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## **Court OKs orchestra's plans to repay**

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Orchestra London's restructuring plan to save itself from bankruptcy won court approval yesterday after being accepted by most of the symphony's creditors.

Now it's up to the cash-strapped orchestra to meet all the plan's stringent twice-a-month fund-raising deadlines -- including tomorrow's \$60,000 benchmark -- or risk folding.

"It's wonderful," said bankruptcy trustee Tim Carson of Courage & Associates Inc. in Sarnia.

"The orchestra now has a framework under which it's going to go forward."

The majority of the orchestra's 13 creditors, including the city and a bank, approved the proposal.

Under the plan, the orchestra must raise \$330,000 by the end of May, then rid itself -- over three years -- of an accumulated debt worth \$660,000 and a projected deficit of \$360,000.

More than \$250,000 has been raised since the fund-raising drive was launched March 21.

Orchestra board adviser John St. Croix wasn't available for comment yesterday.