The Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra is New Zealand’s full time professional symphony orchestra, serving the country’s largest and most vibrant city with a comprehensive programme of concerts, education, and outreach activities. In more than 120 performances annually, the APO presents a full season of symphonic work showcasing many of the world’s finest classical musicians. Apart from mainstage concerts, the APO Connecting (education, outreach, and community) offers opportunities to more than 20,000 young people and adults nationwide to participate in music.

The APO Youth Chamber Ensemble consists of many of New Zealand’s most talented young aspiring musicians, with its adventurous and exciting programmes, the ensemble provides unique experiences for both the participants and the audience. Directed by APO violinist James Jin, the APO Youth Chamber Ensemble is undertaking many performance projects in the 2018 season, featuring newly commissioned New Zealand pieces, cross artform collaborations, multicultural collaborations, and multimedia.

James Jin, conductor of orchestra.

James Jin is currently working as Associate Principal Second Violinist in the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, China Liaisons Coordinator in APO, Director of Auckland Academy of Music, and Director of APO Youth Chamber Ensemble. Xin (James) Jin was born in China and came to New Zealand with his family in 2001. James was contracted by the Wellington Vector Orchestra as Principal Second Violinist in 2007, and in the following year he was admitted to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He won the first prizes of American competitions and worked with renowned teachers, artists, ensembles and conductor of orchestra. James has won the New Zealand School of Music concerto competition and the Waikanae Music Society scholarship. Besides working for the APO, James appears regularly in recitals and concerts throughout the country. His chamber ensemble, the Auckland Piano Trio, is featured in the Chamber Music of New-Zealand (CMNZ) Encompass Regional Tour concert series.
MUSICAL PROGRAMME

Vivaldi: Four Seasons
- Spring: Allegro
- Summer: Presto
- Autumn: Allegro
- Winter: Allegro non molto

Mozart: Piano Concerto in A Major K 414 1st Movement – soloist Yuzhang Wu

Howard Shore: The Lord of the Rings Suite
  - Gollum’s Song
  - Into the West
  - The Fellowship of the Ring

Dvorak: String Quartet No.12 Op.96
  II. Lento
  IV. Finale: vivace ma non troppo

Aaron Copland: 'Hoe Down' arranged