Since its formation in January 1961, through the Adult Education Program, under the direction of Mr. Fredric Johnson, the Rochester Symphony Orchestra has shown steady growth and musical development. Mr. Johnson conducted the orchestra until 1963 when Mr. Richard Goldsworthy was appointed. He was followed by Alonzo Seaboldt, James Hohmeyer, Glenn Klassen, and our present conductor, Clark Suttle.

In 1965 the orchestra became a self-sustaining group through the assistance of ARCO (Association of the Rochester Community Orchestra, Inc.)

In the beginning the orchestra members were highly competent amateur musicians from the Rochester area, who, under the skilled baton of various conductors, presented concerts that were truly professional in every sense. Today most of the musicians are professional musicians.

The RSO is proud of its role as a major contributor to the active cultural and arts environment that has made the greater Rochester area a more pleasant place in which to live, work, and visit.