Nominations deadline is September 18, 2026. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on September 24, 2026.**

Volunteering with the RDSO provides a fantastic learning and networking opportunity, while giving back to a worthwhile organization. To learn more about volunteering with the RDSO, please connect with our office.



# Main Series Concert 1

## A Symphonic Celebration

Saturday, October 17, 2026 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

Join the RDSO as we kick off our 40th anniversary season with a concert of celebratory classics. From the colourful soundscapes of Maurice Ravel to the thrilling energy of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* (famous for its appearance in Disney's "Fantasia"), this concert will set the stage for a season full of extraordinary musical masterpieces. Whether you've been an RDSO fan for decades or are just discovering us now, this season premiere will be one to remember. Don't miss it!

**RAVEL: Boléro**

**RAVEL: Daphnis et Chloé Suite No.2**

**DUKAS: The Sorcerer's Apprentice**

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# Main Series Concert 2

## Force of Nature

FEATURING  
DIANA COHEN, VIOLINIST

Saturday, November 14, 2026 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

Forces collide as Calgary Philharmonic superstar Diana Cohen joins RDSO for Bruch's powerful *Scottish Fantasy*. Uncover the heart of the Highlands through soaring melodies and Cohen's stunning skill, and travel back in time with the *Pulcinella Suite*, a landmark work that combines 18th Century tunes with Stravinsky's 20th Century touch. If you're looking for a "big orchestra" experience, this is the concert for you!

**STRAVINSKY: Pulcinella Suite**  
**BRUCH: Scottish Fantasy, Op.46**

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# Main Series Concert 3

## Passport to Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 2026 @ 7:30PM

Red Deer Memorial Centre

If you've been longing for that classic "Christmas concert" feeling, look no further than Passport to Christmas! With Tchaikovsky's legendary *Nutcracker Suite* alongside some of the most memorable songs and themes from "Frozen", "Home Alone", "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", "Miracle on 34th Street", "The Polar Express", and "The Nightmare Before Christmas", this performance will get you in the spirit of the season faster than a one-horse open sleigh.

**KROGSTAD: Frozen**

**KROGSTAD: Christmas at the Movies**

**TCHAIKOVSKY: The Nutcracker Suite, Op.71a**

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# Main Series Concert 4

## Diamonds Are Forever

FEATURING  
RED DEER FESTIVAL OF THE  
PERFORMING ARTS WINNER

Saturday, February 6, 2027 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

The RDSO's 40th anniversary celebrations continue with two of the most memorable themes in modern music. Barber's *Adagio for Strings* has been used in countless films, including "Platoon" and "The Elephant Man", and Karl Jenkins' *Palladio* is the soundtrack to De Beers' famous "A Diamond Is Forever" advertising campaign. Combine these with the winner of the RDSO Concerto Competition and you have a concert that you'll wish lasted forever!

**BARBER: Adagio for Strings**

**JENKINS: Palladio**

**CONCERTO: With the Red Deer Festival Winner**

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# Main Series Concert 5

## I'll Be Bach

FEATURING  
ROSA BAROCCA

Saturday, March 13, 2027 @ 7:30PM  
Gaetz Memorial United Church

There aren't many people who are recognized only by their last name, but Johann Sebastian Bach is one of them. Find out why when Rosa Barocca takes the stage for this captivating concert of Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*, which have been performed across the globe for over three centuries. Presented alongside music by Vivaldi (famous for *The Four Seasons*) and Rameau, this concert will be so good that you'll be Bach, too!

**VIVALDI: Concerto Grosso, Op.3**

**RAMEAU: Chaconne from "Dardanus"**

**BACH: Brandenburg Concertos 1, 4, and 5**

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# Main Series Concert 6

## From the New World

FEATURING

KATHERINE KIM, PIANIST

Saturday, April 24, 2027 @ 7:30PM

RDP Arts Centre

We wrap up RDSO's 40th anniversary with two of the most epic pieces ever written, performed by the biggest orchestra of the season. Experience pianist Katherine Kim's stunning skill through Tchaikovsky's monumental *Piano Concerto No. 1* and dive into Dvořák's dramatic *Symphony No. 9*. (Spoiler Alert: If you've heard the song "Goin' Home", you'll discover where the melody came from.) This concert will take you on a spectacular journey from beginning to end, and is the perfect way to wrap up a year of symphonic celebration!

**TCHAIKOVSKY: Piano Concerto No. 1, Op.23**

**DVOŘÁK: Symphony No. 9, Op.95**

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# *Want the Best RDSO Experience?*

The 2026-27 season celebrates our 40th year in Red Deer and features some of the most unforgettable and magnificent music ever composed. The best way to guarantee your spot at all six of our Main Series concerts is...

## **Become a Subscriber!**

Not only do full-season subscribers get the first pick of the best seats, they also hear the most music for the best price. Buy a full-season subscription and you'll receive all SIX of our Main Series concerts for the price of FIVE - you get an evening of Red Deer's finest live music **for free!**

Full-season subscribers have the opportunity to save their seats before anyone else, and receive "Subscribers Only" benefits throughout the season. Additionally, subscribers receive an exclusive discount on extra single tickets: you can bring friends and share the music with them, too!

Contact the RDSO or visit rdso.ca today to purchase your 2026-27 season subscription. Get the satisfaction of knowing that you are actively supporting Central Alberta's flagship performing arts organization and saving money at the same time!

### **Full-Season Subscription\***

Adult \$315 | Senior (65+) \$262.50 | Youth ( $\leq 30$ ) \$210

RDSO also offers three-concert and four-concert subscriptions for those who want to curate their own season. Take your pick and enjoy a selection of RDSO's exciting 2026-27 performances.

### **Four-Concert Subscription\***

Adult \$252 | Senior (65+) \$210 | Youth ( $\leq 30$ ) \$168

### **Three-Concert Subscription\***

Adult \$189 | Senior (65+) \$157.50 | Youth ( $\leq 30$ ) \$126

\*All subscription pricing excludes GST and fees.

**Subscriptions can be renewed or purchased by visiting us online: [www.rdso.ca](http://www.rdso.ca) or by calling the RDSO office at 403.346.0021.**

Subscription renewals are due by August 31st.



# Who We Are

RDSO has been an established cornerstone of the Red Deer arts and culture scene since 1987, and a fully professional orchestra since 1990.

**Mission:** A community-oriented professional performing arts leader dedicated to engaging, educating, and inspiring Central Alberta through music.

**Vision:** Igniting passion for arts and culture in Central Alberta.



## What Do We Need From Our Community?

Support the orchestra that has invested 40 years in Central Alberta!

- Donate to RDSO to help us continue our work, or sponsor a concert or community program.
- Volunteer to help us with events, or serve on our board and committees.
- Advocate for the creation of arts and culture performance spaces.

There are so many ways that you can make a difference and help us build a vibrant community that is passionate about arts and culture!

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# Support the RDSO

When you support the RDSO, you enhance the quality of life in Central Alberta and invest in your local community, businesses, and the next generation of artists, community builders, and leaders.

## Become a Donor!

Join the club of community builders that have established an award-winning professional orchestra in Red Deer.



### Charitable Donations

Cash donations can be made online, or in person via cash, credit card, or cheque.

### Set it and Forget it!

Pre-authorized, automatic payments that make a big difference over time.

### Gifts that Grow

A great way to maximize your investment and ensure RDSO's sustainable future is a donation to the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra's endowment fund. This is a pool of money that is permanently invested, with disbursements returned to the RDSO annually.

Connect with the RDSO today to arrange your charitable contribution and keep the music playing!

Making a donation to the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra can be done online through the RDSO website ([rdso.ca](http://rdso.ca)) or office (403-346-0021). Any charitable donation over \$25.00 is eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

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# Sponsor Your Symphony

As a corporate supporter of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra, your contribution goes beyond the act of sponsorship; it becomes a beacon of support for arts and culture in our community. In gratitude for this, we are dedicated to ensuring your brand receives the visibility and recognition it truly deserves.

## Platinum Season Sponsor

**\$25,000**

Ideal for businesses seeking maximum exposure and engagement throughout the entire season.

- Complimentary tickets to distribute among staff and clients.
- Exclusive invites to a VIP pre-show reception.
- A post-show meet and greet with the conductor.
- Prominent brand placement in all marketing materials and on our website.
- Opportunity for a brand booth or display during events.

## Gold Concert Sponsor

**\$5,000**

Perfect for companies aiming for a notable presence at a specific performance.

- Complimentary tickets for the sponsored show.
- Invites to a VIP pre-show reception.
- A post-show meet and greet with the conductor.
- Brand placement in marketing materials for the sponsored show.
- Mention during the sponsored show's announcements.

## Silver Concert Sponsor

**\$2,500**

Suited for businesses wanting to support a single event.

- Complimentary tickets for the sponsored show.
- Brand placement in marketing materials for the sponsored show.
- Mention during the sponsored show's announcements.

## Friend of the RDSO

### In-Kind Sponsorship

Best for businesses offering products, services, or expertise in lieu of a financial commitment. An excellent way to showcase your support for the arts while providing valuable resources.

- Recognition in select marketing materials.
- An invitation to special events and networking opportunities with fellow sponsors and patrons.
- Flexible benefits tailored to the nature of the in-kind sponsorship.

Aligning with the RDSO is more than a marketing strategy. Reach out to us to explore the numerous ways we can elevate your brand's presence in Central Alberta's vibrant cultural scene.

# Thank You

The RDSO remains grateful for the financial support of our operations by the following organizations each year:



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## A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION

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