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LONDON SYMPHONIA BRINGS INTERNATIONAL STAR TO PERFORM IN EPIC CONCERT



BEETHOVEN AND SIBELIUS WITH KERSON LEONG Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 7:30 p.m

LONDON, March 12, 2025 – Canadian-born virtuoso violinist **Kerson Leong** is taking the world by storm. Concert goes from London and across southwestern Ontario will have an opportunity to hear the stellar violinist perform Beethoven’s hugely challenging Violin Concerto with London Symphonia on Saturday April 5, 2025. This timeless masterpiece has been called the “Everest of violin music” with good reason. **Tania Miller** will return to lead this soul-stirring concert which concludes with Sibelius’ powerful Symphony No. 2. Prepare to be swept away at **Beethoven and Sibelius with Kerson Leong**. (Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan United in London ON.)

“When Kerson Leong made his debut with London Symphonia in 2018, we knew right away that he was a meteoric talent unlike any other in Canada,” said Andrew Chung, London Symphonia’s Artistic Producer. “Kerson has continued to flourish in his international career gaining renown as one of the brightest classical stars who

continually delivers thrilling performances and daring interpretations. We can't wait to join him on stage yet again."

Rounding out this unforgettable concert is Sibelius Symphony No. 2, a musical feast for all the players in the orchestra. Sibelius thought of his Second Symphony as a great river flowing to the sea, others have heard a musical portrait of a nation waking to freedom. From its pastoral beginnings to its emotionally exhilarating finish, it is music of truly epic grandeur.

Concertgoers can choose to attend **Beethoven and Sibelius with Kerson Leong** in person at Metropolitan United, home of London Symphonia, or virtually through high quality 4K HDR Video On Demand productions that include 21 days of unlimited access.

London Symphonia is deeply grateful to Presenting Partner Serenata Music and for the support of our government partners, London Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and the Ontario Arts Council.

LISTING INFORMATION: LONDON SYMPHONIA CONCERT

Beethoven and Sibelius with Kerson Leong

London Symphonia

Sat. April 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

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

In-person tickets are \$55 General Admission, \$75 Reserved Seating, and \$55 for unlimited Video On Demand 21-day access, plus fees and HST.

Free tickets are available for post secondary, high school and children aged 6 to 12. Family-Flex Packs and tickets to individual concerts can be purchased online at londonsymphonia.ca.

ABOUT KERSON LEONG

Kerson Leong has been described as "not just one of Canada's greatest violinists but one of the greatest violinists, period" (Toronto Star). Forging a unique path since his First Prize win at the International Yehudi Menuhin Violin Competition in 2010, he continues to win over colleagues and audiences alike with "a mixture of spontaneity and mastery, elegance, fantasy, intensity that makes his sound recognizable from the first notes" (Le Monde).

His latest album release of Britten & Bruch, recorded with the Philharmonia Orchestra and Patrick Hahn for Alpha Classics, was awarded Gramophone Editor's Choice, Choc de Classica, and 'The Strad Recommends' by The Strad, as well as five-star recommendations from the Sunday Times and Diapason among others. As a sought-after soloist, he was hand-picked by Yannick Nézet-Séguin to be artist-in-residence with the Orchestre Métropolitain during the 2018-2019 season and has recently performed as soloist with such ensembles as the Royal, Oslo, Brussels, Kansai, and Liège Royal Philharmonic Orchestras, and the Seattle, Singapore, Toronto, Istanbul, Toledo, Montreal, Stavanger, and Wuppertal Symphony Orchestras. Kerson performs on the 'ex Bohrer, Baumgartner' Guarneri del Gesu violin courtesy of Canimex Inc, Drummondville (Quebec), Canada.

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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