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WELCOME TO LONDON SYMPHONIA'S 2024-25 SEASON!

We are thrilled to present eight brilliant concerts that celebrate the extraordinary artistry of London Symphonia and embrace an inclusive and expansive vision of music across the centuries. You will experience familiar classics, including the return of *Messiah*, new compositions, a World Premiere, unfairly neglected works from the past, and unexpected twists along the way.

Join us as we welcome a spectacular lineup of guest artists (old friends and rising stars) many of whom make their home here in the greater London region.

This year, we are delighted to introduce Reserved Seating in what was previously known as the Premium section. Subscribe to all eight concerts or buy a 5-concert or 3-concert pack and enjoy your same seats at every concert throughout the season. General Admission subscriptions are also available.

Our Compose Your Own Ticket Packages offer multi-purchase discounts and bonus offers. You can find out more in this booklet and at www.londonsymphonia.ca.

Glorious music and great artistry await you starting with Tchaikovsky's emotion-packed Sixth Symphony on Opening Night on October 5. All concerts in the 2024-25 Season will take place at Metropolitan United, which we are proud to call home.

We look forward to seeing you often.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April Voth".

April Voth
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Chung".

Andrew Chung
Artistic Producer



OPENING NIGHT: TCHAIKOVSKY AND GOOD

OCTOBER 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artists

- Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, *conductor*
- Adam Zinatelli, *trumpet*

Conductor Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser returns to open the 2024-25 Season with a flourish!

Prepare to be swept away by the powerful emotions of Tchaikovsky's iconic Sixth Symphony, regarded by the composer as not just his greatest symphony but his greatest work.

Adam Zinatelli performs Composer-in-Residence Scott Good's expansive and moving trumpet concerto *Between The Rooms*, a brilliant wordless narrative inspired by Emily Dickinson's poem *I Died for Beauty*, which contemplates the relationship between truth and beauty.

Program

Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6, "*The Pathétique*"

Scott Good, Trumpet Concerto, *Between The Rooms*



KINDNESS

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artists

- Mike Nadajewski, *singer and actor*
- Glynis Ranney, *singer and actor*
- Ben Bolt-Martin, *arranger and conductor*

Stories and songs about kindness by Leonard Cohen, Stephen Sondheim, Edith Piaf, and many more.

Partners in life, actors and singers Glynis Ranney and Mike Nadajewski are shining stars of the Canadian stage. They share a fascination with stories of kindness: of people breaking down walls through their generosity of spirit.

With humour and touching insight, Mike and Glynis share stories and songs that invite us to celebrate these heroes who forge human connection through acts of kindness, from small deeds to the profoundly radical.



MESSIAH WITH THE ELORA SINGERS AND LONDON SYMPHONIA

NOVEMBER 30, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artists

- Mark Vuorinen, *conductor*
- The Elora singers

The magic of *Messiah* returns with The Elora Singers performing as choir and soloists.

London Symphonia and The Elora Singers share a passion for finding exquisite detail and new ideas in centuries-old music.

This performance, led by The Elora Singers' Music Director Mark Vuorinen, captures everything you love about *Messiah*. Its inventiveness will make you fall in love with this beloved masterpiece all over again. The soloists are taken from the ranks of this superb professional ensemble, composed of many of the finest voices in the country. Join us and rediscover your favourite aria!

Program

Handel, *Messiah*



JOE LANZA'S BAROQUE FAVOURITES

Leader and Soloist

• Joe Lanza, *violin*

JANUARY 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm

One of Canada's finest concertmasters, London Symphonia's Joe Lanza is known for his polished brilliance.

His passion is music from the 17th and 18th centuries. Call it Baroque, call it 'early' but whatever you call it, the fire it ignites in Joe's playing is one of the brightest jewels in London's musical crown.

Leading from the concertmaster's chair, Joe Lanza delivers a feast of his favourite works by Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, and other innovators in the art of orchestral music.

Program

Charles Avison (after Scarlatti), Concerto Grosso No. 4 in A Minor

Geminiani (after Corelli), Concerto Grosso in B Minor

Vivaldi, Violin Concerto in E Minor

Handel, Suite from the opera *Almira*

J. S. Bach, Orchestral Suite No. 2



A NEW MOON CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 1, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artists

- Rei Hotoda, *conductor*
- Lina Cao, *guzheng*
- Scott St. John, *violin*
- London Youth Symphony

Celebrate Lunar New Year with a beautiful mix of old and new.

We are proud to present an extravagantly colourful collection of stories and music that evoke the Moon, the stars, and the way they shine upon the cycles of our lives. Bringing their unique gifts to these Lunar New Year festivities are the sparkling artistry of Lina Cao on *guzheng*, the luminous brilliance of violinist Scott St. John, the rising stars of London Youth Symphony and the extraordinary musicians of London Symphonia.

Program

Kevin Lau, *Across The Jade Sea* (World Premiere)
Huang Ruo, *Folk Songs for Orchestra*
Rentarō Taki, *Kōjō no Tsuki* "Moon Over the Ruined Castle"
Debussy, *Clair de Lune*
Alice Ping Yee Ho, *The Silk Road Fantasy*
Li Huanzhi, *Spring Festival Overture*

Presenting Partner: *Serenata Music*



THE LIFE AND TROUBLED TIMES OF SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

FEBRUARY 22, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artist

- Roy Lewis, *narrator*
with the London Symphonia
Chamber Players

If ever there was a tale to be told, this is it!

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a composer of mixed race, regarded as a musical genius at the turn of the 20th century, lived only 37 years. His 100+ works were received enthusiastically around the world, yet he has only emerged recently as one of Britain's best kept musical secrets.

During Black History Month, join us as poet and actor Roy Lewis presents the remarkable story of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: his triumphs, tragedies and astounding life.

Program

Coleridge-Taylor, *Nonet*

Coleridge-Taylor, *Deep River* from *24 Negro Melodies*

Kris Bowers, *The Last Whistledown* from *Bridgerton*

Florence Price, *Adoration*

Dvořák, Movements from Piano Quartet No. 2

Schubert, Movements from Octet

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BEETHOVEN AND SIBELIUS WITH KERSON LEONG

APRIL 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artists

- Tania Miller, *conductor*
- Kerson Leong, *violin*

Kerson Leong returns to play Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

Kerson Leong is taking the world by storm! Don't miss this opportunity to hear a new international star perform Beethoven's Violin Concerto. One of the most enduringly popular violin concertos, this work allows the soloist to shine with moments of brilliance and playfulness alternating with moments of heartfelt beauty.

For Sibelius, his Second Symphony was a great river flowing to the sea; others heard a musical portrait of a nation waking to freedom. From pastoral beginnings to a soul-stirring finish, this is music of power, freshness and truly epic grandeur.

Program

Beethoven, Violin Concerto
Sibelius, Symphony No. 2

Presenting Partner: *Serenata Music*



GENEVIEVE FISHER: THANK YOU MUSIC!

MAY 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Guest Artists

- Genevieve Fisher, *country artist*
- Scott Good, *arranger and conductor*

Genevieve Fisher and London Symphonia in the ultimate Country Music concert!

London born and raised, singer/songwriter Genevieve Fisher, is well recognized within the Canadian Country Music scene, charting nine top 50 hits on Canadian Country radio and earning seven Female Artist of the Year and numerous Single and Songwriter of the Year nominations at the Country Music Association of Ontario Music Awards. Her Indigenous roots have allowed her to record three #1 hits on the Indigenous Music Countdown chart and perform on national televised broadcasts of Indigenous Day Live and the Indspire Awards.

With new arrangements by Scott Good, London Symphonia is proud to share the stage with a Country Music star, here in Ontario's heartland.

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