

Make Time for Great Music



2010/11 kitchener-waterloosymphony

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THE KWS ANNOUNCES ITS 2010/11 SEASON LAUNCH MAKE TIME FOR GREAT MUSIC!

Kitchener, ON –The **Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony** (KWS) announces programming for the 2010/11 Season, the Orchestra's fourth season under Music Director Edwin Outwater, and the 66th since its founding. The new season brings exciting Canadian and international guest artists to the area, explores innovative new programming, and highlights this great orchestra.

This season opens with Grammy award-winning Canadian violinist **James Ehnes** in a gala concert performing selections from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, and selections by Beethoven, Massenet and Kreisler. Billed as *Elegance and Fire*, this gala is the KWS' largest and most important fundraising event of the season. The evening will open with a cocktail reception and following the concert will end with an elegant dinner, dancing, and a live auction.

Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Executive Director, Genevieve Twomey, comments, "Extending the extraordinary success of his first three seasons, Outwater has programmed a season with acclaimed guest artists, and his signature mix of music that is familiar, adventurous and entertaining. It is music that will enrich and change your life in profound and unexpected ways."

The Signature Series showcases the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony performing some of the greatest music ever written; Holst's *The Planets*, Tchaikovsky's powerful Piano Concerto No. 1, Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 *From the New World* Symphony, Edward Elgar's stunning Cello Concerto, Sibelius' Fifth Symphony, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Kurt Weill's cabaret song cycle *The Seven Deadly Sins* with soprano **Measha Brueggergosman**.

This season the KWS is pleased to feature some of today's leading artists. In addition to **Measha Brueggergosman**, who most recently performed at the opening of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, the KWS will be joined by pianist **Kirill Gerstein** (2009 Gilmore Artist Award winner), young Russian pianist **Natasha Paremski**, and the return of cellist **Alban Gerhardt**. With no shortage

of great piano soloists, the Signature Series will open with two double piano concertos with **Orion Weiss** and his fiancée **Anna Polansky**.

The Signature Series will feature two local choirs with the KWS; the **DaCapo Chamber Choir** performing Schubert's, Mass No. 2 and the Women of the **Grand Philharmonic Choir** in Holst's *The Planets*. The powerful KWS Horn Section will solo in Schumann's *Konzertstück* and Concertmaster, Stephen Sitarski and Principal Viola, Joshua Greenlaw will share the stage in Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*.

The KWS will perform a world premiere by Canadian composer **Brian Current**. Current has won numerous awards and acclaim across North America, including Guggenheim and Barlow awards. The new work titled *Whirling Dervish* will feature visual artist and second-generation Sufi mevlevi whirling dervish, Mira Hunter.

Outwater states, "I first heard Brian Current's music before I ever came to Canada. I am so proud to have commissioned him for this exciting new work which will spin with incredible musical, physical and visual energy."

Intersections, the KWS' most innovative series will feature bestselling author of *This Is Your Brain on Music* and *The World in Six Songs*, **Daniel Levitin**, electronic mastermind **Dan Deacon**, and gothic children's author Lemony Snicket – **Daniel Handler**.

Outwater says, "This series has received international attention and this year we have attracted artists who are truly celebrities in their field. Daniel Levitin and Daniel Handler have sold literally tens of millions of books between them; Dan Deacon is an electronic music sensation known worldwide. All three of them are coming to us to collaborate and create something totally new and exciting. And all three of them are, in a strange coincidence, named Daniel."

The 2010/11 **Pops** series will open with **Cirque de la Symphonie** back by popular demand. Cartoon characters join the symphony in **Bugs Bunny at the Symphony**, the famous scores performed live by the KWS with classic animation on the silver screen above.

Also on the Pops series is, the multi-talented **Matt Catingub** leading a tribute to the music of **Frank Sinatra**, a new take on our classic Christmas show led by **Men With Horns**, Canadian National Fiddle Champion **Frank Leahy**, and British comedian and conductor **Rainer Hersch**.

KWS Concertmaster and Artistic Director of the **Baroque and Beyond** series, **Stephen Sitarski** says of the new season, "In this season we will explore Bach's six Brandenburg concertos. These masterworks represent a pinnacle of not only Bach's own work, but that of the entire Baroque era."

This series is performed in the ideal setting, beautiful churches in Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph, and will feature soloists from within the KWS.

Our **Family Concert Series**, now in its second year, introduces three concerts designed by conductor **John Morris Russell** and includes his acclaimed “Symphony in Space” show, which was performed at Carnegie Hall and will feature a guest astronaut! These performances are design for children ages 5 – 10 and are presented at the Centre In The Square in partnership with the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery. For children under 5, the KWS continues its cushion concerts, the Kinderconcerts Series, presented in a comfortable setting for our very youngest audience members.

Accompanying the launch of the new season, the KWS also announces a new social networking site for KWS fans at **KWSocial.ca**. This resource connects the KWS to the community in a new and dynamic way fostering a personal and immediate connection between audiences and musicians. The site also features a “know before you go” page with frequently asked questions, downloadable program notes, and more.

The KWS 2010/11 Season is sponsored by Sun Life Financial, marking the 24th anniversary of the company’s support of the KWS.

2010/11 SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

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To download the season brochure and high-res publicity photos of the KWS and KWS Music Director Edwin Outwater, please visit the media room at kwsymphony.ca.

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