

# RED DEER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CLAUDE LAPALME | MUSIC DIRECTOR



2025 - 2026  
SEASON

## 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.

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 36th 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 various 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, at minimum, six times per year to discuss strategy, objectives, and other policy decisions in support of operations, programs, and production. Each Director participates in at least one of the RDSO committees, which meet with a frequency that relates to their activities. The RDSO Board and Committee activities are supported by staff and volunteers.

**The 2025 Nominations deadline is September 18, 2025. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on September 25, 2025.**

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



# Main Series Concert 1

## A New Beginning

FEATURING

MALENA LORENSEN, BASS TROMBONE

Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

The RDSO is back, and its 39th season will be bigger and better than ever! Join us for this spectacular season premiere featuring Tchaikovsky's rousing *Symphony No. 2*, Rimsky-Korsakov's captivating *Capriccio Espagnol*, and movie maestro John Williams' tuneful *Tuba Concerto*, with local guest artist Malena Lorenson. If you want a bigger orchestra with even more exciting music, this concert is for you.

Join us - you won't want to miss this!

**RIMSKY-KORSAKOV: Capriccio Espagnol**

**WILLIAMS: Tuba Concerto**

**TCHAIKOVSKY: Symphony No. 2**

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# Main Series Concert 2

## Beethoven's Fifth

Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

The most famous four notes in the history of music come to Red Deer this November when the RDSO performs Beethoven's legendary *Symphony No. 5*. From its turbulent opening to triumphant conclusion, this spellbinding symphonic soundscape will enthrall everyone who hears it. Paired with Oscar Peterson's *Hymn to Freedom*, as well as ragtime music by Stravinsky and Joplin, this concert will be the most popular ticket in town.

**PETERSON: Hymn to Freedom**

**STRAVINSKY: Ragtime**

**JOPLIN: Ragtimes**

**BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5**

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# Main Series Concert 3

## Bows and Holly

FEATURING  
ROSEDALE VALLEY STRING ORCHESTRA

Saturday, December 6, 2025 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

Deck the halls with the RDSO this December as we welcome the Rosedale Valley String Orchestra for a concert of holiday hits! Performing alongside the RDSO strings, these up-and-coming musicians will showcase their skills while getting you in the spirit of the season with music that ranges from classical to contemporary. Whether you're a festive fanatic or a grouchy grinch, this concert will leave everyone with a smile on their faces.

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# Main Series Concert 4

## Too Hot to Handel

FEATURING  
ROSA BAROCCA

Saturday, February 21, 2026 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

February in Red Deer might be cold, but Juno Award-winning Rosa Barocca is coming to turn up the temperature! Handel's famous Water Music suites will be featured alongside Vivaldi's virtuosic Concerto for 2 Violins and music by Jan Dismas Zelenka, one of the Baroque era's unsung heroes. Get out of the cold and into your seat, and let Rosa Barocca provide the heat.

**VIVALDI: Concerto No. 5 in A Major**

**HANDEL: Water Music (Suites 1 & 3)**

**ZELENKA: Hipocondrie à 7 Concertanti**

Rosa   
Barocca

# Main Series Concert 5

## The Magic of Mozart

FEATURING  
RED DEER FESTIVAL OF THE  
PERFORMING ARTS WINNER

Saturday, March 28, 2026 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

The RDSO continues its season of spectacular symphonies with Mozart's *"Jupiter" Symphony No. 41*. The longest and last symphony Mozart ever composed, it is considered one of the best symphonies of all time, and the RDSO is performing it live this March. This incredible concert also features music by Canadian composer Marjan Mozetich and a concerto performed by the winner of the 2025 RDSO Concerto Competition. Full of stunning symphonic music and local talent, this concert will amaze everyone in attendance.

**MOZETICH: Fantasia...sul linguaggio perduto**

**CONCERTO: With Red Deer Festival Winner**

**MOZART: Symphony No. 41, "Jupiter"**

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# Main Series Concert 6

## The Music of Hans Zimmer

Saturday, May 30, 2026 @ 7:30PM  
RDP Arts Centre

Even if you don't know the name, you'll know the music. Hans Zimmer is the mastermind behind some of the most famous film scores of all time, including *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Interstellar*, and *The Dark Knight Trilogy*, and the RDSO is performing them live this May. Our 2024 John Williams concert sold out weeks in advance, so get your tickets early to avoid missing out on this incredible concert experience!

**SOUNDTRACKS INCLUDE:**  
**Pirates of the Caribbean**  
**Interstellar**  
**The Dark Knight**  
**Gladiator**  
**...AND MORE!**

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# Want the Best RDSO Experience?

The 2025-26 season marks our 39th 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!

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Contact the RDSO or visit [rdso.ca](http://rdso.ca) today to purchase your 2025-26 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 2025 - 26 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 29th.

# 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 nearly 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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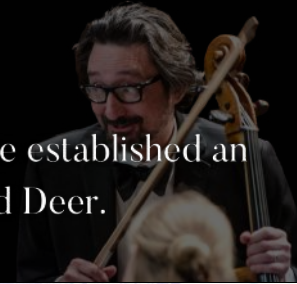
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# Support the RDSO!

When you support the RDSO, you also 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.

Contact 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 the RDSO!

As a valued supporter of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra, your contribution goes beyond the mere 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.

## Sponsorship Benefits Include:

- Complimentary tickets for staff, clients, or guests
- Conductor/guest artist meet-and-greet
- Social media and program advertising
- Pre-concert lobby and slideshow displays

...And much more!

Platinum Season Sponsor  
**\$25,000**

Gold Concert Sponsor  
**\$5,000**

Silver Concert Sponsor  
**\$2,500**

Community Sponsor  
**\$1,000**

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



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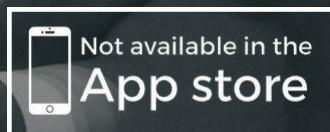
MARCH 28, 2026 @ RDP ARTS CENTRE

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## THE MUSIC OF HANS ZIMMER

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