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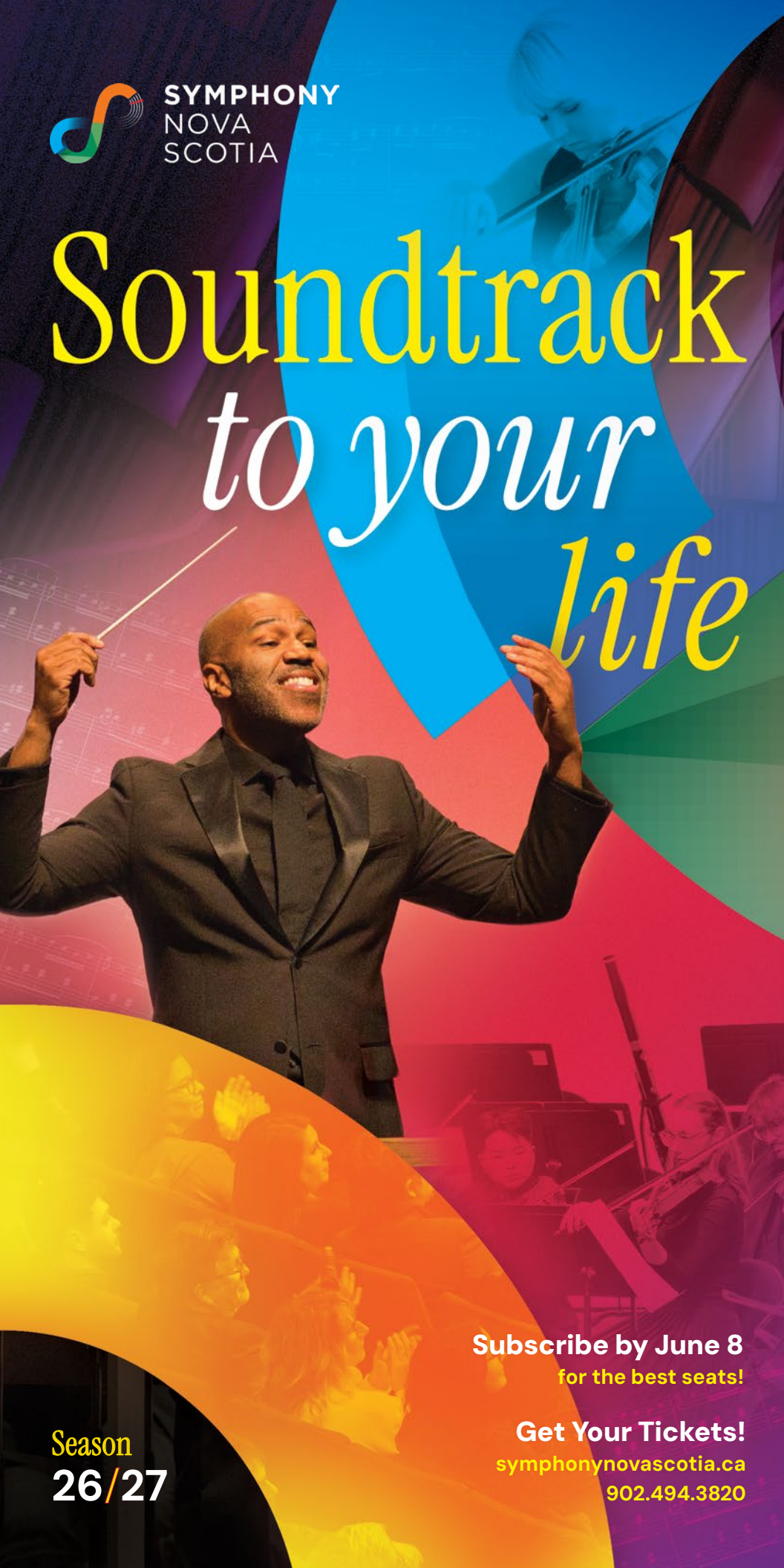

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"We were in awe throughout. Everything from the music, warmth of spirit from all who entertained us, and incredible talent; all was a delight. How fortunate we were to have experienced this performance."
~ DKM, post-show survey

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with compelling live performances that tell powerful stories in sound. Symphony Nova Scotia brings people together through music and programmes that reflect the world around us and the human experiences that connect us. We're so excited to share what's coming up this season — from cherished traditions and familiar faces to fresh perspectives, dazzling discoveries, and unforgettable experiences. Whether you're stepping into the concert hall for the first time or you've been with us for years, we're so pleased to have you be part of our story in 2026/27.

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Spotlight

Earl Lee, *conductor*

Sweeping symphonies, powerful concertos, and timeless masterpieces. The pillars of classical repertoire performed with depth, artistry, and full-orchestra brilliance.

Robert Uchida, *violin*

Shadows & Light: Barber & Brahms

7:30PM · THURS. OCTOBER 15, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Earl Lee, *conductor* · **Robert Uchida,** *violin*
Matthew-John Knights: Aperture Widening *(SNS commission & world premiere)* / Samuel Barber: *Violin Concerto*
Johannes Brahms: *Symphony No. 1*

A glorious affirmation of the human spirit.
Discover the resilient brilliance of three composers who transform darkness into radiant, enduring beauty, each in their own unique way: from Brahms' triumphant breakthrough First Symphony to the glowing lyricism and fireworks of Barber's Violin Concerto (featuring our former Concertmaster Robert Uchida), and a specially-commissioned world premiere by Canadian composer Matthew-John Knights.

Teo Gheorghiu, *piano*

Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony

7:30PM • THURS. OCTOBER 29, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Andrei Feher, *conductor* · **Teo Gheorghiu,** *piano*
Anna Clyne: *Stride* /
Robert Schumann: *Piano Concerto* /
Ludwig van Beethoven: *Symphony No. 6*

The profoundly moving power of nature.
Hold on tight for Anna Clyne's *Stride*, a wild ride through the rural backroads of Beethoven's *Pathétique* sonata. Lose yourself in the romantic landscapes of Robert Schumann's only Piano Concerto, featuring Canadian pianist Teo Gheorghiu's Symphony Nova Scotia debut. Then, wander through the idyllic countryside of Beethoven's epic *Pastoral* Symphony.

Jane Archibald, *soprano*

Peace & Remembrance: Ravel & Vaughan Williams

7:30PM • THURS. NOVEMBER 19, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Simon Rivard, *conductor* · **Jane Archibald,** *soprano*
Korin Thomas-Smith, *baritone* · **The Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus**
Joel Tranquilla, *chorus master*
Carlos Simon: *Breathe* / Maurice Ravel: *Le Tombeau de Couperin* /
Samuel Barber: *Adagio for Strings* /
Ralph Vaughan Williams: *Dona nobis pacem (Grant us Peace)*

Finding solace in a world of chaos.
Honouring the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion and the 50th anniversary of the Nova Scotia Choral Federation, this powerful program invites reflection, remembrance, and hope. From Barber's timeless *Adagio for Strings* to Ravel's memorial tribute and Vaughan Williams' urgent plea for peace, this music remains as poignant and moving today as when it was written.

Simon Rivard, *conductor*

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Bernhard Gueller, *conductor*

Magnificent Mozart

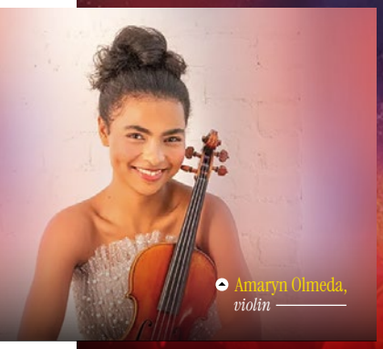
7:30PM • THURS. JANUARY 28, 2027
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Bernhard Gueller, *conductor* · **Carys Sutherland,** *horn*
W.A. Mozart: *Così fan tutte Overture* / *Symphony No. 36 in C Major, "Linz"* | *Horn Concerto No. 4* | *Symphony No. 35 in D Major, "Haffner"*

The joy and genius of Wolfgang Amadeus. Music Director Laureate Bernhard Gueller returns with two electrifying late symphonies, the exuberant "Linz" and the fiery "Haffner," along with a dazzling Horn Concerto featuring our Principal Horn Carys Sutherland. A vibrant evening celebrating the brilliance of the Classical era's greatest master.

Fiesta Española: Carmen and Capriccio espagnol

7:30PM • THURS. FEBRUARY 11, 2027
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

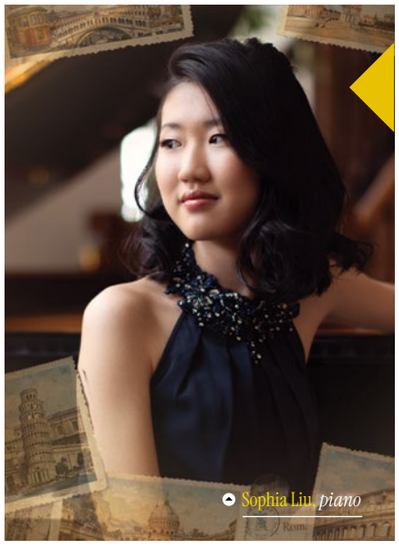


Amaryn Olmeda, *violin*

Maria Osende, *Spanish dance*

Amaryn Olmeda, *violin* · **Maria Osende,** *Spanish dance*
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov: *Capriccio espagnol* |
Sergei Prokofiev: *Violin Concerto No. 2* | Georges Bizet: *Suite from Carmen*

A fiery festival of Spanish rhythms, dance, and drama. Heat up February with Rimsky-Korsakov's richly coloured *Capriccio espagnol*, the castanet-infused flair of Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto, and a larger-than-life suite from Bizet's *Carmen*.



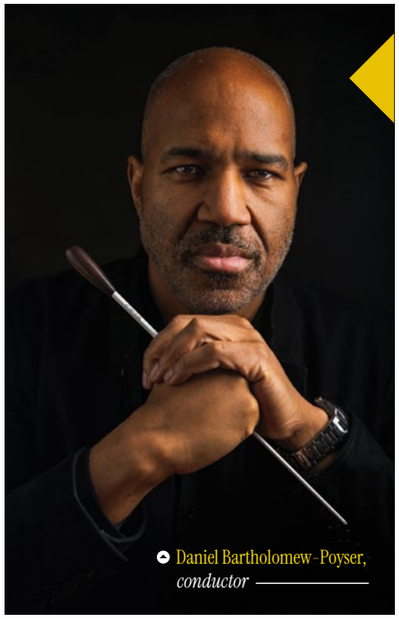
Sophia Liu, *piano*

Postcards From Italy: Rossini & Mendelssohn

7:30PM • THURS. MARCH 11, 2027
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Sophia Liu, *piano*
Gioachino Rossini: *The Barber of Seville, Overture* |
Camille Saint-Saëns: *Piano Concerto No. 2* |
Felix Mendelssohn: *Symphony No. 4, "Italian"*

A sun-drenched journey through la dolce vita. Travel through Venice, Florence, Rome, and Naples with a 20-something Mendelssohn, who captures all the sights and sounds in a symphony nicknamed "Blue Sky in A Major." You'll also visit with Italian opera superstar Rossini (a.k.a. Signor Crescendo) and Saint-Saëns' Second Piano Concerto – performed by 18-year-old prodigy Sophia Liu – with its Neapolitan saltarello finale.



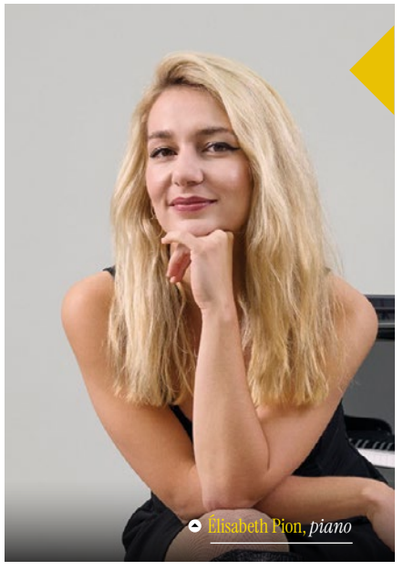
Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, *conductor*

Pranks, Jokes, & Hoaxes: Haydn & P.D.Q. Bach

7:30PM • THURS. APRIL 1, 2027
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, *conductor* · **Sharon Wei,** *viola*
Peter Schickele: *Eine Kleine Nichtmusik, Ist mvt* |
Johann Christian Bach: *Viola Concerto in C Minor* |
Franz Joseph Haydn: *Symphony No. 45, "Farewell"* |
Jerod Impichchaachaaha Tate: *Chokfi'* |
Saman Shahi: *Then the Sky Was Amber** |
P.D.Q. Bach: *Howdy Symphony*

Symphonic shenanigans for April Fools'. Expect the unexpected with Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, featuring symphonies by P.D.Q. Bach (the "Weird Al" of classical music) and "Papa" Haydn. Also, not one, but two viola concertos – we're not joking – performed by Canadian violist Sharon Wei, including a French forgery of J.C. Bach and a new commission from Saman Shahi.
**Co-commission by Obiora Ensemble, Stratford Symphony Orchestra, PEI Symphony Orchestra, and Symphony Nova Scotia.*



Élisabeth Pion, *piano*

The Art of Friendship: Brahms & the Schumanns

7:30PM • THURS. APRIL 29, 2027
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Élisabeth Pion, *piano*
Johannes Brahms: *Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann, Op. 9* | Clara Schumann: *Piano Concerto* |
Robert Schumann: *Symphony No. 3, "Rhenish"*

Music from the Romantic era's most famous chosen family.
Immerse yourself in the beautifully complex world of three extraordinary musical minds whose lives were deeply and intimately interconnected. This program features Johannes Brahms' *Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann, Op. 9*, Robert Schumann's "Rhenish" Symphony, and Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto – her only multi-movement orchestral work – performed by 2025 Honens Gold Laureate Élisabeth Pion.

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Fusion

The ultimate blend of genres. We join forces with artists across indie, folk, jazz, world, film, and pop culture, adding lush orchestral arrangements to create a rich and vibrant sound.

The Men of the Deeps

Flying On Your Own:

A Tribute To Rita MacNeil

7:30PM • SAT. OCTOBER 3, 2026
2:00PM • SUN. OCTOBER 4, 2026
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Lucy MacNeil, *vocals* • The Men of the Deeps
Scott Macmillan, *conductor*

Songs that carry the heart of Cape Breton. Rita MacNeil's beloved songs come to life in soaring orchestral and choral arrangements. From the anthemic *We Rise Again* to the stirring *Working Man*, experience the music that captures the strength, warmth, and spirit of Cape Breton.

One Night Only!

ALEX CUBA

with Symphony Nova Scotia

7:30PM • FRI. OCTOBER 23, 2026
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Greg Burton, *conductor*

A night of soulful Latin groove. Feel the warmth and rhythm of Cuban-Canadian Grammy winner Alex Cuba. Blending Latin pop, jazz, funk, and soul, his joyful songs transcend language and culture and invite everyone to get in the groove.

SYMPHONICON
MUSIC OF ANIME

with Symphony Nova Scotia

7:30PM • FRI. NOVEMBER 13, 2026
The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Lucas Waldin, *conductor*
Rachel Akiko Ashmore, *vocals*

Magic, drama, and adventure. Experience the emotion and energy of your favourite anime soundtracks brought to life by the full orchestra. Featuring music from *Howl's Moving Castle, My Neighbor Totoro, Spirited Away, Pokémon, Attack on Titan, Sailor Moon, Dragon Ball Z*, and more.

Rachel Akiko Ashmore, *vocals*

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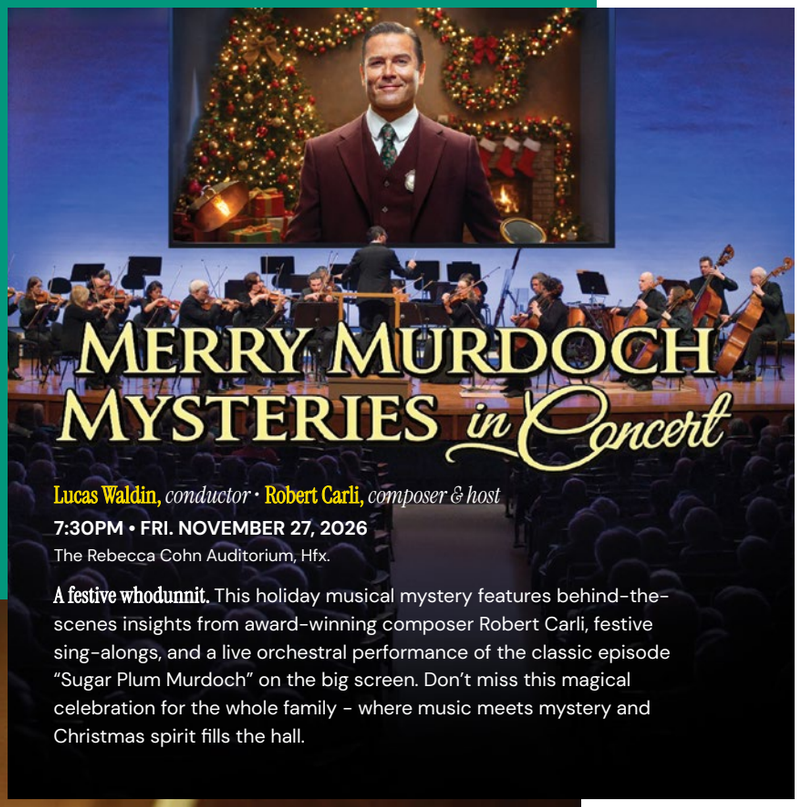

MERRY MURDOCH MYSTERIES *in Concert*

Lucas Waldin, *conductor* • **Robert Carli,** *composer & host*

7:30PM • FRI. NOVEMBER 27, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

A festive whodunnit. This holiday musical mystery features behind-the-scenes insights from award-winning composer Robert Carli, festive sing-alongs, and a live orchestral performance of the classic episode "Sugar Plum Murdoch" on the big screen. Don't miss this magical celebration for the whole family - where music meets mystery and Christmas spirit fills the hall.

BRAVO BROADWAY!

with Hugh Panaro and Alli Mauzey

Lucas Waldin, *conductor*

7:30PM • SAT. FEBRUARY 27, 2027

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Curtains up for a night of blockbuster hits. Step into the magic of musical theatre with unforgettable songs from *Wicked*, *Hamilton*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, and more, from soaring ballads to high-energy showstoppers.

AQUAKULTRE

with Symphony Nova Scotia

2:00PM • SAT. MARCH 20, 2027

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, *conductor*

A homegrown Scotian celebration where history, community, and music unite. Aquakultre is the artistic vocals of Halifax's Lance Sampson, whose powerful voice and poetic lyrics are rooted in African Nova Scotian storytelling. Featuring music from his project 1783, this concert honours the history, resilience, and legacy of Black Nova Scotians..

Rajaton SINGS ABBA

with Symphony Nova Scotia

Juliane Gallant, *conductor*

7:30PM • FRI. JANUARY 22, 2027

2:00PM • SAT. JANUARY 23, 2027

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Halifax

The timeless music of ABBA that keeps the world singing and dancing! Finnish vocal ensemble Rajaton brings ABBA's greatest hits to life with sweet harmonies and vibrant new orchestral arrangements, featuring favourites like *Dancing Queen*, *Mamma Mia*, *Take a Chance on Me*, plus many more!

RUM RAGGED KITCHEN PARTY

Martin MacDonald, *conductor*

7:30PM • FRI. APRIL 9, 2027

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Get ready for a hand-clappin', foot-stompin' time. Rooted in the musical traditions of Newfoundland and Labrador, Rum Ragged brings the blazing sounds of bouzouki, fiddle, bodhrán, banjo, guitar, and button accordion to the Symphony stage.

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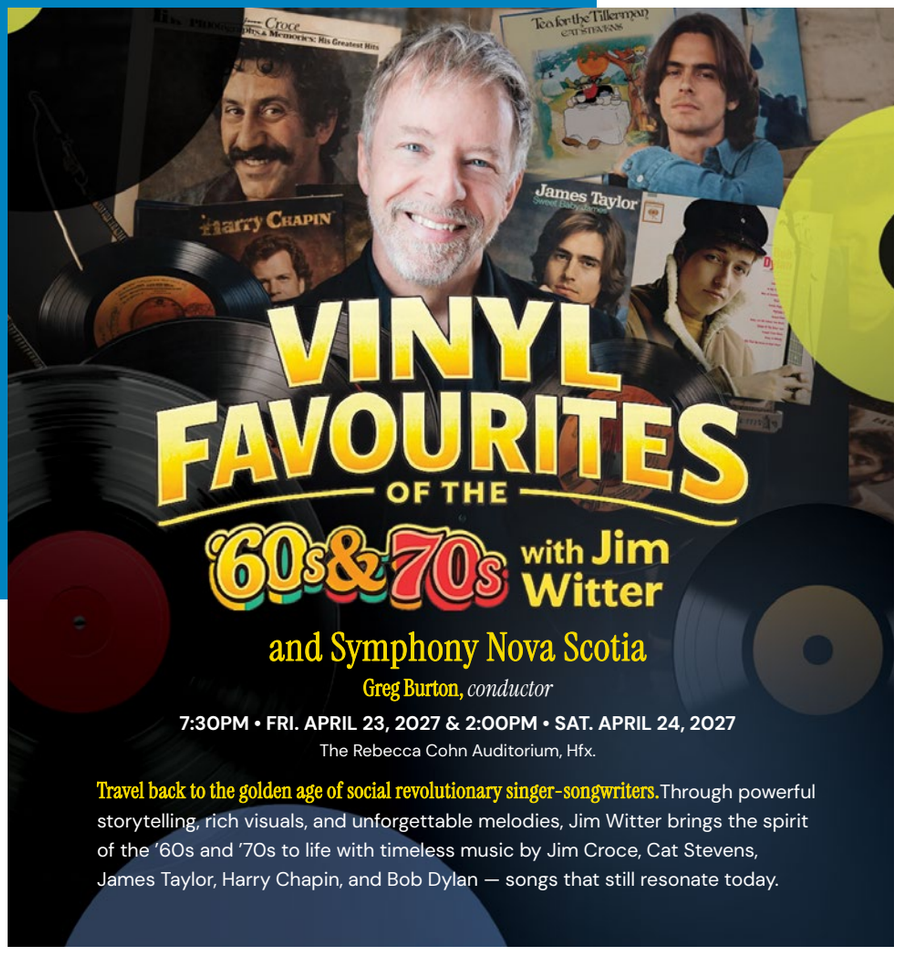

VINYL FAVOURITES OF THE '60s & '70s with Jim Witter

and Symphony Nova Scotia

Greg Burton, *conductor*

7:30PM • FRI. APRIL 23, 2027 & 2:00PM • SAT. APRIL 24, 2027

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Travel back to the golden age of social revolutionary singer-songwriters. Through powerful storytelling, rich visuals, and unforgettable melodies, Jim Witter brings the spirit of the '60s and '70s to life with timeless music by Jim Croce, Cat Stevens, James Taylor, Harry Chapin, and Bob Dylan — songs that still resonate today.

LENNIE GALLANT

with Symphony Nova Scotia

Greg Burton, *conductor*

7:30PM • FRI. MAY 14, 2027

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Set sail through the rugged coastlines and stories of Atlantic Canada.

Experience an unforgettable evening with Lennie Gallant, one of Atlantic Canada's most beloved songwriters. With poetic lyrics and captivating storytelling, Gallant brings warmth, wit, and heartfelt songs to the stage.

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Holiday Traditions

Beloved classics and festive favourites fill the hall with warmth and joy. Make the Symphony part of your holiday tradition and create memories that last a lifetime.

"Truly Magical. The music, dance, sets, and costumes were amazing. I brought my two granddaughters and we all loved it."

The Nutcracker 35th Anniversary

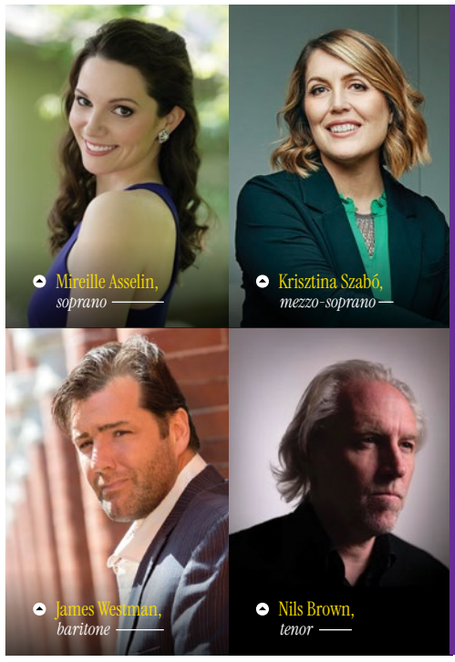
with Halifax Dance • Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia

7:30PM • DEC. 4, 5, 11, 12, 2026
2:00PM • DEC. 5, 6, 12, 13, 2026
4:00PM • DEC. 10, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Music composed by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Henry Kennedy, *conductor*
Leica Hardy, *choreography& direction*
Geneviève Steele , *Sophia Drosselmeyer*
Rebecca Wolfe, *Lotte Drosselmeyer*
Sébastien Labelle, *The Janitor*

Halifax's favourite holiday tradition for 35 years. When a young girl's toy comes to life, she's whisked away to an enchanted world where she meets magical creatures, colourful friends, and the ferocious Mouse Queen. Complete with larger-than-life puppets, spirited dancing, and Tchaikovsky's delightful, iconic score, this tale of magic and wonder is a delightful holiday adventure for all ages.



Mireille Asselin, *soprano*

Krisztina Szabó, *mezzo-soprano*

James Westman, *baritone*

Nils Brown, *tenor*

Handel's "Dublin" Messiah

7:30PM • FRI. DECEMBER 18, 2026
7:30PM • SAT. DECEMBER 19, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Kevin Mallon, *conductor* • Mireille Asselin, *soprano*
Krisztina Szabó, *mezzo-soprano*
Nils Brown, *tenor* • James Westman, *baritone*
Joel Tranquilla, *chorus master*
The Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus

The original 1742 Dublin version. Experience the beauty and joy of Handel's great oratorio in its original "Dublin" version, premiered in Ireland to great acclaim in 1742. Conducted by Irish-Canadian baroque specialist Kevin Mallon along with the 80-voice Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus, who will fill the hall with the glorious "Hallelujah" chorus.

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Baroque

Experience the ornate beauty, vitality, and expressive intensity of 17th- and 18th-century music, brought to life with energy, precision, and spirit.

Steven Devine, *leader & harpsichord*

Bach, Bach, Bach, & Bach

2:00PM • SUN. NOVEMBER 8, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Steven Devine, *leader & harpsichord solo*
Renaud Lapierre, *violin*
Johann Sebastian Bach: *Sinfonia to BWV 249 Easter Oratorio* /
Johann Bernhard Bach: *Excerpts from Orchestral Suite in D Major* /
Johann Sebastian Bach: *Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor* /
Attr. Johann Christian Bach: *Harpsichord Concerto in E-flat* /
Wilhelm Friedemann Bach: *Sinfonia in D Minor* /
Johann Sebastian Bach: *Orchestral Suite No. 4* /

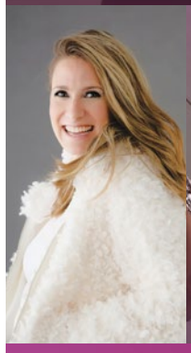
The musical legacy of the Bach dynasty.
Step into the extraordinary musical dynasty of the Bach family, where genius spanned generations and styles evolved before your ears. From the radiant brilliance of Johann Sebastian Bach to the bold, expressive voices of Johann Bernhard Bach and Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, this concert traces the shift from high Baroque splendour to the dawn of the Classical era. With lively sinfonias, virtuosic concertos, and exuberant orchestral suites, it's a vibrant celebration of family legacy and the Bach name.

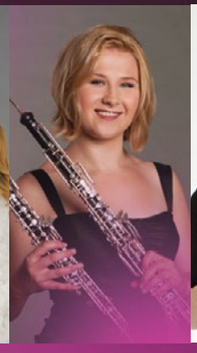
Julia Wedman, *leader & violin*

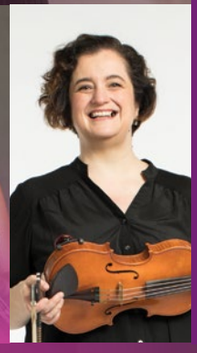
Hélène Brunet, *soprano*

Danielle Johannes, *oboe*

Isabelle Fournier, *violin*







The Extraordinary Women Of Venice

2:00PM • SUN. JANUARY 17, 2027

St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Julia Wedman, *leader & violin solo* • **Hélène Brunet,** *soprano*
Danielle Johannes, *oboe* • **Isabelle Fournier,** *violin*
Antonia Bembo: *Act I Ritornello, "Se ninfa ai pianti, Danza" & "Strale invisibile" from Ercole Amante* /
Maddalena Casulana: *"Come fiammeggia e Splenda" from Il Primo Libro di Madrigali a 5 voci* /
Lucia Quinciani: *"Udite lagrimosi Spirti"* /
Marieta Morosina Priuli: *"Corrente quarto" & "Corrente prima" from Balletti et Correnti* /
Barbara Strozzi: *Parasti cor meum, Op. 5, No. 83* /
Maddalena Laura Lombardini Sirmen: *Andantino from Violin Concerto in E Major, Op. 3, No. 2* / *Con brio from String Quartet No. 6 in E Major*

The underground musical revolution of Baroque-era Venice.
Step into Baroque Venice, where a hidden musical revolution gave rise to powerful voices and rising stars. Featuring music by trailblazers including Casulana, the first woman to publish her own music; Bembo, whose work bridged Italian passion and French grandeur; Strozzi, Venice's most prolific composer of secular music; and Sirmen, a virtuoso violinist who captivated audiences across Europe. Their music, alongside that of Vivaldi, reveals a world of bold artistry, powerful stories, and a legacy that still resonates. These extraordinary composers defied convention and captivated Europe's courts and concert halls. Discover bold music, powerful stories, and a legacy that still resonates today.

Emmanuel Resche-Caserta, *leader & violin solo*

Four Seasons, Four Elements

2:00PM • SUN. APRIL 18, 2027

St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Emmanuel Resche-Caserta, *leader & violin solo*
Jean-Féry Rebel: *Excerpts from Les Élémens* /
Antonio Vivaldi: *Concerto madrigalesco in D Minor* /
Antonio Vivaldi: *The Four Seasons*

The sound of nature. From chaos to creation, this innovative program unleashes the raw power of nature in sound. Rebel's daring *Les Élémens* erupts with a shocking musical "Chaos," sounding every note of the scale before shaping Earth, Water, Air, and Fire. Then, in Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, nature bursts into vivid colour — birds take flight, thunder rumbles, frost glitters, and fires blaze. Thrilling and evocative, this is Baroque music at its most adventurous.

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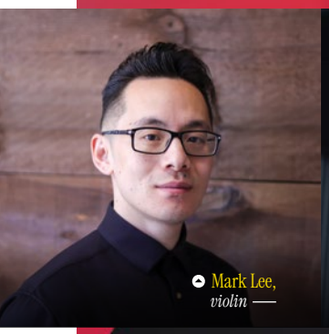
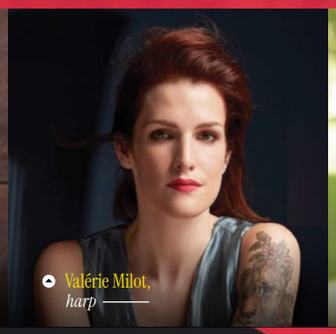
Mozart +

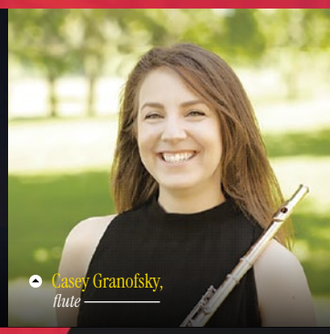
Explore inspired pairings between Mozart and fellow masters, revealing fresh colours, bold contrasts, and new perspectives on timeless music, with new textures and surprises in every concert.



Mark Lee, *violin*



Valérie Milot, *harp*



Casey Granofsky, *flute*

Mozart + Le Chevalier

2:00PM • SUN. FEBRUARY 21, 2027

St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, *conductor*
Mark Lee, *violin* · **Ellis Yuen-Rapati,** *viola*
Joseph Bologne: *Symphony No. 1* /
W.A. Mozart: *Sinfonia concertante in E-flat Major* /
Joseph Bologne: *Symphonie concertante in A Major* /
W.A. Mozart: *Symphony No. 31 in D Major, "Paris"*

Compare and contrast. In 1778, Joseph Bologne and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart spent three months living in the same Parisian mansion. This program explores music born from that shared moment, revealing striking parallels and brilliant contrasts.

Mozart + Handel

2:00PM • SUN. MAY 9, 2027

St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Julia Wedman, *leader* · **Valérie Milot,** *harp*
Casey Granofsky, *flute*
W.A. Mozart: *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* /
G.F. Handel: *Concerto for Harp in B-flat* /
G.F. Handel, arr. W.A. Mozart: *Orchestral Suite* /
W.A. Mozart: *Concerto for Flute and Harp*

Music for the harp. Experience the artistry of two musical titans in a program that radiates with charm. The timeless melodies of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart meet the grandeur of George Frideric Handel. From the beloved *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* to the shimmering pairing of flute and harp in Mozart's enchanting concerto, alongside Handel's graceful harp concerto and majestic overtures, this program celebrates the wit and splendour of the Baroque and Classical eras.

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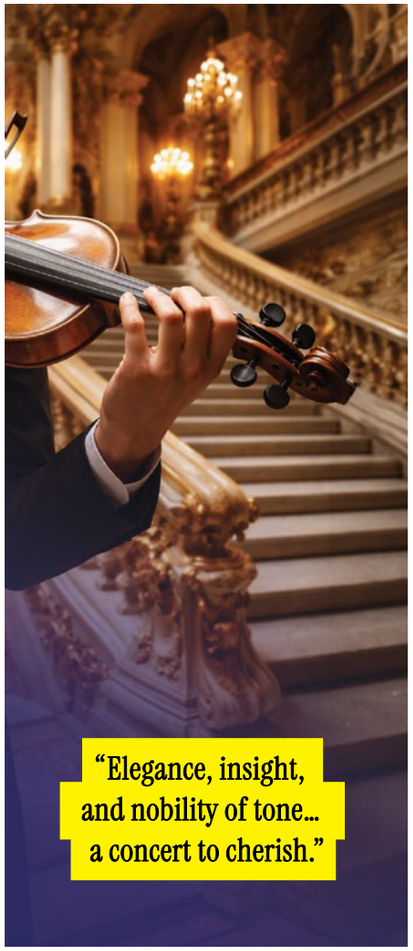
Julia Wedman, *leader*

Jonathan Woody, *bass-baritone*



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Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra: Staircases

2:00PM • SUN. NOVEMBER 22, 2026

The Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Hfx.

Julia Wedman, *leader*
Jonathan Woody, *bass-baritone & narrator*
Created by Alison Mackay
Directed by Julia Wedman
Video projections by Laura Warren
Lighting design by Glenn Davidson

Immerse yourself in a world of passion.
In the age of Baroque music, staircases were scenes of dramatic ceremony, public piety, and colourful urban commerce. So much more than architectural conveniences, they became theatres of power, markers of status, settings for musical performances, and avenues for slavery and freedom. Through words, stunning images, and music led by Tafelmusik's Julia Wedman, this concert explores journeys on staircases and the concepts they represented.

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Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra

Symphony Nova Scotia is proud to present Nova Scotia's finest symphony of young people in these vibrant, exciting performances.

Music in Motion

2:00PM • SAT. NOVEMBER 21, 2026
St. Andrew's United Church. Hfx.

Joel Tranquilla, *conductor*
Camille Saint-Saëns: *Danse macabre* /
Arturo Márquez: *Danzón No. 2* /
Dinuk Wijeratne: *Polyphonic Lively*

Our first program of the season is all about dancing. The rhythms, forms, and melodies will excite and inspire!

Joel Tranquilla, *2026/27 Season — NSYO Music Director*

Water Music

2:00PM • SAT. FEBRUARY 27, 2027
St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Joel Tranquilla, *conductor*
Leroy Anderson: *Blue Tango* /
Emily Doolittle (NSYO alumna): *Green/Blue* /
Handel, arr. Harty: *Water Music Suite*

We explore water in various forms, with music that evokes frozen ponds, bubbling creatures, and winding rivers.

"Thank you... for everything you do to inspire the young people in Halifax."
~ Audience member

Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus —

Curtain Up

2:00PM • SAT. MAY 1, 2027
St. Andrew's United Church, Hfx.

Joel Tranquilla, *conductor*
Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus
Alexina Louie: *Music for a Celebration for Orchestra* /
W.A. Mozart: *Magic Flute Overture* /
Famous opera choruses by Bizet, Rossini, and Verdi

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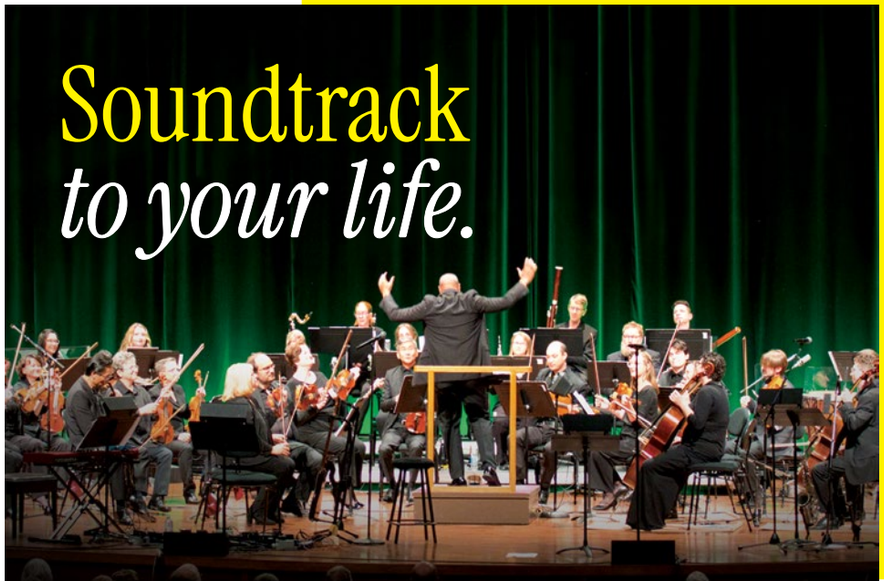

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Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, *Artistic Partner & Community Ambassador*
Julia Wedman, *Principal Baroque Leader*
Joel Tranquilla, *Chorus Master*

First Violins
Renaud Lapierre, *Concertmaster*
Mark Lee, *Assistant Concertmaster*
Jennifer Jones, *Assistant Concertmaster*
Celeste Jankowski
Yi Lee
Kirsty Money
Grégor Monlun
Kathlyn Stevens

Second Violins
Isabelle Fournier, *Principal*
Roman Fraser, *Assistant Principal*
Anita Gao-Lee
Charna Matsushige
Ken Nogami
Anne Simons

Violas
Ellis Yuen-Rapati, *Acting Principal*
Sasha Moroz
Ryan Vis

Cellos
Rachel Desoer, *Principal*
Hilary Brown

Basses
John Cleere, *Principal*
Jemma Jones, *Assistant Principal*

Flutes
Casey Granofsky, *Principal*
Christine Feierabend *(Piccolo)*

Oboes
Danielle Johannes, *Principal*
Brian James *(English Horn)*

Clarinets
Timothy Yung, *Principal*
Eileen Walsh *(Bass Clarinet)*

Bassoons
Christopher Palmer

Horns
Carys Sutherland, *Principal*
Mary Lee

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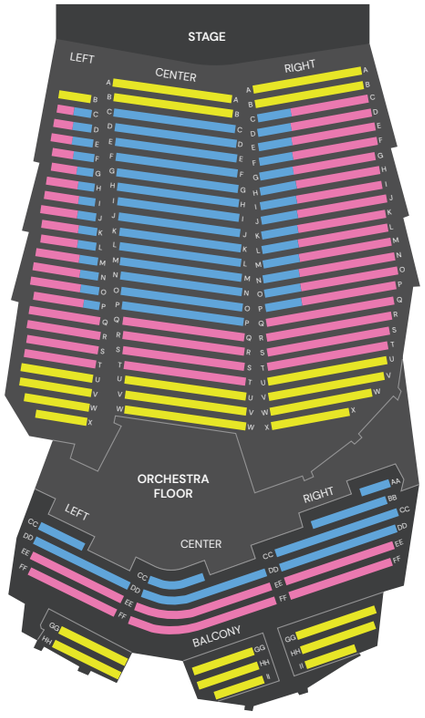

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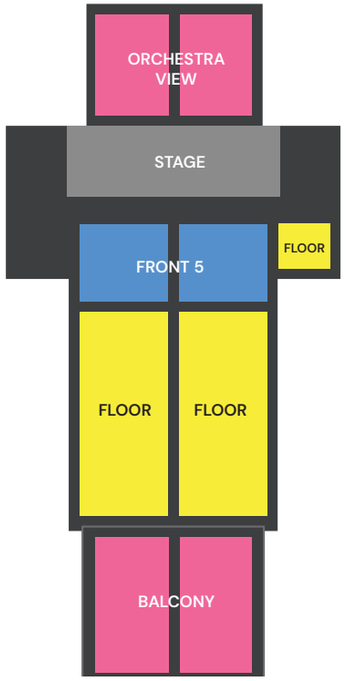

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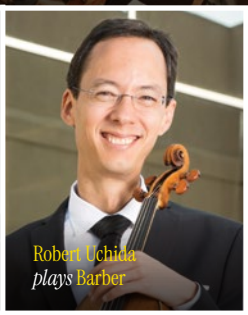
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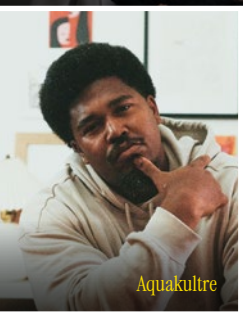
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