


FREE CONCERT SERIES IN THE RICHARD BRADSHAW AMPHITHEATRE



20172018
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COC CANADIAN
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“It’s always such a great pleasure to perform in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre—one of Toronto’s most spectacular concert spaces. Live music for a dedicated and appreciative audience in the heart of our great city—what could be better!”

Jonathan Crow, *Artistic Director of Toronto Summer Music Festival, Concertmaster of the TSO*

“I was really happy to perform for the people of Toronto in the beautiful Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre where I enjoyed a close and warm contact with the audience—a combination of a recital and the city panorama was so inspiring!”

Goran Jurić, *bass*

“Having a piece premiered in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre brings me great happiness because of the combination of the beauty of the space and the people who fill it.”

Ana Sokolović, *composer*

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Facing onto Toronto's grandest boulevard, the iconic glass wall of the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre offers a perfect window to the vibrancy of one of the world's most diverse cities, inviting you into our warm and intimate setting to experience the best this city has to offer—entirely for free.

Between September and May, the Free Concert Series provides you with the opportunity to connect—without borders or conventions—to the transformative power of live performance. I'm sure you will find many performances to inspire you, from time-honoured classical chamber music and song, beloved operatic gems, and virtuoso piano repertoire; to cutting-edge jazz, contemporary dance, and global world music traditions. Alongside a stunning line-up of internationally acclaimed artists and emerging talent, we are also proud to showcase our very own COC Ensemble Studio, Orchestra Academy, and COC Orchestra musicians.

With over 75 concerts throughout the 2017/2018 season, I invite you to join us, challenge boundaries, open yourself to meaningful creative encounters, and become a part of our thriving COC community.

Dorian Cox
Program Manager

WORLD MUSIC SERIES

The richness of Toronto's cultural fabric is reflected in rhythms and harmonies from around the globe.



PIANO VIRTUOSO SERIES

Brilliant pianists from across Canada and around the world explore a richly varied repertoire.



VOCAL SERIES

The glory of the human voice is showcased through art song and opera across the ages.



JAZZ SERIES

An exciting new generation of stars takes its place alongside Canadian and international jazz legends.



DANCE SERIES

The expressive power of the human body is celebrated in a colourful variety of traditions.



CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

From intimate duos to chamber orchestras, artists of all ages come together in dynamic collaborations.



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Doors open 30 minutes before each performance. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early as late admission is not possible.



20172018 SEASON

V TUE SEP 26, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Meet the Young Artists

V WED SEP 27, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Celebrating the Invictus Games

W THU SEP 28, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Ladom Ensemble
Without Borders

V TUE OCT 3, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the Esprit Orchestra
Krisztina Szabó, mezzo-soprano
Berio Folk Songs

J WED OCT 4, 2017
5:30-6:30 P.M.

UofT Jazz Orchestra
Autumn Jazz

P THU OCT 5, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Luca Buratto, piano
White on White

V TUE OCT 10, 2017
12-1 P.M.

UofT Opera
Joanna de Souza
Golden Age of Opera

D WED OCT 11, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Dreamwalker Dance
Andrea Nann, choreographer
Dual Light

C TUE OCT 17, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada
NYO Canada Laureates

V THU OCT 19, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Simone Osborne, soprano
Gordan Bintner, bass-baritone
Liz Upchurch, piano
Songs and Duets

V TUE OCT 24, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Erin Wall, soprano
The World of Yesterday

P WED OCT 25, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Daniel Lehardt, piano
Sonatas and Mazurkas

V TUE OCT 31, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Lauren Eberwein, soprano
Rosebud String Quartet
From Another Planet

C THU NOV 2, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Trio d'Argento
Musica Universalis

D TUE NOV 7, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Esmeralda Enrique
Joanna de Souza
DanceWorks 40th Anniversary Weekend

J WED NOV 8, 2017
5:30-6:30 P.M.

Heather Bambrick Quintet
You'll Never Know

V THU NOV 9, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Journeys of the Soul

V TUE NOV 14, 2017
12-1 P.M.

HAVEN Trio
Three Portraits

C WED NOV 15, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Mikhailo Babiak, horn
Sheila Jaffé, violin
Rachael Kerr, piano
Horn Trios: Then and Now

P TUE NOV 21, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Mariya Orlenka, piano
The Lyrical Keyboard

W WED NOV 22, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Al Qahwa Ensemble
Arabic Coffee House

C TUE NOV 28, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Palladium Duo:
Ariane Brisson, flute
Olivier Hébert-Bouchard, piano
Faune & Naïades

V THU NOV 30, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Schulich Singers
Long, Long Ago

V TUE DEC 5, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Simone McIntosh, mezzo-soprano
Wirth Vocal Prize Showcase

J WED DEC 6, 2017
12-1 P.M.

McGill Jazz Quintet
Jazz@McGill

C THU DEC 7, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Joshua Morris, cello
Karnsiri Laothamatas, piano
The Golden Hour

W TUE DEC 12, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Vesuvius Ensemble
Christmas in Southern Italy

V WED DEC 13, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Against the Grain Theatre
Bound

J THU DEC 14, 2017
12-1 P.M.

Cadence
A Cappella Christmas

C TUE JAN 9, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Orchestra
Martinů and Korngold

W WED JAN 10, 2018
5:30-6:30 P.M.

Eliana Cuevas Quintet
Golpes y Flores

D THU JAN 11, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Kaha:wi Dance Theatre
Dance Ontario's Dance Weekend Preview

C TUE JAN 16, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Benjamin Baker, violin
Daniel Lehardt, piano
The English Violin

V TUE JAN 23, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Joshua Guerrero, tenor
Andrea Grant, piano
Interpretations of Love

W WED JAN 24, 2018
5:30-6:30 P.M.

Humber College Latin Jazz Ensemble
Hilario Durán, director
Jazz Cubano

V THU JAN 25, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Orchestra Academy, Ensemble Studio, and Orchestra
Meet the Orchestra Academy

P TUE JAN 30, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Leon Bernsdorf, piano
Bravura Piano

V THU FEB 1, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of The Glenn Gould School
Tophér Mokrzewski, conductor
Mr. Tambourine Man

C WED FEB 7, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Dionysis Grammenos, clarinet
Ensemble Made in Canada
Brahms Clarinet Quintet

V THU FEB 8, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Cabaret through the Ages

D TUE FEB 13, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Peggy Baker Dance Projects
unmoored/stories that move

V WED FEB 14, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Claire de Sévigné, soprano
Rachel Andrist, piano
The Truth About Love

V THU FEB 15, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Russian Romance

V TUE FEB 20, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Jane Archibald, soprano
Liz Upchurch, piano
Vienna to Paris

P TUE FEB 27, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Charissa Vandikas, piano
Linda Ruan, piano
Piano Four Hands

J WED FEB 28, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Humber Contemporary Jazz Workshop
Pat LaBarbera, director
Contemporary Creations

C TUE MARCH 6, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Cheng² Duo
Moscow's Sound

C WED MARCH 7, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the TSO New Creations Festival
New Creations

V THU MARCH 8, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Canadian Children's Opera Company
The Monkiest King

P TUE MARCH 13, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the Phil and Eli Taylor Performance Academy for Young Artists
Rising Stars

J WED MARCH 14, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Ineke Vandoorn, vocals
Marc van Vugt, guitar
Each letter, each picture, each memory

V THU MARCH 15, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Millan & Faye
Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Opera for All Ages

D TUE MARCH 20, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of The Glenn Gould School
L'Histoire du soldat

W THU MARCH 22, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Fire & Grace:
Edwin Huizinga, violin
William Coulter, guitar
Folk Meets Baroque

D TUE MARCH 27, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Canada's Ballet Jörgen
Bengt Jörgen, artistic director
Highlights from Anastasia

V THU MARCH 29, 2018
D 12-1 P.M.

Artists of Opera Atelier
Artists of Atelier Ballet
Highlights from Monteverdi's The Return of Ulysses

C THU APRIL 5, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Rosebud String Quartet
Best of Britain

W TUE APRIL 10, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Jeremy Dutcher, tenor/piano
Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa (Our Maliseet Songs)

V WED APRIL 11, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Sara Schabas, soprano
Geoffrey Conquer, piano
Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Remembrance

V TUE APRIL 17, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Owen McCausland, tenor
Stephen Hargreaves, piano
Refuge

V WED APRIL 18, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Opera Out of the Box

V THU APRIL 19, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Meredith Arwady, contralto
Sandra Horst, piano
Old Songs, New Songs

C TUE APRIL 24, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra
Close Encounters in Vienna and Madrid

D WED APRIL 25, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Gadfly Dance
UNBXL 2

V THU APRIL 26, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio and Atelier lyrique de l'Opéra de Montréal
Collaborations

V TUE MAY 1, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Sondra Radvanovsky, soprano
Liz Upchurch, piano
An Afternoon of Bel Canto

V THU MAY 3, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Ensemble Studio
Les Adieux: Italienisches Liederbuch

P TUE MAY 8, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Linda Ippolito, piano
Impromptus and Improvisations

J WED MAY 9, 2018
5:30-6:30 P.M.

Rich Brown Quintet
The Abeng

C THU MAY 10, 2018
12-1 P.M.

GGs New Music Ensemble
Brian Current, director
Beautiful Minds

C TUE MAY 15, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists of the COC Orchestra
Viola Quintets

V TUE MAY 22, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Keri Alkema, soprano
Michael Shannon, piano
A Journey of Transformation

J WED MAY 23, 2018
5:30-6:30 P.M.

JAZZ.FM Youth Big Band
Jules Estrin, director
Joy Spring

C THU MAY 24, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Winners of the GGS Chamber Music Competition
Young Artist Spotlight

C TUE MAY 29, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Toronto Summer Music Festival
Jonathan Crow, artistic director
2018 Festival Preview

W THU MAY 31, 2018
12-1 P.M.

Artists from the Canadian Arabic Orchestra
Artistry of the East

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