



50

YEARS

2017-18
SEASON



OAKVILLE
SYMPHONY

FROM THE CONDUCTOR

I am delighted to invite you to the Oakville Symphony's 50th birthday party. Our golden anniversary season is truly something to celebrate, and celebrate it we will.

Our gala opening concerts in November will bid farewell to our country's 150th year-long birthday celebration by performing three outstanding Canadian works – the Canadian classic *Fall Fair Overture* by Godfrey Ridout, Maxime Goulet's *United Anthems* along with the *Romantic Overture* by Oakville composer Hunter Coblenz. Other musical highlights throughout the season will feature the majestic *Symphony #1* of Johannes Brahms, the haunting *Scheherazade* of Rimsky-Korsakov and a celebration of the centenary of Leonard Bernstein.

As always, outstanding guest artists will join us throughout 2017-18. The brilliant violinist Timothy Chooi will perform Bruch's *Violin Concerto #1*, the exciting pianist Mehdi Ghazi performs Beethoven, and Oakville soprano (and Berlin resident) Vanessa Lanch will thrill us with the songs of Richard Strauss. The season comes to a triumphant close with a concert that celebrates the genius of conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein. This program will include a performance of the thrilling Brahms *Double Concerto* with violinist Yehonatan Berick and Oakville cellist Rachel Mercer, and talented performers from the Sheridan College Theatre Program in highlights from the classic Broadway shows: *West Side Story* and *Candide*.

In addition to our subscription series, our Family Christmas concerts will again feature the beautiful music of the Holiday season with the Symphony being joined by the sublime Oakville Children's Choir.

On behalf of our talented musicians, I extend my thanks to our loyal subscribers for your enthusiastic presence at our concerts. The 50th season is a unique and special occasion to celebrate this wonderful artistic treasure that is the Oakville Symphony. Come to our musical party.



Roberto De Clara
Music Director/Conductor
Oakville Symphony



NOV
4-5



50TH ANNIVERSARY OPENING FIREWORKS

Guest Artist: Timothy Chooi, violin

Maxime Goulet *United Anthems*
Ridout *Fall Fair Overture*
Mahler *Totenfeier*
Coblentz *Romantic Overture*
Bruch *Violin Concerto #1*

FEB
3-4



VIENNA – CITY OF MUSIC

Guest Artist: Mehdi Ghazi, piano

Beethoven *Piano Concerto #1*
Brahms *Symphony #1*

APR
7-8



MUSICAL TALES

Guest Artist: Vanessa Lanch, Soprano

Debussy *Petite Suite*
The Songs of Richard Strauss *Morgen, Cécilie,*
Im Abendrot
Rimsky-Korsakov *Scheherazade*
(Tales of a Thousand and One Nights)

MAY
12-13



CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN @ 100

Guest Artists: Rachel Mercer, Cello
Yehonatan Berick, Violin
Sheridan College Music Theatre

Brahms *Double Concerto*
Bernstein *Highlights from*
West Side Story and Candide

2017-18 SPECIAL EVENTS

A CELEBRATION CONCERT

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 8:00pm

Come and join the Oakville Symphony in its festive 50th anniversary year. This special concert celebrates the spirit of community which is central to the Symphony's history. Current, former and future musicians share the stage and transport you on a musical journey.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 1:30 & 4:00pm

Special guests: The Oakville Children's Choir

This very popular one-hour concert is back again this season. "Family Christmas" is holiday fun for the entire family with a full orchestra playing seasonal favourites. Your children can enjoy interactive activities as they shake the jingle bells, beat the drums or maybe even conduct with the Maestro.

OAKVILLE SYMPHONY DAY

Saturday, April 14, 2018

FREE for everyone

Our Mayor is declaring it Oakville Symphony Day! Join us as we celebrate 50 years of symphonic music in Oakville. There will be concerts, special presentations, the annual Young People's Concert, games, tours and lots more, so check out our website for more details and let's celebrate! (Some events require a reservation.)

Presented in partnership with the Town of Oakville and the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.



TICKET PRICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS

(4 CONCERTS)

Adult \$168
Senior \$154
Student \$72

SINGLE TICKETS

Adult \$56
Senior \$50
Young Adult* \$39
Student \$27

(up to 35)

TO ORDER TICKETS

Subscriptions, Single Tickets and Family Christmas

Online: oakvillesymphony.com

Phone: 905.815.2021

In-person: Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
130 Navy Street, Oakville

50th Celebration Concert

Online: burlingtonpac.ca

Phone: 905.681.6000

In-person: Burlington Centre for the Performing Arts
440 Locust Street, Burlington

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BE A FRIEND

Being a Friend of the Oakville Symphony is an opportunity for you to support a musical organization that has been an important part of the cultural mosaic of our community for 50 years! As a supporter you will receive a tax receipt, recognition in our concert programs, free participation in our “Not just the Score” talks with Maestro De Clara and non-musician membership in the Oakville Symphony.

Additionally, if you add a “50 dollars for 50 years” donation, you will be included on our special commemorative plaque listing all the people that helped make our special 50th celebrations a reality. You can add your regular donation when ordering your tickets or you can fill out the “YES! I want to be a Friend of the Oakville Symphony” and “50 dollars for 50 years” form posted on our website and sent to our subscribers.

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| BRAVO CIRCLE | \$2,000 + |
| MAESTRO | \$1,000 - \$1,999 |
| BENEFACTOR | \$500 - \$999 |
| SUPPORTER | \$250 - \$499 |
| CONTRIBUTOR | \$50 - \$249 |



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