

**Foundation for The Victoria Symphony**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended May 31, 2025**

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

**To the Members of Foundation for The Victoria Symphony**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Foundation for The Victoria Symphony (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at May 31, 2025, and the statements of changes in fund balances, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at May 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Foundation for The Victoria Symphony (*continued*)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-profit Organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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Victoria, British Columbia  
September 5, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants

**Foundation for The Victoria Symphony**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**May 31, 2025**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
Current		
Cash	64,950	114,510
Investments		
General portfolio (Note 4)	16,116,682	14,310,700
Future Fund portfolio (Note 4)	2,569,956	2,549,329
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>18,751,588</b>	<b>16,974,539</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,847	5,060
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Endowment Fund	13,394,535	12,753,841
Future Fund Internally Restricted	2,569,956	2,549,329
Unrestricted Fund	2,781,250	1,666,309
	18,745,741	16,969,479
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>18,751,588</b>	<b>16,974,539</b>

**On behalf of the Board**

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*Director*

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*Director*

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Foundation for The Victoria Symphony**  
**Statement of Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Year Ended May 31, 2025**

	Endowment Fund \$	Future Fund Internally Restricted \$	Unrestricted Fund \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Fund balances - beginning of year</b>	12,753,841	2,549,329	1,666,309	16,969,479	15,355,444
Excess of revenues over expenses	320,347	20,627	1,435,288	1,776,262	1,614,035
Interfund transfers ( <i>Note 5</i> )	320,347	-	(320,347)	-	-
<b>Fund balances - end of year</b>	<b>13,394,535</b>	<b>2,569,956</b>	<b>2,781,250</b>	<b>18,745,741</b>	<b>16,969,479</b>

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**Foundation for The Victoria Symphony**  
**Statement of Operations**  
**Year Ended May 31, 2025**

	Endowment Fund \$	Future Fund \$	Unrestricted Fund \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Revenues</b>					
Donations and bequests	-	-	163,617	163,617	347,016
Canada Cultural Investment Fund grant	320,347	-	-	320,347	611,641
Investment income	-	281,985	1,995,782	2,277,767	1,730,256
Vancouver Foundation (Note 7)	-	-	23,829	23,829	22,667
	320,347	281,985	2,183,228	2,785,560	2,711,580
<b>Expenses</b>					
Contribution to Victoria Symphony Society (Note 6)	-	250,000	650,000	900,000	1,000,000
Investment management fees	-	11,358	72,236	83,594	74,116
Scholarships and donations	-	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Professional fees	-	-	6,550	6,550	5,587
Insurance	-	-	1,897	1,897	1,850
Advertising and promotion	-	-	1,479	1,479	-
Office	-	-	778	778	992
	-	261,358	747,940	1,009,298	1,097,545
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	320,347	20,627	1,435,288	1,776,262	1,614,035

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**Foundation for The Victoria Symphony**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year Ended May 31, 2025**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,776,262	1,614,035
Items not affecting cash:		
Investment income net of management fees	(2,191,297)	(1,642,078)
Donations in kind	(89,990)	(37,856)
	<u>(505,025)</u>	<u>(65,899)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Due from Victoria Symphony Society	-	6,290
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	787	134
	<u>787</u>	<u>6,424</u>
Cash flow used by operating activities	<u>(504,238)</u>	<u>(59,475)</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Proceeds from sale of donations in kind	89,990	37,856
Additions to investment portfolio	(548,870)	(427,129)
Withdrawals from investment portfolio	913,558	535,050
Cash flow from investing activities	<u>454,678</u>	<u>145,777</u>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash flow</b>	<u>(49,560)</u>	<u>86,302</u>
Cash - beginning of year	<u>114,510</u>	<u>28,208</u>
<b>Cash - end of year</b>	<u>64,950</u>	<u>114,510</u>

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# Foundation for The Victoria Symphony

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended May 31, 2025

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### 1. Purpose of the Foundation

Foundation for the Victoria Symphony (the "Foundation") is a not-for-profit organization under the Societies Act (British Columbia). The Foundation is a registered charity and is exempt from the payment of income taxes under the Income Tax Act.

The objectives of the Foundation are to promote and support the Victoria Symphony Society (the "Society") and the presentation of symphonic music principally on Vancouver Island; to assist organizations and institutions involved with young artists interested in a musical career and the furtherance of their artistic progress; to solicit and accept gifts, contributions and bequests of all kinds to enable it to carry out its objectives; and to administer such funds by holding, investing and reinvesting them, ensuring, at all times, adherence to the donors' directions.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) and include the following significant accounting policies:

#### Fund accounting

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting to recognize external restrictions applied to contributions from donors and grantors, and to recognize internal restrictions made by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

The Unrestricted Fund reports revenues and expenditures of the Foundation including investment income (losses) and donations and grants received for which there are no restrictions imposed by the donor or grantor. Revenues and direct expenses attributable to the Future Fund are reported in that fund.

The Endowment Fund comprises matching grant amounts received from the Canadian Heritage Cultural Investment Fund - Endowment Incentives Program as administered by Canadian Heritage and the private donations received by the Foundation that give rise to qualification for the matching grants. The Endowment Fund is to be maintained in perpetuity in the Foundation's restricted assets in accordance with the grant agreement between the Foundation and the Minister of Canadian Heritage. All income earned on the Endowment Fund becomes the property of the Unrestricted Fund.

The Future Fund comprises amounts of otherwise Unrestricted Fund balances that have been set aside by internal restriction by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Future Fund was established by motion of the Foundation Board of Directors in 2020 in collaboration with the Society Board of Directors with the objective of enhancing the Foundation's ability to provide additional financial support to the Society in the event of unexpected adverse financial results experienced by the Society in a year.

#### Donated services and materials

The Foundation benefits greatly from donated services in the form of volunteer time. The value of donated services is not recognized in these financial statements. Assets donated are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution.

#### Donations and bequests

When matching grants are received from the Canada Cultural Investment Fund, the matched contributions are transferred to the Endowment Fund.

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# Foundation for The Victoria Symphony

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended May 31, 2025

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### 2. Significant accounting policies (*continued*)

#### Financial instruments policy

The Foundation's financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

#### Revenue recognition

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Unrestricted Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Contributions designated for the Future Fund are recognized as revenue of the relevant fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Endowment contributions are reported in the Endowment Fund in the year received.

Investment income in the respective funds consists of interest and dividend income received from investments along with realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, that are recorded on the accrual basis. The Foundation also receives distributions from the Vancouver Foundation that are recorded as revenue when received or receivable.

### 3. Donor specific funds

The John H. McEown Family Trust fund comprises donations totaling \$370,897 to May 31, 2025 (2024: \$370,897), of which \$318,311 is included in the Endowment Fund along with an equal amount of matching grants from the Canada Cultural Heritage Fund Endowment Incentives Program. The balance of the donations remained in the Unrestricted Fund.

The Sandra Lackenbauer fund comprises donations totaling \$157,000 to May 31, 2025 (2024: \$157,000) of which \$103,127 is included in the Endowment Fund along with an equal amount of matching grants from the Canada Cultural Heritage Fund Endowment Incentives Program. The balance of the donations remained in the Unrestricted Fund.

The Dallas and Len Chapple fund comprises donations totaling \$900,000 to May 31, 2025 (2024: \$900,000) of which \$301,993 is included in the Endowment Fund along with an equal amount of matching grants from the Canada Cultural Heritage Fund Endowment Incentives Program. The balance of the donations remained in the Unrestricted Fund. This donor directed that \$400,000 plus be held in the Unrestricted Fund to be available to the Society as it deems appropriate for artistic purposes and areas of greatest financial need. On June 1, 2020 the Foundation transferred \$400,000 from the Dallas and Len Chapple fund in the Unrestricted Fund to the Society.

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### 4. Investments

At May 31, 2025, the investments were managed by Jarislowsky Fraser and invested as follows:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
General portfolio:		
Canadian Equity Fund	3,787,234	3,424,527
US Equity Fund	2,636,123	2,541,830
International Pooled Fund CS	2,770,977	2,495,761
Bond Fund	2,939,786	2,473,217
Fixed Income Core Plus Fund	2,484,952	2,180,735
Emerging Markets Equity Fund CS	527,319	467,611
Dynamic Global Infrastructure Fund	450,616	377,152
Cash and Cash Equivalents	519,675	349,867
	<u>16,116,682</u>	<u>14,310,700</u>
Future Fund portfolio:		
Global Balanced Fund	1,392,092	1,428,936
Bond Fund	1,096,873	976,944
Cash and Cash Equivalents	80,991	143,449
	<u>2,569,956</u>	<u>2,549,329</u>
	<u>18,686,638</u>	<u>16,860,029</u>

The General portfolio includes investments of \$13,394,535 for the Endowment Fund with the remaining \$2,772,147 belonging to the Unrestricted Fund.

### 5. Interfund transfers

The following interfund transfers occurred in the current year:

	Endowment Fund \$	Future Fund \$	Unrestricted Fund \$	2025 \$
Regarding Heritage Canada				
Matching Grant	320,347	-	(320,347)	-
	<u>320,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(320,347)</u>	<u>-</u>

The amount transferred from the Unrestricted Fund to the Endowment Fund represents donations and bequests matched during the year by grants from the Canada Cultural Investment Fund. Matching grants are applied for based on donations and bequests received in a 12-month period ended November 30 in the Foundation's fiscal year and are approved and received prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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### 6. Support for The Victoria Symphony Society

As described in Note 1, one of the Foundation's objectives is to promote and support Victoria Symphony Society (the "Society"). The bylaws of the Foundation provide that its Board comprises not less than seven members of which three are appointed by the Society, and these three appointees must include the President of the Society and the Treasurer of the Society.

During the year the Foundation provided contributions to the Society in the amount of \$900,000 (2024: \$1,000,000) to support the annual operations of the Society.

Contributions by the Foundation in support of the Society are at the discretion of the Foundation Board in accordance with the statutory obligation to disburse a sum equal to 5% of total assets and the following:

1. The Foundation has adopted a policy to make regular annual contributions to support the operations of the Society up to an annual limit in any year determined as the average of the total investments held by the Foundation as at September 30th and December 31st of the prior year multiplied by a preset percentage. The preset percentage for the 2025 year was 5.00% (2024: 5.00%). The actual amount of any regular annual contribution to the Society up to the prescribed maximum is determined by the Foundation Board each year based on an assessment of the current financial results of the Society and the current financial capacity of the Foundation.

2. The Foundation Board will consider additional contributions to the Society in any year in the event of unusual or unexpected adverse financial conditions experienced by the Society in a year. The actual amount of any such additional contribution to the Society would be determined by the Foundation Board based on an assessment of the current financial results of the Society and the current financial capacity of the Foundation.

3. The Society may from time to time make contributions out of operating surpluses arising within the Society. Under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation and the Society dated July 5, 2021, the parties recognized that, in the event the Society experiences unexpected adverse financial conditions, the Society may request a return of some or all of contributions previously made by the Society to the Foundation.

During the year contributions by the Society to the Foundation were \$nil (2024: \$nil).

In July 2021, the Society adopted a policy to donate to the Foundation unrestricted bequests received by the Society. In the current year the Society donated \$9,213 (2024: \$141,099) of such bequests to the Foundation. These amounts are included in Donations and Bequests revenue by the Foundation.

### 7. Vancouver Foundation

The Foundation for The Victoria Symphony established an endowment fund with the Vancouver Foundation in 1992. The endowment fund is held and administered by the Vancouver Foundation in perpetuity for the benefit of the Foundation for The Victoria Symphony. Since the Foundation for The Victoria Symphony only receives the annual income from the fund, the endowment is not shown in these statements.

There were no contributions to the endowment fund held by the Foundation for The Victoria Symphony for the fiscal year 2025. The fund earns investment income in accordance with the Investment Policy of the Vancouver Foundation. Distributions from the fund are determined by the Distribution Policy of the Vancouver Foundation which was 5.00% for 2025. Earned income from the endowment fund during fiscal year 2025 was \$23,829 (2024: \$22,667), which is reported as contributions from the Vancouver Foundation in these financial statements.

As at Foundation financial year end (May 31, 2025), the endowment fund had an estimated market value of \$512,870 (2024: \$498,496).

The Vancouver Foundation levies an annual administration fee equal to 1.40% of the fair value of the fund each year.

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### 8. Financial risks and concentration of risks

The Foundation is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and it is the Board's opinion that the Foundation's investment managers are taking the necessary steps to mitigate these risks through construction of diversified portfolios of instruments traded on various markets across various industries. The following analysis provides information about the Foundation's risk exposure and concentration as of May 31, 2025.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Foundation does not face significant credit risk exposure.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the potential for financial loss to the Foundation from changes in the values of its financial instruments due to changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates or equity prices. The Foundation is exposed to market risk due to their investments.

#### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the Foundation's earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Foundation is exposed to currency risk on investments held in foreign currencies. The Foundation does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to currency risk.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its investments in fixed income securities because the fair value will fluctuate with changes in market interest rates.