



## **Mission statement of the Sinfonieorchester Basel**

The reopening of the Stadtcasino Basel and the associated changes to concert operations from August 2020 (as well as the amendment to the foundation deed of the Foundation Sinfonieorchester Basel in December 2020) will bring about changes for the Sinfonieorchester Basel. The previous mission statement from November 2015 will therefore be slightly amended in the sense of a partial revision, whereby the Foundation Board reserves the right to make further adjustments in the sense of a total revision as soon as the medium and long-term consequences of the coronavirus pandemic that has been ongoing since January 2020 can be assessed.

### **Mission: Why do we exist?**

- As a professional orchestra with highly qualified musicians, we create musical programmes of the highest artistic quality.
- We give lively performances that inspire our audience and encourage them to reflect.
- With our various formats, we offer a wide range of audiences the opportunity to experience classical music.
- In addition to our core repertoire, we revive musical traditions from the mid-20th century and work closely with the Paul Sacher Foundation.
- We are the leading institution in the Basel region in the field of classical music and perform in major opera and ballet productions at Theater Basel.
- With our subscription concerts, we are the resident orchestra at the Stadtcasino Basel, whose concert hall is considered one of the best in the world.

### **Values: What we believe in and how we behave**

- We believe that the strong personal cohesion within the orchestra, as it has developed in recent years, contributes greatly to the quality of our performances and the sound of the orchestra.
- We value mutual exchange within the orchestra and orchestra management, but also with other institutions and partners in the city, the region and internationally.
- We have close ties to the city and region of Basel and see ourselves as an indispensable part of the region's extensive cultural offering.
- We see ourselves as a team and are aware that our success is based on the extraordinary dedication and above-average commitment of everyone involved.
- The highest level of professionalism, mutual respect, fairness in our dealings with one another, conflict resolution skills, a willingness and openness to embrace new ideas, and the careful use of resources characterise our everyday work.

- We want to inspire our audience – at every performance.

**Vision: What we want to be, where we are heading**

- We want to establish ourselves even more firmly as the leading orchestra in the city and region of Basel.
- We strive for continuous financial security that allows us to maintain our artistic and programmatic diversity.
- We place a clear focus on our various formats, which are based on the performance mandate of Basel-Stadt, the general offering in the city of music that is Basel, and the resources of the orchestra and orchestra management.
- We value diversity in our staff, programme and audience and want to appeal to new audiences. We want to keep our existing subscribers and visitors enthusiastic about the orchestra in the long term.

The mission statement was unanimously adopted by the Foundation Board of the Sinfonieorchester Basel on 25 January 2022.