

THE WORLD'S LEADING POP & JAZZ ORCHESTRA

RECORDING WITH METROPOLITAN ORKEST

As the world's largest professional pop & jazz orchestra the Metropole Orkest has been a beloved accompanist on stage and in the recording studio to musicians worldwide. Jazz greats Ella Fitzgerald, Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie. And pop artists Brian Eno, Tori Amos and Elvis Costello. In more recent years the orchestra has played with artists like Gregory Porter, Jonathan Jeremiah, Within Temptation & Laura Mvula. The Grammy Award winning Metropole Orkest (three awards, most recently with Snarky Puppy in 2016) is specialized in recording film scores and has experience with video game soundtracks



WHY CHOOSE METROPOLE ORKEST?

- Reputation as the world's leading pop and jazz orchestra, experienced in all non-classical genres
- Excellent recording facilities just 45 minutes from Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport
- A core ensemble of 50 musicians who record and perform together on a regular basis
- Flexible in planning/production and line-up
- International team of freelance arrangers on call

INSTRUMENTATION

The orchestra's full line-up consists of 50 musicians. It is, however, possible to record with a smaller ensemble (for example just the string section or our big band) or with an extended orchestra (for example by doubling up on the french horn or by adding a bassoon or tuba). We have an excellent database of professional musicians we call upon in those cases.

Woodwinds:

2 flutes/alto flutes/piccolos
1 oboe/english horn
2 alto saxophones/soprano saxophones/clarinets
1 tenor saxophone/soprano saxophone/clarinet
1 tenor saxophone/soprano saxophone/clarinet/
bass clarinet
1 baritone saxophone/clarinet/(contra)bass clarinet

Brass:

1 french horn
4 trumpets/flugelhorns
3 trombones
1 bass trombone/tuba

Percussion:

2 players, all pitched & unpitched instruments available

Rhythm section:

1 electric guitar/acoustic guitar
1 piano/electric piano
1 contrabass/bass guitar
1 drums

1 Harp

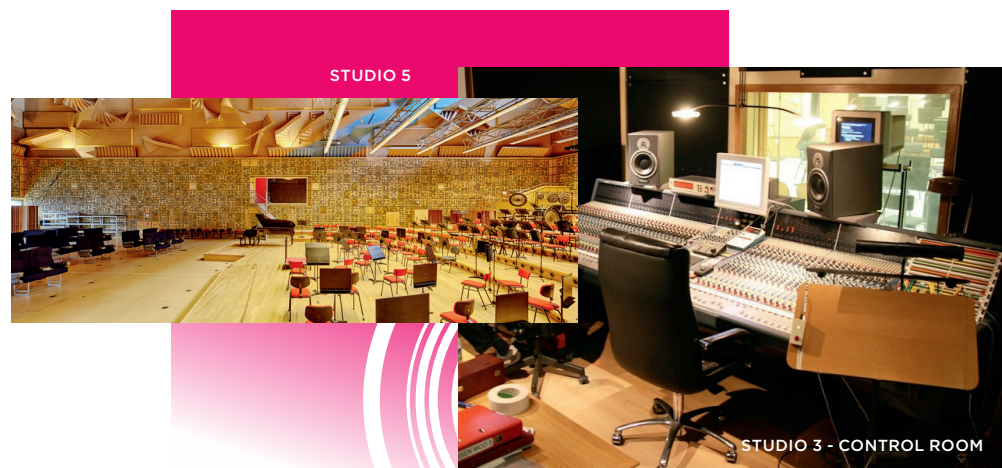
Strings:

8 violin 1 players
7 violin 2 players
5 viola players
4 cello players
2 contrabass players



MCO STUDIOS

The orchestra resides in the 'Muziekcentrum van de Omroep' in Hilversum, the Netherlands. The building has been a noted recording location for decades. Studio 3 at the MCO is the primary studio of the Metropole Orkest, especially designed and built for the orchestra in 1995, and comes with a dedicated control room. The orchestra can also divert to the larger Studios 1 and 5.



TECH LIST

The following equipment is used when recording with the Metropole Orkest.

Console

Neve VR Legend 60 channel console
with Flying Fader automation
DynAudio Air 15
Yamaha NS10
Auratone 5C Mini

Recording

Mac Pro 3,5 Ghz 6 Core Intel
64 GB RAM
Mac Pro 2x2.4 Ghz Quad Core
20 GB RAM
3x Antelope ORION 32 Converters
Antelope MP32 Mic Pre-Amp
Rosendahl Nanosync
GRIMM CC1 Wordclock Generator
QNAP 8-bay x 6 TB server

Mobile Recording

Mobile Protocols HDX 128 channels
madi recording setup
RME MADIFACE 64 channel PCI
express interface

Dynamics

Waves L2 Maximizer
NEVE 33609J Compressor Limiter
TC Electronic Finalizer
Tube-Tech LCA 2A Compressor Limiter
Urei 1178 Compressor Limiter

FX

Lexicon 480 + LARC Remote
Lexicon LXP 15
Roland SDE 3000 Digital Delay
TC Electronic M6000 Reverb
TC Electronic M5000 Reverb
TC Electronic 2290 Digital Delay
Yamaha SPX 90
EMT 250 digital reverb
Aphex Aural Exiter Type B
2x DBX 263x de-esser
DBX 120X Subharmonics Synthesizer

EQ

Klark Teknik DN22 Graphic Eq
2x Klark Teknik DN360 Graphic Eq
Klark Teknik DN60 Real Time
spectrum Analyser

Playback

DAT Recorder Sony PCM 7040
DAT Recorder Sony PCM 7030
DAT Recorder Sony PCM 550
Tascam 112 Tapedeck
Studer D740 CD Recorder
Marantz PMD 321 CD Player
Telefunken m21 1/4" Masterrecorder

Backline

Nord stage
Korg Trinity
Roland VK8
Hammond C3 & Leslie
Rhodes Mark 1
2x Yamaha DX7
Roland Juno
Simmons SDS8 Electronic Drums
Steinway D Grand Piano
Glockenklang Passenger bass amp
Vox Guitar amps
Koch KC50 tube amp

Que boxes

5x Furman 16 channel analog
Digital cuebox for 64 musicians (32)
Yamaha DM2000 for queboxes

Studio 1 - 517 m²

Risers 1x2
Chairs/stools/stands
Film projector

Studio 3 - 299m²

Risers 1x2
Chairs/stools/stands
Film projector
Screen 4x3
Drumbooth
Vocalbooth
Ampbooth

Studio 1 and 3 are interconnected
with video and audio lines

Microphones

no

AKG 452	4
AKG 452 CK 5	4
AKG C 414 B ULS	6
B&K 4006	2
COLES 4038	2
DPA 4060 CLIP MICS	25
EARTHWORKS DP 25/C	4
FLEA M50	3
NEUMANN TLM 170R	8
NEUMANN U87	6
NEUMANN U89	5
NEUMANN KMS 105	2
NEUMANN KM 140	25
NEUMANN KM 84	2
NEUMANN SM 69 FET STEREO	2
NEUMANN U 47 FET	4
NEUMANN M49	1
RADIAL D.I.	4
ROYER LABS 122	2
SANKEN CU 41	1
SENNHEIZER MD 421	4
SENNHEISER E 604	4
SENNHEISER MKH 30	2
SENNHEISER MKH 40	2
SENNHEIZER MKH 416	2
SCHOEPS CMC 56	3
SCHOEPS CMT 501 STEREO	1
SCHOEPS ORTF MK4	1
SCHOEPS MK41	2
SHURE SM7	1
SHURE B87C	5
SHURE SM 57	3
SHURE B57	4
SHURE SM58	2
SHURE B52	2
SHURE SM 91	2



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