

#### Creating joy through orchestral music

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Albury Wodonga Symphony Orchestra (AWSO) is built on a foundation of respect, professionalism, and a shared passion for music. Our Code of Conduct ensures that every member contributes positively to the orchestra's environment, fostering collaboration and mutual support. It provides a clear framework to uphold the values that allow us to create exceptional musical experiences while maintaining a harmonious and respectful community.

### **Respect for Fellow Musicians**

**Professionalism:** I will show respect and courtesy toward all fellow musicians, conductors, members and guests during rehearsals, performances, and all related activities.

**Inclusivity:** I will support a welcoming environment for musicians of all backgrounds, encouraging collaboration and unity within the orchestra.

**Positive Behaviour:** I will foster a positive and respectful atmosphere by refraining from disruptive behaviours and will address any conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner.

#### Commitment to Rehearsals and Performances

**Attendance:** I commit to attending all scheduled rehearsals and performances. If I must miss a rehearsal or event, I will notify the orchestra manager in advance.

**Punctuality:** I will arrive with enough time that I am set up and ready to start at the beginning of rehearsal.

**Engagement:** During rehearsals, I will be attentive, focused, and contribute positively to the collaborative process of making music.

Status: Current Effective Date: December 2024 Review Date: December 2025 Approved By: AWSO Committee **Preparedness:** I will practise my part between rehearsals to ensure that I am fully prepared and able to contribute to the success of the ensemble.

**Equipment and Rehearsal Spaces:** I will treat the equipment, rehearsal spaces, and performance venues with care and respect, ensuring these shared resources are maintained for the benefit of all.

**Feedback and Accountability:** I understand that as a member of the orchestra, I am accountable to my fellow musicians and the conductor. If I fall short of these expectations, I will accept feedback graciously and make efforts to improve. I commit to addressing any issues directly with the conductor, committee or appropriate members of the orchestra.

## **Embracing our Values**

**Community Engagement:** I understand that the orchestra exists to connect with and enrich the community through the power of music. I will contribute to this mission by participating in community events and performances and promoting the orchestra's activities in a positive light.

**Dedication:** I am dedicated to the highest standards of musical performance. I will always strive to contribute my best to every rehearsal and concert, ensuring that each experience is captivating, inspiring, and reflects the excellence of our ensemble.

**Collaboration:** I recognise that music is a collaborative effort, and I value working together with my fellow musicians, conductors, and local artists. I will be open to new ideas, feedback, and partnerships with local organisations to enrich the cultural life of our community.

**Passion for Music:** I will bring passion, enthusiasm, and a deep love for orchestral music to all rehearsals, performances, and interactions within the orchestra. My commitment to sharing the beauty and impact of music will be evident in all that I do within the ensemble.

By becoming a valued playing member of the orchestra, I agree to abide by the Albury Wodonga Symphony Orchestra (AWSO) Code of Conduct, which outlines the expectations for behaviour, attendance, and participation within the orchestra.