

PART 9. ORCHESTRAS & ENSEMBLES

Since entering the 21st century, with the Economic Reform and open up of China, and the development of music and other art and cultural undertakings, music industry has been developed rapidly in China, especially the Symphony.

In recent years, Chinese professional orchestras have made great efforts to open up the international market, and organically combined the characteristics of Chinese music and Western Symphony art in the performances which gains increasingly favorable comments from the international scope. The Chinese symphony industry presents a prosperous scene of diversified music factions and performance styles.

- **China Philharmonic Orchestra**

<https://www.cpolive.com>

The China Philharmonic Orchestra has completed the world premiere and China premiere of a large number of musical works in the past 19 years, and the group is committed to promoting and carrying forward Chinese new music works. In the spring of 2009, the Chinese Philharmonic Orchestra was listed as one of the 'Top ten most influential orchestras in the world' by the British magazine *Gramophone*, Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic Orchestra, etc. were nominated on the list.

- **China National Symphony Orchestra**

<http://www.cnso.com.cn>

China National Symphony Orchestra is a national orchestra which was renamed on the basis of the former Central Orchestra (established in 1956). The orchestra is directly under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China. The orchestra is mainly responsible for performing in major national affairs and diplomatic activities.

- **China National Center for the Performing Arts Orchestra**

<http://www.chncpa.org/subsite/NCPAO2018-19/wap/group.html>

The orchestra with the same excellent performance and rich experience in the field of opera and symphony, the orchestra has become famous as the best amphibious orchestra in China.

- **The Symphony Orchestra of the Central Opera House**

<http://www.chinaopera.com.cn>

The Symphony Orchestra of the Central Opera House is one of the famous symphony orchestras in China. It is an all-around symphony orchestra that can freely control the field of opera and the symphony.

- **Shanghai Symphony Orchestra**

<https://www.shsymphony.com>

The Shanghai Symphony Orchestra (SSO) is the oldest symphony orchestra in Asia. The orchestra has gradually grown into a world-class orchestra.

Shanghai Symphony Orchestra (SSO) Season is SSO's annual programming plan from September through the next June, following an international practice.

Since its launch, SSO Season has proven itself to be a programme at its highest level in China and has further established SSO as a leading orchestra in the music scene. SSO has accumulated up to some 50 pieces of newly commissioned work in its repertoire.

The Shanghai Orchestra Academy (SOA) is the result of a partnership among the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Shanghai Conservatory of Music. Designed to address the need for advanced, post-

graduate orchestral training at the highest level of technique and musicianship, the SOA provides rigorous training at the Master's degree level for talented instrumentalists.

Also, SSO organizes Shanghai Isaac Stern International Violin Competition - the first "Chinese" addition to a world-class violin competition, and the China Orchestra Administration & Management Forum.

- **Guangzhou Symphony Orchestra**

<https://www.gso.org.cn>

Guangzhou Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1957, the orchestra has become one of the largest symphony orchestras with the most artistic level and artistic vitality in China. Also it is the only Chinese orchestra that has left 'music footprints' on five continents of the world so far.

- **Hangzhou Philharmonic Orchestra**

<http://www.hzpo.org/#/home>

Hangzhou Philharmonic Orchestra was founded on April 20, 2009, it is one of the best professional orchestras in China. The orchestra has the courage to challenge all kinds of art forms, and has made great achievements in symphony, opera, ballet, chamber music, film and television music, record recording, etc. The orchestra is also committed to promoting contemporary music, especially the works of Chinese composers.

- **Suzhou Symphony Orchestra**

<http://www.szsorch.com/>

Steeped in the rich cultural origin of ancient Suzhou civilization and founding philosophy of harmony and inclusiveness of the Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou Symphony Orchestra is poised to become a cultural postcard from the ancient city of Suzhou to the world.

Suzhou Symphony Orchestra is founded with the mission of bringing high-end classical music to the citizens of Suzhou while encouraging the union between traditional Suzhou culture and Western symphonic art through the creation of new artistic expressions, and with the goal of becoming a global member and domestic leader in symphony orchestras.

- **Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra**

<http://www.sso.org.cn/>

Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra is one of the most outstanding professional symphony orchestra in China, which is a cultural institution with major support by Shenzhen government. According to the need of career development, the orchestra is accepting applications for the following positions for professional musicians from both domestic and foreign countries.