

Auburn Symphony Orchestra

About Us

In 1996, Founding Conductor and Music Director Stewart Kershaw assembled a talented group of regional musicians to form a symphony orchestra. Now under the direction of Wesley Schulz, the fully-professional Auburn Symphony Orchestra has become one of the most acclaimed orchestras in the Northwest with its core of musicians from the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra. Each year, the Orchestra performs symphony programs and chamber ensemble concerts for orchestral music lovers from Western Washington and beyond.



The Orchestra's home is the Auburn Performing Arts Center in downtown Auburn. Chamber concerts take place around the Auburn community including Mary Olson Farm, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Geaux Brewing, and the Auburn International Farmer's Market.



Our Mission

Auburn Symphony Orchestra changes lives and our South Puget Sound community through the shared experience of live orchestral music performances and by nurturing the relationship between our audience and our artists.

Education & Community

Auburn Symphony Orchestra engages youth and adults throughout Auburn in education programs.

- **School Clinics with Music Director Wesley Schulz**

Each year, Schulz brings his enthusiasm and experience working with young musicians to classrooms in the Auburn area to work with instrumental ensembles and developing players.

- **Pre-Concert Lectures hosted by Dave Beck from Classical KING FM 98.1**

Prior to each Symphony concert, join Seattle radio host and Auburn Symphony cellist Dave Beck for an informative and interactive conversation about music.

- **Chamber Music in Schools**

Chamber groups of Auburn Symphony Orchestra musicians are available to visit your school! String, brass, or woodwind groups perform a 45-minute, interactive program designed to excite students about music.



- **Side-by-Side and Pre-Concert Programs**

School ensembles are invited to join the Auburn Symphony on stage in a side-by-side performance or to perform in the lobby prior to a concert.

- **Discounted Teacher and Student Tickets**

Teachers, students, and their family members are eligible to receive \$10 tickets to Auburn Symphony Orchestra performances. We strive to keep these important opportunities accessible!



**Fantastic performances every single time!
You always hit it out of the ballpark!
Thank you!"**

- Auburn Symphony Orchestra patron



Music Director Wesley Schulz

Wesley Schulz is the Music Director and Conductor of Auburn Symphony Orchestra. Previously, he served as Music Director of the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Festival Orchestra and Director of Orchestras at University of Puget Sound. Additionally, he holds the Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair as the Associate Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony where he conducts more than 150 concerts each year.



Schulz holds Bachelor degrees in Percussion Performance and Music Education from Ball State University and Doctorate and Master's degrees in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Texas at Austin. Read more at wesleyschulz.com.



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