



MPO Patrons

2016-2017 Concert Season



MPO Patrons are first and foremost individuals who love great music and want to share the MPO's vision of bringing the best quality music to the greatest amount of people.

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A Unique Endowment

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) is recognised as the foremost professional musical institution on the Maltese islands, performing in more than 70 concerts a year, priding itself in delivering music of the highest calibre and committed to its role of serving the Maltese community.

We are immensely grateful for the support of companies and individuals who believe in our work and want to help us achieve our ambitions. Our Patrons play a vital role in supporting our education and outreach programmes in the local community, enhance the continuous professional development of our musicians, as well as sustain the breadth and depth of our work. With your support, we can continue to make a valuable contribution to Malta's vibrant cultural scene.

About Us

Founded in 1968, the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra in its current formation brings together the best of Maltese talent and musicians hailing from ten other countries. Since its inception the Orchestra has been under the direction of Malta's most prominent musicians as its resident and principal conductors.

In September 2014 internationally acclaimed conductor Brian Schembri was appointed Principal Conductor and Artistic Director.



The orchestra's extensive calendar of events, places the MPO as Malta's leading cultural ambassador. Performing in more than 70 concerts a year, including regular symphonic concerts, annual opera productions, community outreach programmes and a number of concerts of a lighter musical genre in various prominent venues around the islands. The MPO also collaborates with foreign orchestras and opera companies, leading to various cultural exchange programmes. Last season the MPO undertook its first tour to China, with performances in eight major cities. This season the orchestra has performed at the Expo 2015 in Milan and at the Alte Oper in Frankfurt, with similar performances planned at the Vatican in Rome and the Musikverein in Vienna for the 2016-2017 concert season.

The MPO recently featured in some highly successful series of CDs. Most recently the MPO collaborated with the international label Naxos in a project featuring works by Maltese composer Charles Camilleri.



Over the years the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra has performed with a number of distinguished concert artists, world-renowned conductors and also personalities from the pop world.

The orchestra is also a predominant exponent of Maltese composers and performers and is actively involved in education

programmes for children, involving them in workshops and bespoke performances with programmes targeting children and young families. The MPO is responsible for the orchestral training, research and professional development of young musicians, through the formation of the MPO Orchestra Academy and the Malta Youth Orchestra.

Under its new leadership, the MPO today continues to pride itself on developing its vision of delivering music of the highest calibre on the Maltese islands while also promoting our musical heritage abroad.

Our Audience

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra has a diverse audience that regularly fills our concert halls and attends our many music events at public squares or local churches.

Ranging from the 'traditional culture vultures' to the youngest enthusiastic listeners, the total number of audience members attending our concerts on an annual basis is approximately 30,000.



Become an MPO Patron

The MPO is committed to serving the Maltese community. We have an extensive programme of education and outreach, and do our utmost to invest in the professional development of our own musicians. We believe that these values inspire generous individuals to support the work that we do towards making our communities a better place in which to live and grow.

You could become directly involved with the work of the MPO with annual subscriptions on three different levels, and enjoy many benefits as detailed below.

MPO Supporter - from €500

- ✓ Special mention on the MPO website, in our page specially dedicated to our Individual MPO Patrons
- ✓ Personalised priority box office, with choice of regular box or seats, with a 50% discount on up to two tickets, when booked directly through the MPO
- ✓ Free access to specific open rehearsals for up to two persons
- ✓ Two reserved tickets for the Opening Season Concert at the Manoel Theatre
- ✓ Two reserved tickets for Classics Under the Stars Concert at Girgenti Palace
- ✓ Two reserved tickets for the MPO Concerts at Basilica di San Paolo in Rome and Musikverein in Vienna

MPO Patron - from €1000

As for Supporter, plus

- ✓ Acknowledgment in the MPO Concert Season Booklet and all the individual Concert Programme Booklets produced for every MPO concert
- ✓ Two complimentary tickets for all concerts organised by the MPO
- ✓ Invitation to interval refreshments in our dedicated VIP area during the MPO concerts held at the Manoel Theatre and Mediterranean Conference Centre



MPO Benefactor - from €2,500

As for Patron, plus

- ✓ Invitation to a special Orchestral Concert, exclusively organised for MPO Patrons and Sponsors at the Manoel Theatre. This distinctive event will also include a post-concert reception, providing a unique networking event and opportunity to meet MPO musicians, conductor and soloists.
- ✓ The opportunity to host your own private event, featuring a chamber music concert by a select group of MPO musicians.



Under the government's new legislation, donations to cultural entities registered through a company will benefit from a 150% tax rebate.

Patrons may choose to support specific areas of the MPO's work and we would be happy to discuss your individual values and interests to create an affiliation that is specific to your donation.



Support a Young Musician: The MPO is responsible for the training and development of Malta's young orchestral musicians. With a donation of €500 you may follow the training of one MYO musician and celebrate their achievement and successes throughout the year.

Endow an MPO Chair: Create a deeper connection with the orchestra, by designating your donation to a musician's "chair". With a gift of €2,000 you will support the position of a Section Leader and with €5,000 you will support the MPO Orchestral Leader. You will have the opportunity to meet the musician who currently occupies the endowed position in specific open rehearsals, as well as other events and receptions throughout the year.



Champion an International Musician

With a donation of between €3,500 and €10,000 you may be directly involved in bringing an international soloist to perform with the MPO. You may also wish to support the work of our Guest Leader for €5,000, Visiting Conductors for €7,500 or our Principal Conductor for €10,000.

Depending on the choice of your particular musician, your name will be associated with their appearance at our concerts, and you will get the opportunity to join us for an exclusive private event with the musician.

Sponsor an Orchestral Instrument: Musical instruments are valuable. Some rare instruments provide investment opportunity for investors, but for a musician the experience of playing on a good instrument is priceless! You may designate your donation of between €500 and €3,000 towards purchasing parts of orchestral instruments or their regular maintenance. With donations of between €3,000 and €10,000 you will help us buy orchestral instruments that will be used by our Youth Orchestra musicians to train on and MPO musicians when the need arises. More generous donations could go for the purchase of specific large orchestral instruments such as a Harp, Timpani or Marimba.

MPO Educational Programmes

The MPO invests in an extensive education and outreach programme, not least through the training opportunities we offer talented young musicians through our MPO Academy in order to produce Malta's future professional musicians.

Music Workshops: A donation of €2,000 will affiliate you to the MPO's education and outreach events. In the past year these have included school visits to our rehearsals, music workshops for children and a creative music making event at Parliament.



Malta Youth Orchestra: The Malta Youth Orchestra (MYO) aims to skill Malta's talented young orchestral musicians, while giving them opportunities to develop their ambition and aspirations. Operating in collaboration with the MPO Academy, the MYO nurtures a sense of professionalism in our young musicians, through regular rehearsals, workshops, masterclasses and performances with local and international music tutors.



A donation of €2,500 will provide one month's orchestral training programme for MYO musicians through the MPO Academy, which prepares young musicians for auditions and performances on a national and international level.

