

THE CYPRUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

As the only permanent professional symphony orchestra in Cyprus today, the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra has evolved rapidly during the new millennium into a modern, dynamic orchestra with a strong presence in the musical life on the island. At the same time, it is a national symbol representing Cyprus in Europe and beyond. An orchestra for all Cypriots, the CySO presents around 30 different programmes of regular evening concerts, community outreach concerts, educational and family concerts as well as a chamber music concerts, which amount to 80-90 concerts annually, in all cities of Cyprus. The Orchestra performs a variety of musical genres to a constantly expanding and loyal audience, ranging from the great classical masterpieces of all periods, operatic and ballet music to light orchestral music, orchestrated art and folk songs, film music, musicals, jazz, etc. Constantly striving for artistic excellence and involvement with the community, the CySO puts on innovative artistic programmes, hosts artists of international standing, promotes Cyprus music creation and Cypriot soloists and collaborates with state and private institutions. It also participates in the annual Kypria International Festival and Pafos Aphrodite Festival.

Within the promotion of its international profile, the Orchestra has toured numerous times abroad (Greece, Germany, Denmark, Bulgaria, France, Malta U.K.) has organized international competitions and masterclass, and promotes flashmobs and concert excerpts on the internet and social media. The CySO is in itself a living symbol of multiculturalism, since its 41 members come from 16 different countries! Outstanding Cypriot and foreign conductors and soloists have collaborated with the CySO such as Vladimir Ashkenazy, Patrick Gallois, Esa Heikkila, Julius Kalmar, Marios Papadopoulos, Lukas Karytinos, Miltos Logiadis, Placido Domingo, Dimitra Theodossiou, Cleo Mitilineou, Alison Balsom, Cyprien Katsaris, Martino Tirimo, Dimitris Sgouros, Christodoulos Georgiades, Eugenia Kanthou, Nicolas Costantinou, Manolis Neophytou, Choir of ERT, Choir of New College Oxford, to name but a few. Since August 2020, the Artistic Director of the Orchestra is Nicolas Papageorgiou.