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IMPACT 2025/26



Christian Kluxen, Music Director

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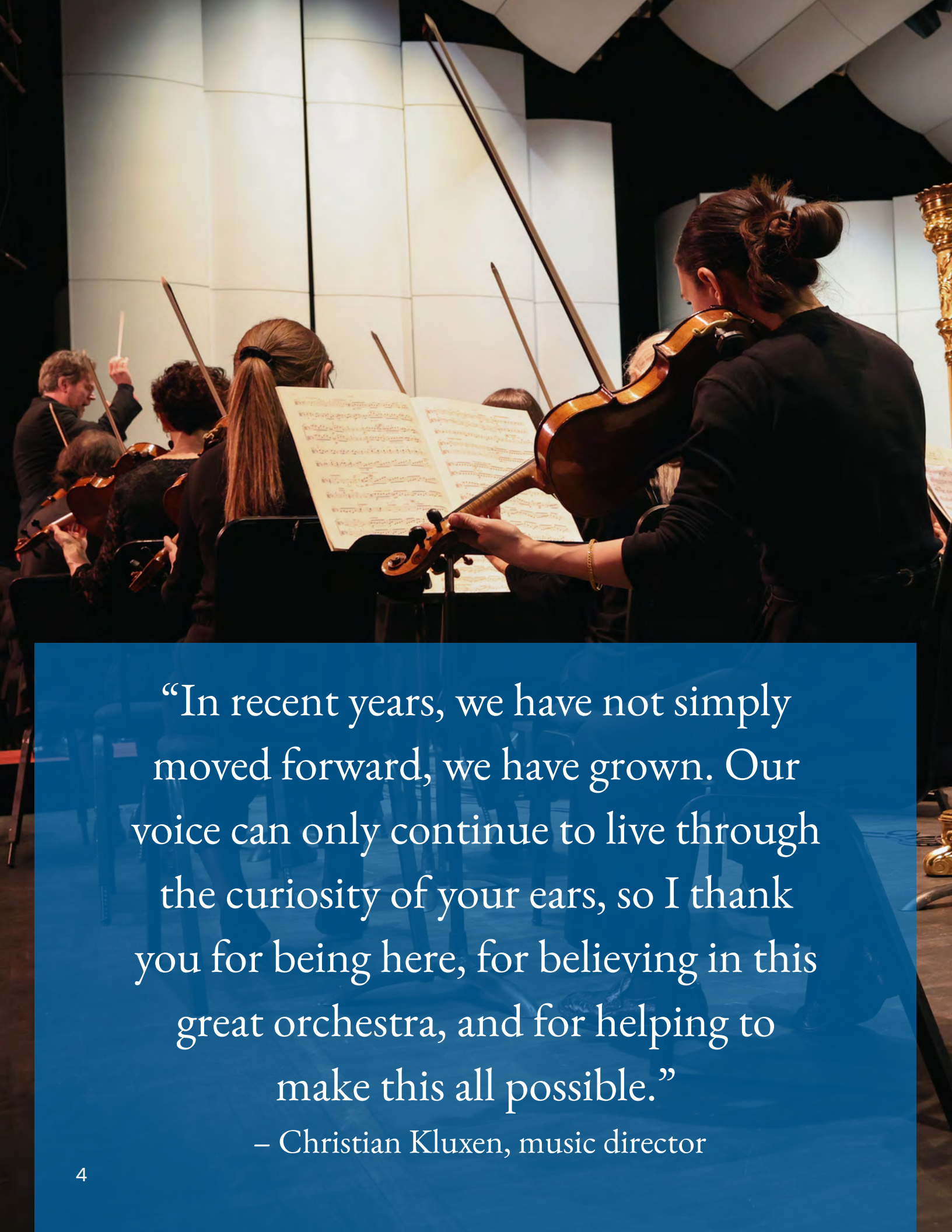
The Victoria Symphony inspires, educates, & captivates our community through the **TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF MUSIC.**

- Christian Kluxen**
Music Director
- Sean O’Loughlin**
Principal Pops Conductor
- Matthew White**
CEO



“The Victoria Symphony is an asset to this city and proof that a vibrant music organization enriches the community.”

– Lynne, subscriber



“In recent years, we have not simply moved forward, we have grown. Our voice can only continue to live through the curiosity of your ears, so I thank you for being here, for believing in this great orchestra, and for helping to make this all possible.”

– Christian Kluxen, music director

VS VITALS

2025/26 SEASON

The record-smashing momentum continued into our 85th Anniversary Season, with **111,000 patrons** joining us for the season and the return of Symphony *SPLASH!*, and **26 sold-out performances**. Our commitment to accessibility and education grew significantly, marked by a **68% increase in students reached** and the launch of the Kids Concerts Ticketing Program, which provided **1,140 free tickets for families**.

111,298

attendees

26

sold-out concerts

56

performances

1,459

subscribers

847

donors

3,963

new patron accounts

3,362

volunteer hours

76

community partners, funders & sponsors

280

hours in rehearsal

\$1.7m

donations & fundraising

\$2.28m

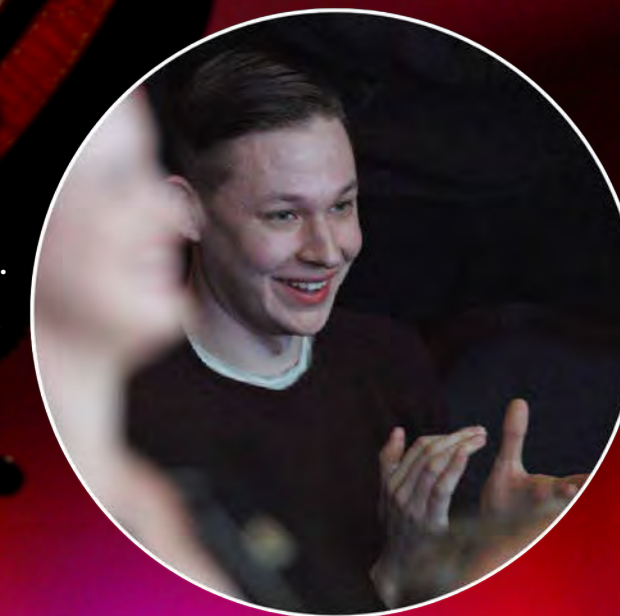
subscription & single-ticket sales

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extraordinary 85th anniversary season



“For many, attending a live concert simply isn’t something that feels accessible, and your generosity opens the door to joy, connection, and memorable moments that ripple far beyond a single event. Thank you for the Kids Concerts Ticketing Program and investing in families in our community.”
– Stephanie, Single Parent Victoria



“I purchased vsSOUNDCHECK tickets and just want to say thanks for this program. The entire performance was fabulous, I was completely captivated and the extended standing ovations told the tale!!”
– Jake, vsSOUNDCHECK patron

2,000 +

patrons aged 35 and under belong to vsSOUNDCHECK, which provides accessibly priced \$15 tickets to concerts

20,204

children participated in 187 education and outreach program sessions in their schools and across the community



“I attend concerts with an autistic adult. She loves to come to the Symphony, especially the films in concert. Everyone is always so kind to her and the conductor even visit with her as well! Overall, a wonderful experience!”
– Courtney, patron



“Our school is very appreciative of the VS programs for youth and how accessible they are. Thank you for the rich programming you provide to schools!”
– Sandra, teacher School District 62



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

From Symphony *SPLASH!* to Mahler's Symphony No. 5, our 85th anniversary season reflected the heart and spirit of Victoria. A season defined by momentum, musical excellence, and community support.

“**Mahler Symphony No. 5** was an amazing performance to conclude a memorable 85th season. The extended standing ovation PRIOR to the concert speaks for itself.”

– Heather & Matt, subscribers/donors

“**Jeremy Dutcher in Concert** was a beautiful example of what music can do in the world.”

– Sherrill, subscriber

“**Symphony SPLASH!** is the absolute highlight of what it means to live in this beautiful city! Thank you for the most incredible experience.” – Lori, subscriber

“As a parent it was thrilling to watch the **Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra** experience the joy of being in the middle of a large orchestra, playing next to their mentors. My son came home more convinced than ever that he wants to be a professional musician. This was a profound experience that he will remember for the rest of his life.” – Glenys, patron

“At a time when the world seems troubled, the performance of Mozart's Requiem by the Victoria Symphony, four Canadian soloists and **The Choir of King's College Cambridge** was a balm for our collective souls! The weekend was a masterclass in community service and musical excellence.” – Matthew, subscriber

“**Kluxen & Leong – Beethoven Violin Concerto** was an amazing beginning for the season.

Best ever, and I have attended since 1968!” – Kay, subscriber

“I love being able to expose our kids to the live symphony, however the unexpected highlight came from watching my partner's delighted face throughout the entire performance of **Elf in Concert**. At Intermission he leaned over and exclaimed “I am just SO happy!”.

Thank you for this wonderful holiday memory!” – Megan, patron



“Thank you to Kimberly for coming to our strings class. Aside from her amazing violin skills, she was so positive and encouraging. I think the impact of meeting a professional violinist will be felt by the students for a long time.”

– Jacob, teacher School District 61

“I came with three grandchildren and only 2 tickets for them and I was given one that had been handed in. I really appreciated the generosity of the VS community. Thank you!”

– Susan, subscriber



1,556

Share the Music tickets distributed to families and organizations working with children, youth, seniors, immigrants, and people experiencing homelessness

8,000 +

new patrons attended a concert from 3,963 new ticket accounts



“As a mother, exposing my children to live music is important to me. The Victoria Symphony provides a welcoming, inspiring environment to spark their curiosity and love for the arts. Seeing my children engaged, listening, and experiencing music beyond screens has been incredibly meaningful.”

– Melinda, parent

“Our members often feel isolated and overwhelmed, and the opportunity to attend a Victoria Symphony performance enriches the lives of persons with dementia by fostering meaningful reconnection through their shared appreciation for music.”

– Debra, Memory Connections Victoria



EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

7,000

students and educators attended Education Concerts

10,000

students from 42 schools had a VS musician visit their classroom

3,000

children enjoyed the Instrument Petting Zoo at festivals & events across Victoria

300

free tickets distributed through BCLC Community Ticketing Program

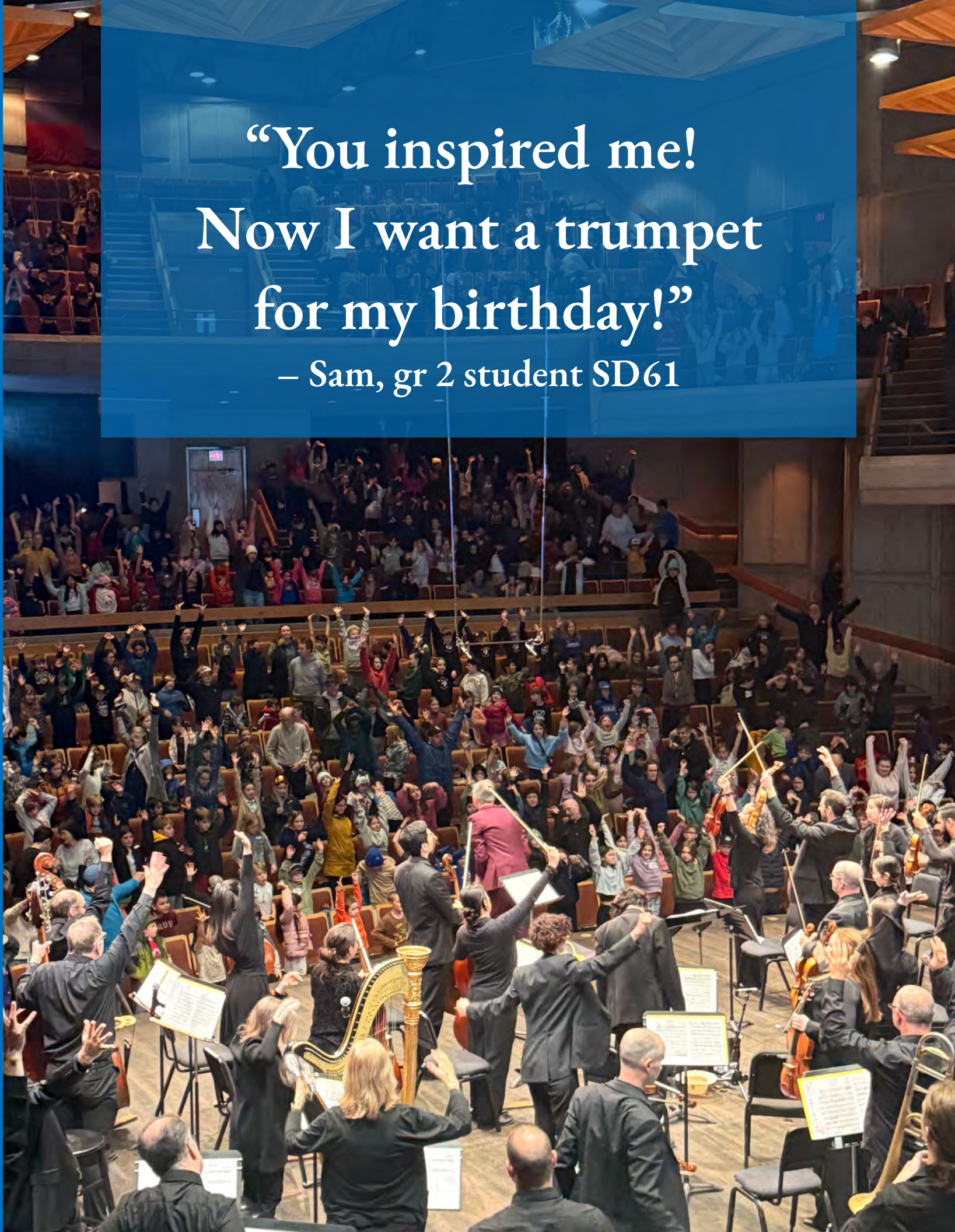
970

\$15 tickets purchased through vsSOUNDCHECK

1,140

free tickets distributed to families with the launch of the Kids Concerts Ticketing Program

“You inspired me!
Now I want a trumpet
for my birthday!”
– Sam, gr 2 student SD61



YOUR VICTORIA SYMPHONY

Whether in concert or performing with Pacific Opera Victoria, Dance Victoria, or Ballet Victoria, collaborating with choirs or presenters across the region, this orchestra belongs to the entire community. This is YOUR Victoria Symphony.

“These hard working, inspiring artists are a wonderful asset to the community and deserve our support.” – Diane, donor/subscriber

“My kids play music and it is really inspiring to see their teachers on stage!” – Harley, patron

“At every VS concert the energy and excitement is palpable. Maybe comparable to a rock concert; just without the mosh pit?!” – Sheridan, donor/subscriber

“A VS concert is like visiting family, besides music, there is all this love.” – Cathy, subscriber

“I live alone and every year I get my subscription to the Victoria Symphony because whenever I go to a concert I never feel alone.” – Joyce, subscriber

“I wish every Sunday was a Symphony Sunday!” – Donna, donor/subscriber

“I was never really a music person, but a couple of years ago I went to one VS concert, then a couple more the next year. Last year I got season's tickets. Now I'm going to things like Rachmaninoff concerts and loving them. I think you may have turned me into a music person VS!” – Joanne, subscriber

“Sharing music with my daughter has been one of the gifts VS has given me.” – Iain, patron

“I support VS by volunteering, they are my happy place!” – Barbara, volunteer

“Getting a babysitter and going to the Symphony is one of my wife's and my favourite things to do.” – Andrew, patron

“I love that my 11-year-old son is excited to go to the symphony!” – Jacqueline, subscriber

“It is very satisfying to see so many young players in the orchestra because it means that the future of the Victoria Symphony is in good hands.” – Peter & Sheila, subscribers





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