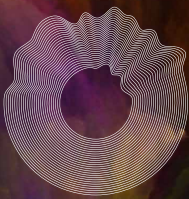


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The joy of experiencing music is most meaningful when shared with others. Music unites us, whether we are listening with loved ones, old friends or a new acquaintance. It is a universal language that allows us to connect to composers, musicians and other listeners, unearthing new creations and revisiting old loves.

I am immensely proud to welcome you to the HPO’s 2023-24 Season, where we embark on a journey of discovery, together. Featuring familiar works by legendary composers, established living composers and brand-new works from our Composer Fellows, there are countless compelling creative journeys weaved throughout our Mainstage concert series. Stories of life’s precious moments and relationships told through each program and shared through a talented slate of guest artists and our own HPO musicians as soloists.

This marks my final season as HPO Music Director before I pass the baton. This orchestra and I have grown together and inspired each other to make incredible music on our stage for nine extraordinary years. I will cherish every moment of this journey and I truly look forward to returning to the HPO stage in the future as an old friend. Thank you, Hamilton, for the precious time I’ve spent here.

Join us at FirstOntario Concert Hall where we have created a very special season that features favourite works and welcomes exciting new possibilities. As a subscriber you receive the very best offers and an opportunity to curate a season tailored to your musical interests. See you in September as we kick off the 2023-24 season.

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GEMMA CONDUCTS SCHUMANN & MENDELSSOHN  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 AT 7:30PM

Gemma New, Conductor  
Tony Siqi Yun, Piano

Liam Ritz, *Scherzo*  
Schumann, Piano Concerto  
Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 3, “Scottish”

Gemma New leads the orchestra in a celebratory season-opener! Acclaimed Canadian pianist Tony Siqi Yun performs Schumann’s dreamy and dramatic Piano Concerto. Hamilton native Liam Ritz dazzles with *Scherzo* and we round out the evening with Mendelssohn’s vivid and beloved ‘Scottish’ Symphony.  
\* **World premiere**

BRITTEN, VAUGHAN WILLIAMS & ELGAR  
OCTOBER 21, 2023 AT 7:30PM

James Kahane, Conductor  
Aleh Remezau, Oboe

Britten, *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*  
Vaughan Williams, Oboe Concerto  
Kathryn Knowles (23-24 Composer Fellow), New Work  
Elgar, *Enigma Variations*

Join the orchestra in an exploration of musical friendships. Britten’s *Variations of a Theme of Frank Bridge* honours the composer’s mentor and Elgar’s *Enigma Variations* shares a series of musical sketches inspired by those closest to him. HPO Principal Oboe Aleh Remezau takes centerstage as soloist in Vaughan Williams’ Oboe Concerto.  
✓ **Players Choice**  
\* **World premiere**

SIBELIUS & DVOŘÁK  
NOVEMBER 11, 2023 AT 7:30PM

Jacob Joyce, Conductor  
Kerson Leong, Violin

Paul Kawabe (23-24 Composer Fellow), New Work  
Sibelius, Violin Concerto  
Dvořák, Symphony No. 7

Rising Canadian virtuoso Kerson Leong performs Sibelius’ haunting and mysterious Violin Concerto, which seeks beauty in the dark depths of Nordic winter. Dvořák’s emotionally charged Symphony No. 7 overflows with intense patriotism for the composer’s birth nation.  
\* **World premiere**

HOLIDAYS & THE HOCKEY SWEATER  
DECEMBER 9, 2023 AT 3:00PM

Kalena Bovell, Conductor  
Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Guest Artists  
Hamilton Children’s Choir, Guest Artists

Abigail Richardson-Schulte, *The Hockey Sweater*

An iconic Canadian story comes to the concert hall this holiday! *The Hockey Sweater* by Abigail Richardson-Schulte brings Roch Carrier’s beloved children’s book to life. Sing along to festive favourites performed with the Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Hamilton Children’s Choir.

THE MUSIC OF QUEEN  
JANUARY 20, 2024 AT 7:30PM

We will rock you! Experience the legendary music of Queen performed with your Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. Featuring classic hits like *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Somebody to Love*, and *Under Pressure*, this is a powerful rock symphony tribute to the iconic Freddie Mercury and one of the world’s biggest bands.

MOZART, STRAUSS & EVANGELISTA  
FEBRUARY 10, 2024 AT 3:00PM

Caleb Young, Conductor  
Jessie Brooks, Horn

José Evangelista, *Airs d’Espagne pour orchestre à cordes*  
Strauss, Horn Concerto No. 1  
Mozart, Symphony No. 40

Mozart’s iconic Symphony No. 40, anchors this performance with its ever-familiar opening bars to the angst and drama of the final movement. Spanish Canadian composer José Evangelista’s *Airs d’Espagne pour orchestre à cordes* highlights the warmth and whimsy of the strings. HPO Principal Horn Jessie Brooks is soloist for Strauss’ grandiose Horn Concerto No. 1, overflowing with energetic fanfare and romantic lyricism.

BARBER, RAUM & COPLAND  
MARCH 23, 2024 AT 7:30PM

Jean-Marie Zeitouni, Conductor  
Erika Raum, Violin

Barber, *Adagio for Strings*  
Elizabeth Raum, Violin Concerto  
T. Patrick Carrabré, *Chase the Sun*  
Copland, *Appalachian Spring*

Aaron Copland’s iconic and rejuvenating *Appalachian Spring* illustrates the themes of family, love and life this concert highlights. The soul-stirring melody of Barber’s evocative *Adagio for Strings* opens the performance on an introspective note, while T. Patrick Carrabré’s *Chase the Sun* brings a radiant energy. Celebrated Canadian composer Elizabeth Raum’s Violin Concerto features Erika Raum, the composer’s daughter.

RACHMANINOFF & TCHAIKOVSKY  
APRIL 20, 2024 AT 7:30PM

Mateusz Mołęda, Conductor  
Kevin Chen, Piano

Alison Yun-Fei Jiang, *Flowing Waters*  
Rachmaninoff, Piano Concerto No. 3  
Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6

The emotional heights and depths of life weave through this concert of celebrated works from the Romantic era. Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 3 brims with passion and inner turmoil. Tchaikovsky’s Sixth Symphony creates a complex texture of emotions spanning light and dark. The symphonic poem *Flowing Water* by Alison Yun-Fei Jiang balances this program with a stunning melody that flows like ink on a page.

GEMMA CONDUCTS BEETHOVEN 9  
MAY 4, 2024 AT 7:30PM

Gemma New, Conductor  
Carla Huhtanen, Soprano  
Lauren Segal, Mezzo-Soprano  
Lawrence Wiliford, Tenor  
Alexander Dobson, Baritone  
Bach Elgar Choir, Guest Artists

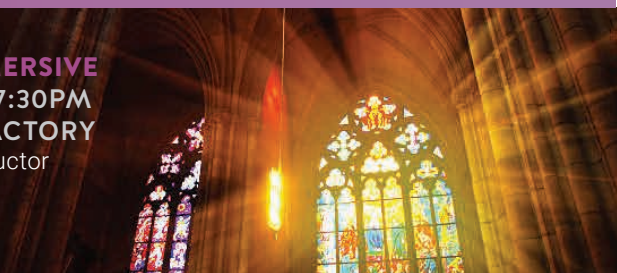
Andrew Balfour, *Mamachimowin*  
Claude Vivier, *Lonely Child*  
Beethoven, Symphony No. 9

Celebrate Gemma’s nine years as Music Director with our orchestra and voices from across the city at this show-stopping performance! More than 120 singers take the stage for Beethoven’s epic Symphony No. 9 with its iconic choral finale, Ode to Joy! Voices carry throughout this concert with Andrew Balfour’s remarkable *Mamachimowin* for orchestra and choir exploring the relationship between Canada and the First Nations. The late Claude Vivier’s *Lonely Child*, for orchestra and soprano, transports audiences to the shadowy realm between reality and imagination.

OFF THE MAINSTAGE

HANDEL’S MESSIAH  
DECEMBER 16, 2023 AT 7:30PM  
DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 3:00PM  
MELROSE UNITED CHURCH  
Alexander Cann, Conductor  
Bach Elgar Choir, Guest Artists

INTIMATE & IMMERSIVE  
MAY 1, 2024 AT 7:30PM  
THE COTTON FACTORY  
Gemma New, Conductor





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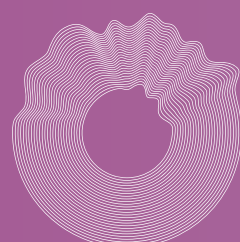
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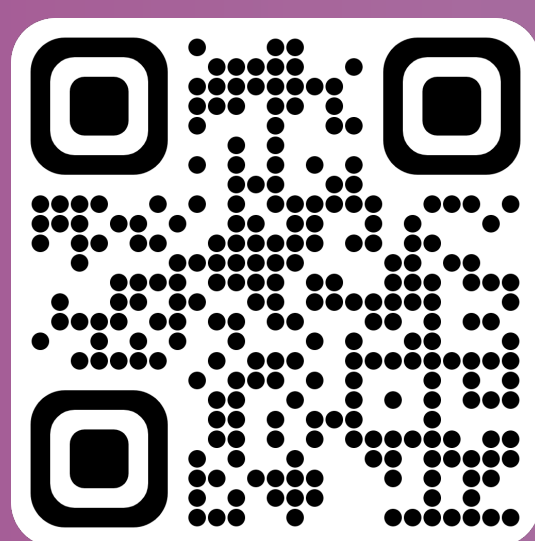
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