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## WHAT DOES YOUR MISSION SAY ABOUT YOU?

15:45-17:00

Thorben Dittes (Chair)

Catherine Arlidge

Rory Jeffes

Andrew Burke

Emma Stenning



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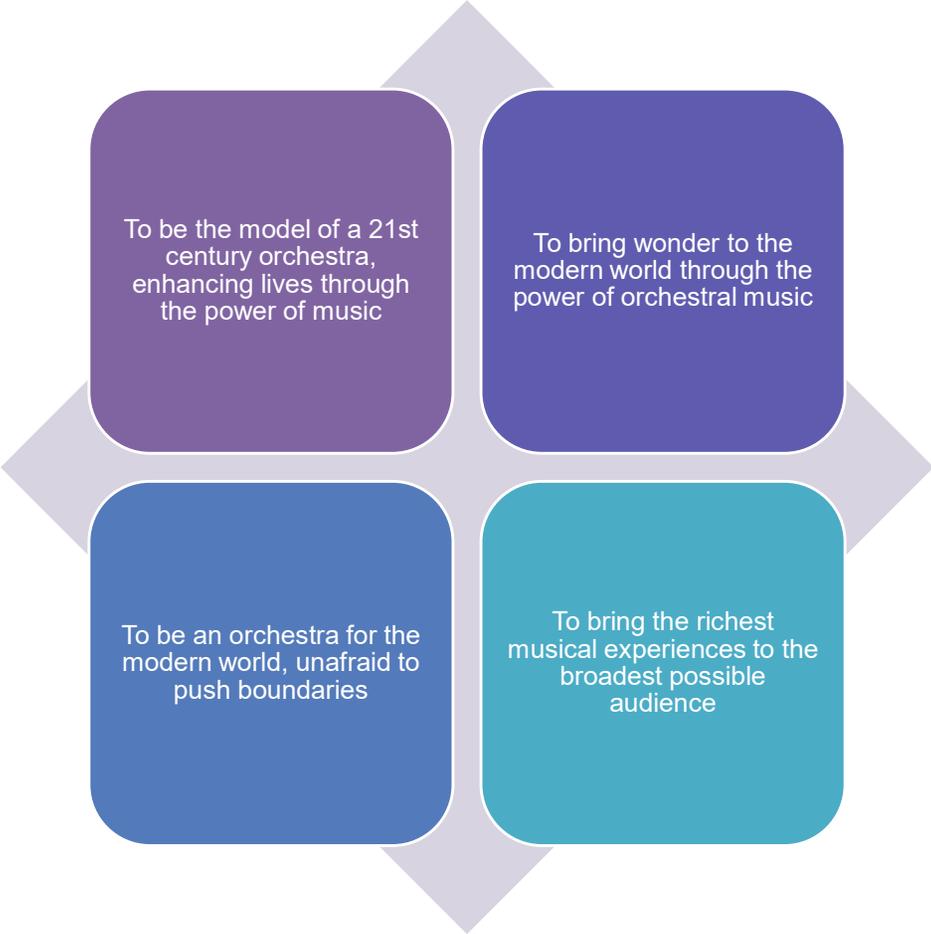
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**SAY ABOUT YOU?**



# Orchestra visions



## **An AI vision**

“Our mission is to enrich lives through extraordinary orchestral music – delivering artistic excellence, broadening access, and deepening engagement with our communities. We are committed to inspiring audience of all ages and backgrounds, nurturing creative talent, and championing inclusivity, innovation, and cultural participation across the UK and beyond.”



**London  
Sinfonietta**



# The London Sinfonietta

## **Purpose** (why we exist)

To inspire people through the power, creativity and innovation of new music.

## **Vision** (the change we want to see)

Our vision is a world where new music is valued as it engages, connects and enriches everyone, shifting perceptions and inspiring people to explore their own creative musical experiences.

## **Mission** (what we do to create that change)

We commission and perform world-class contemporary music, nurture composers and performers, invite audiences to explore our work and inspire young people and communities to create their own new music.



## MISSION STATEMENT

WE AIM TO BUILD OUR NATION'S ORCHESTRA ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF *EMIRATI MUSICAL HERITAGE*, *CONNECTING* OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY WITH ITS CULTURAL RICHNESS AND *EXPLORING* CONNECTIONS WITH MUSICAL TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

## Strategic Goals of the UAE National Orchestra

Six strategic goals form the roadmap for the Orchestra for the next five years. Strategic objectives and key initiatives will support the following goals:

**01** A PLACE FOR **MUSICAL INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE.**

**04** AN ACTIVE PARTNER, CONNECTOR AND **COMMUNITY BUILDER.**

**02** A **DISTINCTIVE STYLE** AND SOUND TO REFLECT CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE CONTEMPORARY UAE.

**05** A **GLOBAL AMBASSADOR** FOR UAE TO THE WORLD.

**03** AN ASPIRATIONAL DESTINATION FOR **FUTURE GENERATIONS OF TALENT.**

**06** A RESEARCHER, ARCHIVIST, AND **PROMOTER OF UAE MUSICAL TRADITIONS AND MUSICAL IDENTITY.**



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