

Detroit Opera

Season Programming

The Detroit Opera Orchestra performs approximately 4-6 productions per season: a combination of opera, ballet and on-stage concerts.

Opera cycles average 9 services over 2-3 weeks; 3-4 services per week.

Ballet and concert cycles average 2-5 services and are concentrated into a one-week period.

Schedule

Detroit Opera Orchestra services are typically scheduled from September to December and February/March to May.

Minimum Service Guarantee

Detroit Opera Orchestra has a minimum service guarantee of 45 services for the 2026-27 season.

Detroit Opera 2026-27 Season Rates

\$215.62/Rehearsal

\$233.56/Dress rehearsal

\$286.58/Performance

Principal Premium 25%

Doubling- 20% first double, 10% each subsequent double.

A.F.M. pension fund 11.99%

Union Membership

Musicians that perform in the Detroit Opera Orchestra must establish membership with Detroit Federation of Musicians Local 5 of the American Federation of Musicians no later than the 31st day after employment begins.

Important Considerations for Audition Candidates

Detroit Opera does **not** provide travel, housing, per diem or mileage for orchestra musicians that commute (from within the state or out of state) to Detroit during the

season. This is important information to consider if you would not move to Detroit should you win the audition.

Many DO orchestra members maintain membership in other ensembles since the DO schedule is part-time. However, the absence policy for new members of the DO Orchestra is limited.