

Learn & Participate

Aki Phil 2026

Kia whakahiriri ai te hono ki te rāngai pūoro | Inspiring orchestral connections

Tēnā koe e hoa!

Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau hou o ngā Learn & Participate kaupapa whakahiriri. From pre-schoolers to aged-care residents, budding musicians to seasoned enthusiasts, there's something for everyone.

Through these programmes across Tāmaki Makaurau, we aim to offer inspiring opportunities, experiences and orchestral connections that enrich lives and foster creativity.

Karawhiua, e te whānau, dive in and discover the magic of music together in 2026!

Ngā mihi nui,

The Learn & Participate Team
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Philharmonia GO

Calling all students and under 30's! Join Philharmonia GO for only \$5 and enjoy \$10 tickets to Auckland Philharmonia concerts throughout the year.

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Get in touch

Send your Learn & Participate queries to:
✉ learnandparticipate@aucklandphil.nz

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📧 aucklandphil.nz/lp-newsletter

Ticketing info & assistance:
📞 (09) 623 1052 ✉ ticketing@aucklandphil.nz

Schools

He Tūhono Ki Ngā Kura

AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIA IN SCHOOLS

Auckland Philharmonia In Schools is a bespoke music programme, offering a range of opportunities for students to create, access, learn and enjoy music!

If you are interested in signing up, please get in touch to talk about what membership option might be right for your school!

✉ learnandparticipate@aucklandphil.nz

ORCHESTRAL SUMMER SCHOOL

An intensive five-day course where Auckland Philharmonia musicians deliver workshops and rehearsals for high school music students, before a finale performance at the Bruce Mason Centre.

Mon 19 to Thu 22 January 2026
Westlake Girls High School

2pm FINALE concert, Fri 23 January
Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna



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ORCHESTRAL WINTER SCHOOL

FREE

In partnership with the University of Auckland, this two-day event sees high school students rehearsing alongside the Auckland Philharmonia, with sectionals and one-on-one coaching that culminates in a performance for friends and whānau.

Workshops: 4.30pm,
Tue 30 June & Wed 1 July
University of Auckland

Concert: 6pm, Wed 1 July
University of Auckland Music Theatre

PLAY IN SOUTH

High school students sit alongside Auckland Philharmonia musicians to workshop essential orchestral works. Arrangements are provided for all abilities, so everyone can join in!

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1.30pm, Wed 19 August
Due Drop Events Centre



ORCHESTRAL EXPLORERS

Introduce your primary and intermediate students to the orchestra live in concert! In 2026 we team up with Massive Theatre Company as we explore myths and legends through music and theatre.

✉ aucklandphil.nz/explorers

11.30am & 1pm, Wed, 28 October
Aotea Centre

LINK UP: THE ORCHESTRA ROCKS!

FREE

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all primary and intermediate schools

Play with the Auckland Philharmonia! Learn popular classics in school before joining us for a fabulous finale of music-making in this partnership with Carnegie Hall.

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11am, Wed 19 August
Due Drop Events Centre

SYMPHONY UNCOVERED SERIES

High school students are invited to an Auckland Philharmonia rehearsal – an amazing opportunity to see the orchestra at work.

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See calendar for dates,
Auckland Town Hall



INSPIRE

Through the Inspire Programme, Auckland Phil Learn & Participate works with pre-professional musicians across a broad range of programmes, nurturing their talent to help them kickstart their musical careers.

ASPIRING MUSICIANS PROGRAMME

Offering invaluable experience to young performers seeking to boost their professional development, this programme provides ensembles of student musicians with paid performance opportunities to build their industry connections throughout the city.



MASTERCLASSES

FREE

Free for audience members to observe, selected students from the University of Auckland School of Creative Arts, Music receive invaluable mentoring from world-renowned visiting artists, as they share their expert tips and musicianship.



YOUNG COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE

A promising young NZ composer is selected for this residency and commissioned to write three new works that are performed at Auckland Philharmonia events.

COMPOSER WORKSHOPS

A series of orchestral and chamber ensemble composition workshops, where budding student composers hear their pieces performed and workshopped live by Auckland Philharmonia musicians.



ORCHESTRAL FELLOWSHIPS

Postgraduate level string players perform with the orchestra in Auckland Philharmonia mainstage concerts over a three-month period, receiving payment per call and lessons from Auckland Phil Principal players.

AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIA INTERNSHIPS

Postgraduate students from the University of Auckland School of Creative Arts, Music, can work behind the scenes as administrative interns or on stage as orchestral interns with the Auckland Phil over a semester.

HAYDN STAPLES PIANO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Run in conjunction with the University of Auckland's School of Creative Arts, Music, and made possible by the generous support of the **Staples Education Foundation**, this scholarship supports three high-level pianists each year with performance opportunities and skills to boost their pre-professional portfolios.



Communities

He Tūhono Ki Ngā Iwi

COMMUNITY BASH

FREE

Dark and mysterious is this year's theme when we get together to create the biggest orchestra in town. Instrumentalists and singers of all ages and experience levels are invited to join the orchestra for a side-by-side workshop followed by a performance for whānau and friends.

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2pm, Sun 6 September
Auckland Town Hall

COMMUNITY CLASSICS *At the Movies*

KIDS GO FREE!

Gather the whānau together for an uplifting afternoon of music with Auckland's orchestra as we celebrate cinema, performing extracts from favourite and memorable movie soundtracks.

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Central: 3pm, Sun 3 May
Auckland Town Hall

South: 3pm, Sat 4 July
Due Drop Events Centre

North: 3pm, Sun 13 September
Bruce Mason Centre

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INSTRUMENT HANGS

FREE

Join us for our free Instrument Hangs – fun, informal, hands-on workshops led by our musicians, open to community players of all ages and skill levels. Enjoy playing together and discover something new!

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PESE! FASI! PŪORO!

FREE

Come along to this free concert to celebrate Sistema Aotearoa's best young talent alongside the full force of the orchestra.

3pm, Saturday 8 August
Due Drop Events Centre



COMMUNITY EVENTS featuring small ensembles

Auckland Philharmonia's Learn & Participate team is dedicated to bringing the transformative power of music to communities across Tāmaki Makaurau. Through intimate ensemble performances, interactive workshops and creative projects, we design programmes tailored to diverse needs. These initiatives offer meaningful musical experiences that inspire and encourage connection.

HAUORA MUSIC EXPERIENCE

In collaboration with partner organisations, we offer interactive performances and workshops to groups of members and clients from health-related organisations, featuring a small ensemble of Auckland Phil musicians.

Inspired by the Māori concept of Hauora and Sir Mason Durie's the *Te Whare Tapa Whā* model, the Kaupapa of this project is to create a space for people to come together, connect, enjoy the music, play and sing along, and explore how music might benefit their wellbeing.

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EARLY YEARS PROJECT

Each year we partner with two Early Learning Centres to provide creative and engaging music sessions for tamariki paired with professional development for kaiako (teachers), in collaboration with Nurture People Charitable Trust.

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Communities continued

If you would like to find out how we could collaborate with your organisation, please get in touch: learnandparticipate@aucklandphil.nz

IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

This ever-popular music series, proudly supported by Davis Funeral Care, brings Auckland Phil musicians into Auckland's suburbs, performing in intimate venues closer to where you live.

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String Quartets: 6.30pm, 16, 17 & 19 March in Remuera, Devonport & St Heliers

Flute & Strings: 6.30pm, 7, 8 & 10 September in Glen Eden, Takapuna & Remuera



MATARIKI – WAIATA ANTHEMS

Experience the original songs from the iconic multi award-winning 2019 album, performed by Auckland Philharmonia and the next generation of young, rising star Waiata Anthems artists. Come together to celebrate Matariki and honour waiata reo Māori.

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7.30pm, Thur 9 July
Auckland Town Hall

Families

He Tūhono Ki Ngā Whānau

TUNES 4 TAMARIKI

This hour-long interactive concert is the perfect way to introduce your little ones to the orchestra



The Fantabulous Animal Orchestra

Discover a fantabulous world where music meets nature and each creature plays its part in perfect harmony, with a honking of horns, a slither of scales and a bumbling buzz in the air.

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10am & 11.30am, Sat 28 March
Bruce Mason Centre

12.30pm & 2pm, Sun 12 April
Auckland Town Hall

Kirihimete

A lively concert of festive fun filled with singing, dancing and holiday cheer for the littlies. Plus, a chance to get up close to the instruments with our legendary walk-through the orchestra.

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10am & 11.30am, Sat 28 November
Auckland Town Hall

2pm & 3.30pm, Sun 13 December
Bruce Mason Centre



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THE WIZARD OF OZ

Follow the yellow brick road with Dorothy and her friends on this fantastical quest to find the Wizard. Experience the original 1939 classic as the Auckland Phil performs the score live in sync with the movie.

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7.30pm, Fri 8 May
Aotea Centre

2pm, Sat 9 May
Aotea Centre

[Recommended age: 10+]

KIRI AND LOU

The music of one of Aotearoa's favourite TV shows is brought to life through the magic of orchestra. Presented by Liv Tennet, the voice of Kiri, Auckland Phil will perform a selection of delightful songs from the show, alongside stunning visuals from the episodes.

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11am & 2pm, Sat 22 August
Bruce Mason Centre

[Recommended age: 3-10]

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Making an impact in your community



460+
Music activities and events across Tāmaki Makaurau



26,000+
People attended free and low-cost music events



500 hours
Music education & performance activities in schools



960
Student & community musicians played side-by-side in concert with Auckland Phil musicians

Kia whakaurutia, kia whakaako, kia whakangahau ai!
Engage, educate and enjoy