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## ESCAPE WINTER WITH LONDON SYMPHONIA



### **BENEATH A SUMMER SKY**

*Saturday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m*

LONDON, January 19, 2023 – Tired of winter? London Symphonia’s upcoming concert, ***Beneath a Summer Sky*** (Saturday, February 4 at Metropolitan United) will transport you away from the cold. In addition to some of the most exquisite string music by Mozart and Tchaikovsky, recent works by Western University Associate Professor of Composition Paul Frehner and Guest Conductor Matthias Maute round out the program.

“We are dedicating this concert to the artistry of Geoff Nuttall, a brilliant internationally acclaimed musician, teacher and artist who grew up in London and sadly passed away all too soon last October,” said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer of London Symphonia.

“A co-founder of the world renowned St. Lawrence String Quartet, one of Canada’s foremost performing ensembles, Geoff was an extraordinary string player who had an incredible impact on his colleagues and the next generation of classical musicians. Three musicians who worked with Geoff over the course of his career will share how he affected their lives in unique ways.”

***Beneath a Summer Sky*** showcases the exceptional London Symphonia string section with music spanning 250 years. In-person and livestream audiences will experience the incredible breadth of excitement, tenderness, anger, and unity that string orchestra music can provide.

Montreal-based Matthias Maute returns to conduct the London Symphonia, bringing his spirit of inventiveness to the program. Known for his specialist knowledge and virtuosic performance of baroque music on the recorder and baroque flute, he is Artistic Director of the adventurous group Ensemble Caprice.

Notable highlights of ***Beneath a Summer Sky*** include:

The mastery of the teenage Mozart who wrote his String Quartet No. 8 when he was only 17.

Three short interludes by Maute interspersed as a counterpoint to the individual movements of the Mozart Quartet string orchestra arrangement.

Tchaikovsky's captivating *Serenade for Strings*, full of vitality and inspired by his time in Italy.

*Mojave Dreaming*, an highly evocative work by Frehner, inspired by summer nights in the Mojave desert and includes depictions of dry heat and a violent storm.

The 7:30 p.m. concert can be heard in person or livestreamed online. In-person tickets are \$50 regular, \$68 premium, and \$50 for livestreaming per household, plus fees and HST. Free student tickets. Tickets are available online at [londonsymphonia.ca](http://londonsymphonia.ca).

## **LISTING INFORMATION**

### ***Beneath the Summer Sky***

London Symphonia

Matthias Maute, guest conductor

Sat. Feb. 4 at 7:30pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

Metropolitan United, 468 Wellington St, London, ON N6A 3P8

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## **ABOUT MATTHIAS MAUTE**

Matthias Maute has achieved an international reputation as a conductor, recorder and flute player and as a composer. He is the artistic director of Ensemble Caprice, which includes his wife and duo partner Sophie Larivière who plays the recorder and traverso flute. Ensemble Caprice has performed regularly at the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, Festival international du Domaine Forget and Elora Festival as well as at major festivals worldwide.

As a composer, Matthias Maute's compositions hold an important place in the world of contemporary recorder music, and are published by Breitkopf & Härtel, Amadeus, Moeck and Carus. He teaches at Université de Montréal and McGill University, and is a member of Vox Saeculorum, a society of composers working in early historical styles.

## **ABOUT LONDON SYMPHONIA**

London Symphonia is a professional symphony orchestra committed to performing vibrant and bold musical experiences for London and the region. With a core of 30 players, our versatile group meets

the community's needs for quality programming by presenting well-known symphonies, Canadian premieres, and collaborations with some of Canada's finest singer-songwriters. We deliver a rich, artistic experience by seeking out the most accomplished performers and conductors representing a blend of locally, nationally and internationally recognized talent. A registered charitable organization, we perform a number of outreach and music education engagements each season for students and seniors in our community.

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