# 2017 symphony orchestra facts using CADAC data

A portrait of 47 symphony orchestras in Canada

#### Economic impact

- \$51.7M in public investment and \$57.0M in private support went to these symphony orchestras.
- \$65.6M was generated through earned revenues, three-quarters of which (\$49.2M) was generated through production admissions and the box office.
- For each dollar spent on marketing activities, these symphony orchestras produced \$3.23 in total earned revenue.
  For each dollar spent on fundraising activities, they produced \$5.74 in private revenues.
- \$121.5M or 69.8% of the total operating budgets - was paid in salaries and professional fees.
- The workforce supporting creative activity increased by 12.3% since 2010-11, but the share of full-time positions has declined 21%.
- Positive operating margins, reduction in accumulated debt and increased capital investment suggest improvement in organizations' financial standing over the last few years.

### Canadian art reaching audiences

- 7,731 artists were featured in 2,675 public performances. Of these:
  - 2,340 public performances were produced and presented at a local scale, reaching 1.9M people.
  - 303 performances were presented nationally, attracting an estimated 191.5K Canadians.
  - 32 international public performances exposed approximately 23.2K attendees to Canadian art.
- The majority of artists receiving artists' fees were Canadian (93.1%).
- 259 new works presented or exhibited were created by or commissioned from Canadian artists, including 34 developed for children or youth.

#### Access to the arts

- In 2016-17, orchestras delivered 2,211 arts education and arts learning activities:
  - 42.4% of these activities (937) were designed specifically for children and 14.7% (326) were developed for youth.
  - **39.4**% of these activities (872) were delivered to individuals of all ages.
  - 3.4% of these activities (76) targeted educators and art professionals, including teacher workshops and professional training/development initiatives.
- These figures do not include a wide assortment of other activities or products delivered by these organizations that promote access to the arts, such as
  - study guides and curricula (113);
  - community arts projects (66);
  - artists-in-residence projects (25);
  - and conferences (8).

## Public participation and support

- Arts education and arts learning activities were attended by 592.3K people, including 420.5K and 67.6K children and youth, respectively.
- Some 4,729 volunteers collectively contributed 165.8K hours of their time to these symphony orchestras.
- Individuals and corporations contributed \$22.8M and \$11.3M to these organizations (40.0% and 19.9% of all private support, respectively). Other significant sources of revenue that reflect the public's support for the arts include fundraising events (\$6.6M), in-kind goods and services (\$4.1M), and other support (\$12.1M, consisting largely of foundation grants and donations).

