



2019 - 2020 CONCERT SERIES



“Simply stunning ... Technical virtuosity (of the Eybler Quartet) doesn’t begin to do justice to the playing here – there’s jaw-dropping agility, clarity and accuracy in the playing” – The WholeNote

Dear Friends, it gives me great joy to present our 25th anniversary season!

Looking back over 24 years of concerts, featuring hundreds of incredible performers and extraordinary music, I realize just how much we've accomplished and how much our audience, our many wonderful, generous volunteers and board members have contributed to the Gallery Players' success. Our 2019-2020 season is an eclectic mix of new artistic collaboration, continued exploration with old friends and exciting guest ensembles. One intriguing new venture is our "Inside the Music" concert.

I'm sure this season's concerts will inspire you to celebrate 25 years with us and help set the stage for our next quarter-century!

Whether you're a recent member or have been following our journey for the last 5, 10 or 24 years we thank you for your support and commitment to what we do. I look forward to sharing next season with you!

Margaret Gay *Artistic Director*



CONCERT 1

November 24, 2019

2:00 pm The Recital Hall,
FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

Borodin's Muse – An Animated Concert

Music and drama converge to illuminate the life of Aleksandr Borodin. Brock University's Walker String Quartet performs 19th century Russian masterworks with actor Colin Bruce Anthes starring as Borodin in an original play by Anthony Magro.

This concert is supported by the Niagara Region Investment in Culture programme and Brock University.

Anton Arensky *Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky, Op. 35*

Mikhail Glinka *Quartet #2 in F major, Allegro spiritoso*

Aleksandr Borodin *String Quartet #2*

Franz Liszt *Liebestraum #3 in A♭ Major*

PERFORMERS: Walker String Quartet: Vera Alekseeva *violin I*, Faith Lau *violin II*, Roman Kosarev *viola*, Gordon Cleland *cello*.
Erika Reiman *piano*, Colin Bruce Anthes *actor*, Anthony Magro *playwright*



CONCERT 2

December 19 & 20, 2019

THURSDAY December 19 4:00 pm Silver Spire United Church

FRIDAY December 20 7:30 pm Grace United Church, NOTL

The Heart of Christmas Past

Celebrate with Glissandi, and Shaw Festival alumnus Guy Bannerman, at a charming concert of "your" favourite holiday memories, portrayed through stories and song. Our inspiration? – festive reminiscences shared by Gallery Players audience members last season!

PERFORMERS: Douglas Miller *flute*, Deborah Braun *harp*, David Braun *violin*, Guy Bannerman *narrator*



CONCERT 3

February 9, 2020

2:00 pm Silver Spire United Church

From Home and Afar – A Journey of Enchantment

Join us and follow a thrilling voice on a compelling musical voyage. Niagara native Kristin Hoff and her gifted friends take you from Germany to Canada - with a festive stop in Argentina!

Johannes Brahms *Two Songs* for mezzo, viola and piano Op. 91

Frank Bridge *Three Songs* for mezzo, viola and piano

Sid Robinovitch *Canciones sefardies* for guitar and mezzo

Cecilia Livingston *Penelope* for piano and voice

Astor Piazzolla - *Histoire du Tango* arr. By Timothy Phelan for viola & guitar

PERFORMERS: Kristin Hoff *mezzo-soprano*, Caitlin Boyle *viola*, Timothy Phelan *guitar*, Antoine Joubert *piano*



CONCERT 4

March 8, 2020

2:00 pm The Recital Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

Songs of Life Year 2

Bach on Turtle's Back - Death

Creation, destruction and transformation resonate as connective themes of human expression. "Songs of Life" explores these profound truths through performances by solo violinist Julia Wedman of Tafelmusik, the artistic explorations of dancer Brian Solomon (Anishinaabe/Irish), and the transcendent music of J.S. Bach.

Year two of a three year project, all supported by the Pluralism Fund.

Brian Solomon: director, choreographer, dancer

Julia Wedman: solo violin

PERFORMERS: Sinéad White *soprano* and Asitha Tennekoon *tenor, vocal soloists*. Jessica Wright *mezzo soprano*, Keith Lam *baritone*, Alison Melville *flute*, Michelle Odorico *violin*, Patrick Jordan *viola*, Margaret Gay *cello*, Maho Sone *keyboard*



CONCERT 5

April 4, 2020

6:45 pm pre-screen talk / 7:00 pm screening
Film House, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

Movie Night

City Lights Charlie Chaplin 1931, 87 min

A co-production with the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

One of Chaplin's best loved and most successful films, considered by many critics one of the finest ever made! *City Lights* follows the misadventures of Chaplin's iconic tramp as he falls in love with a blind girl and develops a complex relationship with an alcoholic millionaire. An improvised live score enhances this silent classic.

PERFORMERS: Douglas Miller *flute*, Eric Mahar *guitar*, Penner Mackay *percussion*, Joan Nicks *film historian*

CONCERT 6

May 10, 2020

2:00 pm Silver Spire United Church

Inside the Music

Eybler Quartet with Suzannah Clark

Inside the Music, new for our 25th season, draws the audience deep into a selected piece of music, guiding their listening experience. An intimate conversation with the members of the Eybler Quartet and Suzannah Clark, Professor of Music at Harvard University, reveals essentials such as harmony, phrase structure and the social significance of an intricate work by Haydn. With this context, you'll hear the music as the cognoscenti from an 18th-century audience would!

Joseph Haydn *String Quartet Op. 54 No. 1*

Franz Asplmayr *String Quartet Op. 2 No. 6*

Cris Derksen *White Man's Cattle*

PERFORMERS: Aisslinn Nosky *violin*, Julia Wedman *violin*, Patrick Jordan *viola*, Margaret Gay *cello*



CONCERT 7

June 14, 2020

2:00 pm Silver Spire United Church

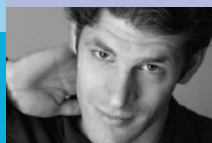
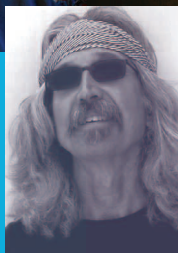
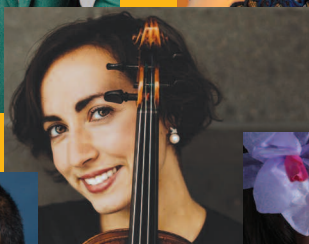
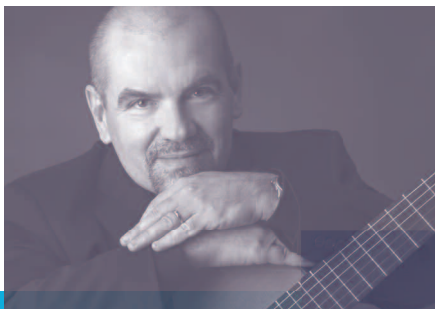
Tarantella: Viva Napoli!

Vesuvius Ensemble

Enter the dazzling world of timeless Italy! Vesuvius Ensemble's luminous performance paints a portrait of Naples and its surrounding scenery with spirited popular music of the ages and colourful details of Neapolitan life. Rustic instruments - the tammorra, chitarra battente, ciaramella, and colascione - combine with the more familiar chitarrone, guitars, and lutes to create a unique soundscape.

PERFORMERS: Francesco Pellegrino *voice*, chitarra battente, Marco Cera *chitarra barocca*, ciaramella, mandolino, Lucas Harris *tiiorba*, chitarra barocca, Romina Di Gasbarro *voice*, chitarra battente, Ben Grossman *percussion*

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Michelle Odorico, Romina De Gasbarro, Penner Mackay, Erika Reiman, Eric Mahar, Antoine Joubert, Asitha Tennekoon, Ben Grossman, Joan Hicks, Colin Bruce Anthes, Alison Melville.

Inside photos L-R: **Walker String Quartet:** Faith Lau, Gordon Cleland, Vera Alekseeva, Roman Kosarev. **Glissandi:** Douglas Miller, Deborah Braun, David Braun with Guy Bannerman.

Kristin Hoff, Brian Solomon, Julia Wedman. **Vesuvius Ensemble:** Marco Cera, Francesco Pellegrino, Lucas Harris.

Cover Photo: **Eybler Quartet:** Aisslinn Nosky, Margaret Gay, Patrick Jordan, Julia Wedman.



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