

A native of Tacoma, Washington, double bassist Matthew Heller joined the Calgary Philharmonic in 2007. He has appeared frequently as a recitalist and chamber musician, including performances with the Mountain View Chamber Music Festival, Land's End Chamber Ensemble, Kensington Sinfonia, and Instrumental Society of Calgary. He was awarded the Instrumental Society's inaugural Janice Waite Scholarship in recognition of his contributions to Calgary's performing arts

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During his time with the CPO, Matthew has served on the Orchestra, Negotiating, and Artistic Review Committees. He is a past President and current 1st Vice-President of the Organization of Canadian Symphony Musicians (OCSM), the AFM's symphonic player conference representing 21 Canadian orchestras. He has represented OCSM at other symphonic player conferences, in media negotiations, and at the past two AFM Conventions. He also serves as OCSM's Electronic Media Chair.