



Kingston Symphony

2023-2024
Season

Evan Mitchell,
Music Director

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July
7 Subscription
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Aug.
28 Single Tickets
On Sale

Oct.
1 Season
Opens

Dear Friends,

We live in an era of constant change and surprise. The return to the live stage came with a completely new landscape that seemed unfamiliar, but also bold and exciting, full of possibilities! I have always found the creation of a season, the act of putting together the concerts one at a time, to be one of the most rewarding tasks as Music Director. I think our offerings this coming season represent the very best of what we hope to bring to you: inspiration, amazement, innovation, and perhaps most importantly, emotional connection. That last one is at the very heart of what we do.

Our Masterworks Series remains our flagship, where we join with virtuoso guest artists like Matt Herskowitz and Rachel Mercer. We cover the classics while also premiering substantial, magnificent, brand-new Canadian works. Our beloved composer festival turns its spotlight on Tchaikovsky. Symphonies by Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Mendelssohn, and Dvorak will make for unforgettable concert experiences.

Our Pops Series is equally intoxicating! Between a revue of some incredible movie music, the magic of Sarah Slean performing the very best of Joni Mitchell, and phenom Leo P achieving musical and athletic feats thought completely impossible, the Kingston Symphony's Pops Series will mesmerize, delight, and entertain unlike any Saturday night on the town you have ever experienced!

Harmon the Hound as well as our celebrated Science at the Symphony concert return to the stage to headline our Family Series. It will be absolute fun for all ages! And, of course, our beloved Candlelight Christmas concerts, a staple of the season, are carefully designed to give that special warm Christmassy feeling from top of show to the very last note.

Come celebrate a wonderful season of music with us! It is going to be truly magnificent.

Yours in music,



Evan Mitchell
Music Director

Kingston Symphony

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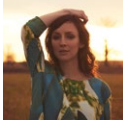
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Tchaikovsky Festival



Lalo & Dvorak

Please pardon our Maestro for invoking a little of his own agenda for this concert, which he has filled with some of his favourite music. Strauss's Vienna Bonbons is sublime, Lalo's Cello Concerto, particularly as performed by Rachel Mercer, is a musical treasure trove, and Dvorak's Eighth Symphony is a melodic smorgasbord from the very first note. Yes, this is an indulgence for our Music Director, but these magnificent pieces of music might become some of your favourites too!



Masterworks One

Oct.
1

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Rachel Mercer,
Cello

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Strauss:
Vienna Bonbons

Lalo:
Cello Concerto

Dvorak:
Symphony No. 8

Vaughan Williams & Mazzoli

The strings form the largest single section of the orchestra, and yet they often miss out on the spotlight. This program changes that! From the expansive bliss of Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis to the virtuosity of Montgomery's Strum to the lyrical beauty of Dvorak's Serenade for Strings, this concert showcases our magnificent string section with music that is sure to delight and surprise.



Masterworks Two

**Oct.
22**

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Ian Whitman,
Bass

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Montgomery: Strum
Still: Mother and Child

Vaughan Williams:
Fantasia on a Theme
by Thomas Tallis

Mazzoli: Dark with
Excessive Bright

Dvorak: Serenade
for Strings



Mendelssohn & Brahms

One of the most fascinating aspects of orchestral music is that much of it has survived for centuries. This music never goes out of style and today's program includes works by three composers who define the word "classic." Led by Maestra Dina Gilbert, the orchestra performs works by some of the most celebrated composers, from an overture by Rossini to symphonies by Mendelssohn and Brahms.

Masterworks Three

Dec.
3

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Dina Gilbert,
Guest Conductor



Rossini:
Overture to La
scala di seta

Mendelssohn:
Symphony No. 1

Brahms:
Symphony No. 3



The **Bach** Connection

Join us as we partner with phenomenal jazz pianist Matt Herskowitz in a journey through Johann Sebastian Bach's music, and the magical elements of surprise, innovation and improvisation which permeate his greatest works. This concert travels from "pure" Bach to increasingly jazz-infused Bach, all with Matt Herskowitz's generational talent driving things forward! A truly magical and inspired afternoon awaits!

Masterworks Four

Jan.
14

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Matt Herskowitz,
Piano

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor



Bach:
Brandenburg
Concerto No. 3

Bach: Piano
Concerto in D
minor, BWV 1052

Bach à la Jazz

Livingston & Rachmaninoff

This afternoon's program celebrates the creative process with the live premiere of John Estacio's Domestic Divertimento, a work created and digitally premiered to international acclaim during the pandemic. We also premiere Cecilia Livingston's song cycle Breath Alone, based on text by Canadian poet and novelist Anne Michaels, and sung by soprano Mireille Asselin. Rachmaninoff's sumptuous Second Symphony completes the program, which we guarantee will be a feast for your ears!



Masterworks Five

Feb.
11

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Mireille Asselin,
Soprano

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Estacio: Domestic
Divertimento

Livingston:
Breath Alone

Rachmaninoff:
Symphony No. 2



Delius & Elgar

We celebrate the musical life and impact of the late composer and conductor Bramwell Tovey, one of Canada's most influential musical forces. Maestro Evan has carefully crafted a program to honour Bramwell, who was a special friend and mentor, supporting him at every opportunity during his early career. Bramwell's own works are startling and brilliant, overflowing with his unique voice. Frederick Delius, also featured on this program, was one of his most beloved composers and Elgar's towering Enigma Variations was Bramwell's favourite piece.

Masterworks Six

Mar.
3

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Delius:
In a Summer
Garden

Tovey:
Urban Runway

Tovey:
Time Tracks

Elgar:
Enigma Variations



Tchaikovsky Festival

Ever since our first annual composer festival, there has been one name consistently requested by our audience. The time has finally come, as we celebrate one of music's titans: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. In a stunning afternoon of music, we present his second and fourth symphonies, a blockbuster program not to be missed!

Masterworks Seven

Apr.
28

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Tchaikovsky:
Symphony No. 2

Tchaikovsky:
Symphony No. 4

Pops Series

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Lights, Camera, Music

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Sarah Slean Sings
Joni Mitchell

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Sax Attack with Leo P





Lights, Camera, Music

Get swept away by the magic of the silver screen with a revue of some of the most incredible music ever written for film. Featuring music from Casablanca, Psycho, James Bond, Star Wars, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial and beyond, the Kingston Symphony will transport you to the most fantastical realms of the cinematic universe!

Pops One

Nov.
18

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Theatre



Sarah Slean

Sings Joni Mitchell

Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah Slean joins the Kingston Symphony for a tribute to the genius of Joni Mitchell. Mitchell's iconic blend of blues, rock, and jazz has made her one of Canada's most beloved musicians. Sarah Slean brings her unique take on the very best of Joni's songbook, layering familiar gems with her own perspective and superlative voice, with beautiful musical arrangements by Grammy Award-winning artist Vince Mendoza.

Pops Two

Jan.
27

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Theatre

Sarah Slean,
Singer

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor



Sax Attack

with **Leo P**

Every so often, we are lucky to come across a talent so surprising, it is hard to even classify what you are seeing. Baritone saxophonist Leo Pellegrino is one of those talents. A sensational virtuoso, an incredible athlete, and an unstoppable stage presence, Leo P joins forces with the Kingston Symphony in what will be an unforgettable evening. You can't miss this show!

Pops Three

Apr.
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Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Theatre

Leo P,
Baritone
Saxophone

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

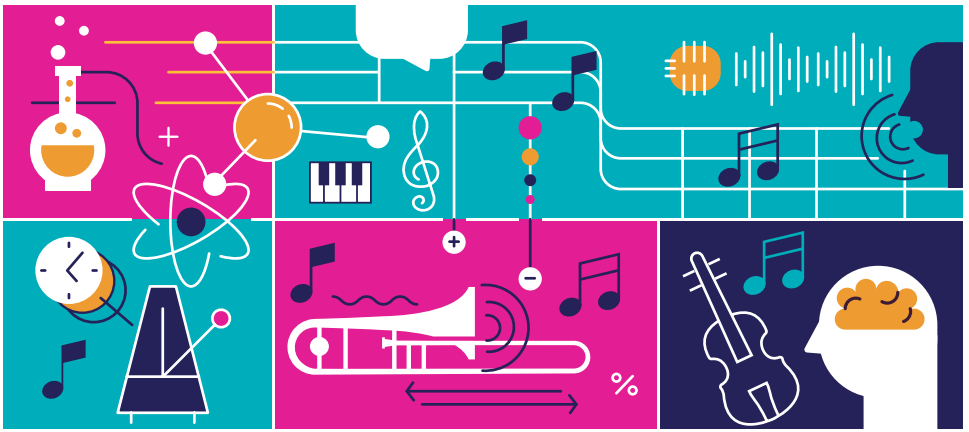
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Science at the Symphony

Music is an art, a language, and a science as well! Discover how music and science come together by learning about vibration, harmony, resonance, and so much more. With an afternoon of fantastic music and props galore, it is going to be fun for everyone. Warning – there may be an explosion or two!

Family One

Nov.
5

Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
Grand Theatre

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor



Candlelight Christmas

The Kingston Symphony's Candlelight Christmas is one of Kingston's most beloved performance traditions. Featuring cherished Christmas classics alongside a host of seasonal favourites, as well as a bunch of surprises, Candlelight Christmas has something for everyone. Join us for that warm festive feeling you can only experience with live music during the holidays!

Holiday Special

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7:30 p.m.
The Isabel

Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

**Kingston Choral
Society**

Ian Juby,
Artistic Director



Harmon Returns

Everyone's favourite canine cosmonaut Harmon the Hound returns to the stage with your Kingston Symphony! Harmon is emBARKing on another space adventure to the musical planet Ripieno III. She will learn all about new instruments in the orchestra, as they are performed live on stage by the Kingston Symphony. What instrument will Harmon decide to play for her audition? Make no BONES about it. Bring your family and friends to this amazing concert to find out.

Family Two

Mar.
23

Saturday, 2:30 p.m.
The Isabel

**Justin T. Lee &
Lindsay Lee,**
Gazelle
Automations
Evan Mitchell,
Conductor

Play It Forward

You can support local musicians, connect people with live music, and help Kingston keep its world-class orchestra by becoming a member of the Friends of the Symphony or the Encore Society.

Support the Season

From thrilling performances to innovative education programs, the Kingston Symphony relies on generous gifts from our community to continue performing uncompromising orchestral programs. Please consider making a donation with your subscription to ensure the Kingston Symphony's continued success.

Join the Friends of the Symphony

Tickets sales only cover approximately 35% of the Kingston Symphony's annual costs. Join the Friends of the Symphony with a gift of \$20 or more and know that you will be making a difference. Monthly donations are a convenient and easy way to give. Many donors feel that a \$25 per month contribution is financially possible. This equals a gift of \$300 per year to the Kingston Symphony!

Join the Encore Society

Become a member of the Encore Society with a gift of \$125 per month or more and join a group of people who share a true passion for the Kingston Symphony. Receive invitations to unique events, attend open rehearsals, and gain behind-the-scenes access to your orchestra.

Leave a Legacy

By making a planned gift today you are providing for the Kingston Symphony's future. Consider naming the Kingston Symphony as a beneficiary of your estate and know that your legacy will give the gift of classical music to many future generations.

Adopt a Musician

Share your passion for an instrument or musician by supporting a chair in your name or in honour of someone special to you. Endow a position in the orchestra or adopt a musician annually by naming a musician's chair.

Experience the Kingston Symphony Online

In addition to our live performances, the Kingston Symphony has a variety of online initiatives to offer, including live streamed performances, our Harmon in Space series, and interviews with our musicians, to name just a few. Over the last three years, the Kingston Symphony's reach has extended well beyond the Kingston region and community engagement has grown significantly. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel or tune in on our website or social media to watch all of our digital programming.

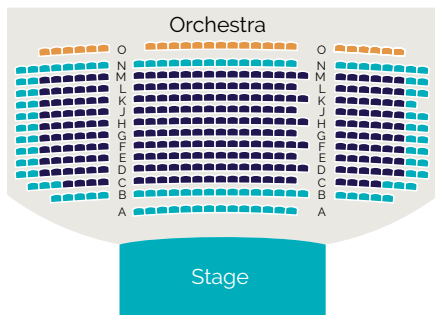
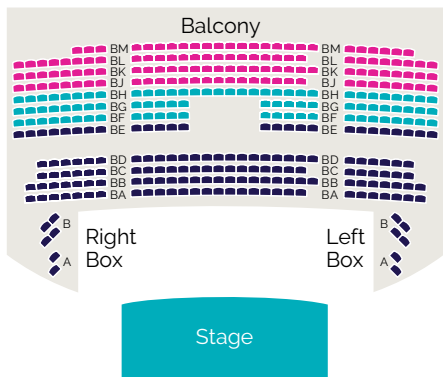


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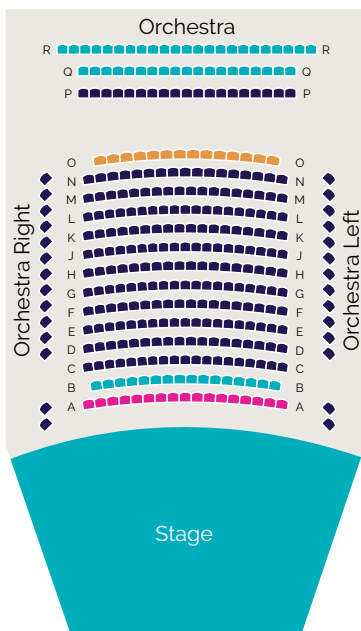
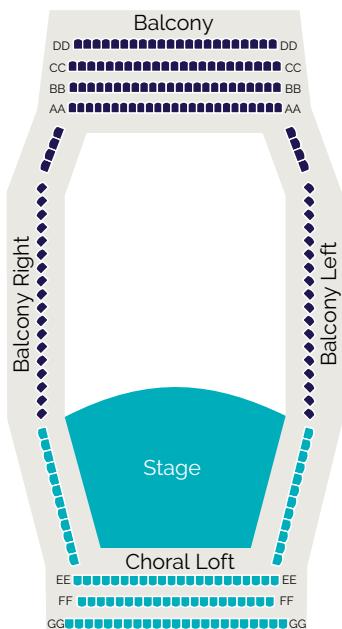
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| Tour of venues | | | | | | • | • | • | • |
| Opportunity to name a musician's chair | | | | | | | • | • | • |
| Dinner with Music Director | | | | | | | | • | • |
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The Isabel



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Mon. Dec. 18 - 7:30 p.m. Tues. Dec. 19 - 7:30 p.m. Wed. Dec. 20 - 7:30 p.m.

Masterworks Series: 7 Concerts

| Quantity | Adult | Senior | Student | Total |
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Pops Series: 3 Concerts

| Quantity | Adult | Senior | Student | Total |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Science at the Symphony (Family 1) November 5, 2023 | <input type="checkbox"/> December 19, 2023 | <input type="checkbox"/> Harmon Returns (Family 2) March 23, 2024 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lights, Camera, Music (Pops 1) November 18, 2023 | <input type="checkbox"/> December 20, 2023 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sax Attack with Leo P (Pops 3) April 13, 2024 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bach Connection (MW4) January 14, 2024 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tchaikovsky Festival (MW7) April 28, 2024 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Slean Sings Joni Mitchell (Pops 2) January 27, 2024 | |

| Quantity | Adult | Senior | Student | Total Concerts | Total |
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| Adult/Senior | | Student | Child | Total | |
| Candlelight Christmas | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$10 | \$ | |
| Family Concerts | | Student | Child | Total | |
| Science at the Symphony | <input type="checkbox"/> X \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> X \$10 | \$ | |
| Harmon Returns | <input type="checkbox"/> X \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> X \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> X \$10 | \$ | |

Senior = 65 years old and over

Child = 12 years old and under

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- Indicated how you would like to be listed as a donor if you have made a donation through Play It Forward

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