

MEDIA RELEASE

**LONDON SYMPHONIA PRESENTS SPECIAL FAMILY CONCERT**  
**with**  
**FREE TICKETS FOR KIDS PLUS ADULT TICKET SAVINGS**



**AN ENCHANTING AFTERNOON: PETER AND THE WOLF**  
**Sunday, March 8, from 2:30 p.m. Concert at 3:30 p.m.**

**LONDON, ON** – February 24, 2026 – London Symphonia is thrilled to present a Family Concert the whole family will enjoy. **Entitled An Enchanting Afternoon: Peter and the Wolf**, the concert is the focal point of a special afternoon that includes **a pre-concert craft with The London Children’s Museum** and an Instrument Petting Zoo after the show. Composed by Prokofiev 90 years ago, Peter and the Wolf remains one of the most entertaining ways to introduce children and people of all ages to the joys of orchestral music. **FREE tickets for kids 12 and under and students** along with discounts on adult tickets make this a terrific family outing! **(An Enchanting Afternoon: Peter and the Wolf, Sunday, March 8, 2026 starting at 2:30 p.m. at Metropolitan United, London ON.)**

“*Peter and the Wolf* remains as popular today as ever,” said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer of London Symphonia. “This remarkable work appeals to people of all ages. It’s fun for the audience to follow the story about a boy and his woodland adventures as the narrator tells it and to recognize that each character is represented by an instrument,

for example, the bird by a flute, Peter by the strings and the wolf by horns. And, it's equally fun for the musicians to portray different characters and animals in the story."

Actor Deborah Hay, who loves performing in concerts for young people and is starring at London's Grand Theatre (February 17 to March 7, 2026) will join forces with London Symphonia to create an engaging performance that will spark everyone's imaginations – whether you are young or young at heart.

"We are also excited to present a special new piece titled *The Forested City* by Algonquin-Anishinaabe storyteller and composer Spy Dénommé-Welch," said Chung. This world premiere performance will use music imagery to highlight and characterize the special natural environments within London.

The afternoon is filled with engagement for kids and fun for all ages. **Starting at 2:30 p.m.**, London Children's Museum staff will be inviting children to **get creative and craft their own animal headbands** inspired by the characters from *Peter and the Wolf*. Using simple materials, kids can create and decorate a wolf, duck, bird, cat, or woodland headband of their choice and wear it as they step into the story.

Following the concert, children can deepen their experience and **get to know the instruments of the orchestra even better at an Instrument Petting Zoo** presented by Long & McQuade, Fanshawe Park Road W. store.

"With two great works of music, optional crafts and an Instrument Petting Zoo, there will be so much in this concert to inspire and inform young people about the power of music. Offering free kids and student tickets plus adult ticket savings will make this concert affordable to more families across London. We hope that **An Enchanting Afternoon: Peter and the Wolf** will be a great experience that families will always remember."

You can choose to attend **An Enchanting Afternoon: Peter and the Wolf** in person at Metropolitan United, home of London Symphonia, or virtually through London Symphonia's new **Watch and Listen** video on demand channel. Visit [www.londonsymphonia.ca](http://www.londonsymphonia.ca) to find out more. .

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## **LISTING INFORMATION: LONDON SYMPHONIA CONCERT**

*An Enchanting Afternoon: Peter and the Wolf*  
London Symphonia  
Sunday, March 8, 2026

**2:30 p.m. Doors open for an optional special craft presented by the London Children's Museum**

**3:30 p.m. Concert begins**

**4:30 p.m. Post Concert Instrument Petting Zoo, courtesy of Long & McQuade**  
Metropolitan United, 468 Wellington St, London, ON

## Tickets

FREE children's and students tickets PLUS adult ticket savings are available at [londonsymphonia.ca](http://londonsymphonia.ca).

The concert video production of An **Enchanted Afternoon: Peter and the Wolf** will be available to rent on London Symphonia's **WATCH and LISTEN video on demand channel starting March 13, 2026**. Find out more at [londonsymphonia.ca](http://londonsymphonia.ca).

## ABOUT DEBORAH HAY

Originally from Montreal, Deborah Hay is a Canadian actress who makes her home in Stratford, Ontario. Her most recent credits include playing 'Edith Piaf' in *Piaf/Dietrich* at the Grand Theatre and 'Beatrice' in *Much Ado About Nothing* at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. Deborah has spent many seasons at the two largest repertory theatres in North America, the Stratford Festival and the Shaw Festival, most recently playing 'Feste' in *Twelfth Night*, and a "show-stealing" 'Lady Gay Spanker' in *London Assurance* at the Stratford Festival. Deborah starred for three seasons as 'Catherine Cardinal' in the award-winning CTV series *Cardinal*, opposite Billy Campbell and Karine Vanasse. Her television credits include guest stars in *Good Sam* (CBS), *Saving Hope* (CTV), *Remedy* (Global), *Murdoch Mysteries* (CBC), and *Four in the Morning* (CBC), and a recurring role in *Five Days at Memorial* (Apple). Upcoming, Deb will be returning to the Stratford Festival to play Martie in *The King James Bible*.

## ABOUT SPY DÉNOMMÉ-WELCH

Spy Dénommé-Welch is a composer, producer, and librettist/playwright of Anishnaabe identity. He wrote and co-composed the Dora Mavor Moore-nominated opera *Giiwedii*. Spy is the Artistic Director of *Unsettled Scores*, a company dedicated to developing new works dealing with complex Canadian and global histories through opera, music, theatre and video. His academic research focuses on Indigenous topics in education, arts, music and performance.

## 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, London Symphonia conducts dynamic music education programs and community outreach programs to provide greater access to music across the community.

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