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**Elegance and Fire  
2010 Kitchener-  
Waterloo Symphony  
Gala**

Featuring Canadian violin  
superstar **James Ehnes**  
Saturday September 18  
James will perform with KWS  
excerpts from Vivaldi's  
famous *Four Seasons*, along with works by  
Massenet, Kreisler and more.



*Dinner* ~ 5:30 @ Conrad Centre for the  
Performing Arts (CCPA)  
*Concert* ~ 7:30 pm @ The Centre in the  
Square  
*After Party* ~ 9:30 pm @ CCPA

For complete details and pricing please visit  
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The 2009 Gala After Party at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts

***Please Play Your Part by Paying Tribute to our Musicians! Donate or increase your support before the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline!***

Some of our supporters have been asking about whether there will be a *matching challenge* this season. We would like you to know that the board, staff and musicians of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony are committed to ensuring the long term vitality of the Region's premiere performing arts organization. One of the most notable signs of this commitment was our musicians who generously agreed to give back 5% of wages in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2009/10 Season.

Instead of a matching challenge this year, we are asking our supporters to contribute at levels that are personally significant as tribute to our musicians. We invite you to join us by making your own "Tribute" gift today and, in doing so, thank and honour the musicians of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony for the value they bring to our community and to our lives.

Please consider making your donation or making an additional gift before July 31<sup>st</sup>. We are happy to accept written pledges and arrange payment plans throughout the year. Please contact KWS Development at 519.745.4711 x 275 or online at [kwsymphony.ca](http://kwsymphony.ca) for more information or to make your gift.

Your support makes it possible for us to perform over 90 concerts each season; employ 52 professional musicians who perform, teach and contribute to a higher quality of life for our communities; and nurture a future generation of professional musicians through our 5-ensemble Youth Orchestra Program.

Thank you!



## Where's Edwin?

As most of you know, Edwin Outwater has a very busy performance schedule, and we thought we'd share with you some of his summer engagements this year.

Edwin will be in Ottawa for 3 days, and if you're thinking of traveling, he would love to see some of our KWS supporters when he's conducting in our nation's capital.

***Opera Under the Stars***, with The National Arts Centre Orchestra, Opera Lyra, and soloists, Isabel Bayrakdarian, soprano, Lauren Segal, mezzo-soprano, Michael Schade, tenor, Phillip Addis, baritone, Opera Lyra Ottawa Chorus  
Friday July 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Venue: Lebreton Flats Park - Free concert

The National Arts Centre Orchestra with ***guest artists Nikki Yanofsky***, ***Time for Three*** and ***host Katie Malloch***  
Saturday July 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Venue: Lebreton Flats Park - Free concert

## ***Gershwin in the Park***

The National Arts Centre Orchestra and Stewart Goodyear, piano  
Program includes Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, John Estacio's *Frenergy*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*  
Sunday July 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Venue: Lebreton Flats Park - Free Concert

## 2009/10 Celebrations and Events

The 2009/10 Season was amazing, and we think you'll agree that the events planned during the year were very enjoyable and a lot of fun! We've had some great feedback from you, our supporters, and we always welcome your comments and suggestions. Here are some wonderful photos from 2009/10, and we look forward to more great celebrations in the future.

***January 12, 2010 – Open dress rehearsal.*** Thanks to all who came out to this great event, which featured the amazing performance by Anton Kuerti and Edwin Outwater. Over 140 people attended this rehearsal and had an opportunity to meet the artists!

Photo courtesy of Sean M Puckett



## Our musicians – Summertime!

As you all know, this is the time for our musicians to tour, travel, play with other groups, make recordings, and enjoy other great activities.

For example many of you may not realize that one of our violinists is also an accomplished mosaic artist. Sophie Drouin is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation mosaic artist taking after her father. Last summer, she was a featured and invited artist for Cutting Edges, in Lake Oswego, Oregon. This year one of her mosaics has been selected for an extended stay at the Navy Pier's Smith museum of Stained Glass in Chicago, where hundreds of thousands of visitors will get a chance to see it. She will also be travelling to teach workshops, as a returning faculty member of the Institute of Mosaic Art in Oakland, California, at the International Mosaic Summit in Austin, Texas, and at the Chicago Mosaic School, among others. For more about Sophie's works, visit [www.sophiemosaics.com](http://www.sophiemosaics.com)



Two more in the news this summer are Stephen Sitarski and Larry Larson, both on faculty at the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in London. The NYOC is Canada's leading training organization for aspiring young orchestral musicians and is celebrating their 50th anniversary this season. Close to 40% of Canada's professional orchestral musicians are alumni of the NYOC. Visit their site to read more about this amazing program and their faculty. [www.nyoc.org/larson](http://www.nyoc.org/larson)

Another talented musician and our own Personnel Manager, Nancy Wharton will be travelling to Europe with her husband Dennis on a well deserved holiday. Their trip involves planes, trains and automobiles, and they may even pay a visit to Simon Streatfield. Where will the others be this summer? **Follow them at [kwsocial.ca](http://kwsocial.ca), where some of them blog.**

## 2009/10 Celebrations and Events cont'd



### April 27, 2010— Musician and Chair Sponsor Reception

This annual event is a wonderful, relaxed and social opportunity for KWS musicians to meet with their chair donors and other patrons. The musicians truly enjoy this event as it allows them to personally thank our patrons for their support. The turn out was wonderful, with over 60 musicians and donors who attended this evening event at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts.

*Photo of George Greer, Associate Principal Bass and his new chair sponsors, Kurt and Sandy Christie.*

### May 27<sup>th</sup> – On stage rehearsal of Carmina Burana

Donors attended the final rehearsal of the Carmina Burana concert, which featured over 100 musicians on stage. Donors were invited to sit amongst the KWS musicians, and were invited to a pre-rehearsal reception at The Centre In The Square. *Photo of Concert performance, with soloists, choir and orchestra courtesy of Sean M. Puckett*



## Education Update

Pathways to Education program wrapped up this spring with a student recital and performance by some of the KWS mentors.

KWS was so pleased to partner on this program and was able to provide Individual and Group music lessons, weekly for over 7 months to more than 30 students. Special thanks goes to Angela Cox-Daly and Nancy Wharton who were two of the instrumental mentors in this program, and Chris Sharpe for all his work throughout the program.



*Pathways student at final spring recital.  
Photo courtesy of Chris Sharpe with permission*

## Notes from our teachers about our School Concerts Program - We couldn't say it any better.....

"Great arrangements and performance. We hope to come again next year." Alison Prittie, Rockway Public School

"It is an excellent educational experience! And the fact that the concerts are free is the icing on the cake. Many of our students would never be exposed to the symphony without this experience. The musician visits [to our classroom] were especially helpful to build in a personal connection to the symphony and the whole experience for the students." Shannon Matsuo, Elizabeth Ziegler P.S.



What if Beethoven never wrote down his music? We would never have known the power of the Ninth Symphony!

**Help us plan today for our future musicians and audiences.**

To make a planned gift by bequest, insurance, or other means, please contact KWS Development at 519.745.4711 x 279.

*KWS already in your estate plans?  
Please let us know so we can thank you!*

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