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**23
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concert
season



1 Southern Exposure!

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 3:00pm

1A *Adaptive Performance
Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11:00am

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church

335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines

The Southern Exposure Quintet returns with favourites by Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla and Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim. And they delve deeper into the South American repertoire to showcase dazzling music by Latin greats: Heitor Villa-Lobos, Luiz Bonfá, Celso Machado, João Guimarães (Pernambuco) and Maximo Diego Pujol. *Music arranged by Timothy Phelan.*

PERFORMERS

Timothy Phelan, guitars; Douglas Miller, flutes; Michele Jacot, clarinets & saxophones; Margaret Gay, 'cello; Mike Phelan, percussion

2 Bach's Future

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3:00pm

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church

335 Linwell Road, St. Catharines

This century-spanning program interweaves some of J.S. Bach's most intimate and poignant music with works by later composers who owe a profound debt to the Baroque master. Julia Wedman is featured in selections from the *Sonatas and Partitas* for solo violin. The **Eybler Quartet** joins her on this fascinating journey of delight and discovery drawing connections to works by Joseph Haydn and Gregor Werner.

PERFORMERS

Julia Wedman, violin, and the Eybler Quartet:
Patricia Ahern & Julia Wedman, violins;
Patrick Jordan, viola; Margaret Gay, 'cello



Photo: Dahlia Katz

Official CD release concert of Julia Wedman's newest recording,
Sonatas & Partitas of J.S. Bach.



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Glissandi & Guy Bannerman with Christmas Then and Now

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00pm

Silver Spire United Church

366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Our gift to you: a delightful celebration of the holiday season that will take you on a journey through the traditions and festivities of Christmas. Together, we celebrate the past while embracing the present, creating a magical experience that will leave you filled with Christmas cheer and a renewed appreciation for the holiday season.

PERFORMERS

Guy Bannerman, narrator; Deborah Braun, harp; David Braun, violin; Douglas Miller, flute; Nicholas Braun, percussion



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Passages

Co-production with Avanti Chamber Singers

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 7:30pm

The Recital Hall, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines



Avanti Chamber Singers and soloist **Kristin Hoff** join Gallery Players to perform moving expressions of longing and beauty. Concert to include Trevor Wagler's intimate transcriptions of Johannes Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody* and Mahler's *Der einsame im Herbst*. Also featured, Shireen Abu-Khader's *I Forgive*, Andrew Balfour's *Vision Chant*, and Laura Hawley's *The Arrow and the Song*.

PERFORMERS

Avanti Chamber Singers; Rachel Rensink-Hoff, conductor; Kristin Hoff, mezzo soprano; Julie Baumgartel, violin; James Mason, oboe; Peter Shackleton, clarinet; Margaret Gay, cello; Anna Ronai, piano



5 Movie Night

Co-Production with the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.



Drifting (Tod Browning, 1923) 70 minutes

Saturday, March 16, 2024

6:45pm pre-screening talk. 7:00pm screening

The Film House, FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines



A melodrama with an epic ending, **Drifting** stars Priscilla Dean as an American drug smuggler, and Anna May Wong (a stand-out in a secondary role) as Rose Li, daughter of an opium grower. Accompanying music will be improvised by our ever-inventive Movie Night trio.

PERFORMERS

Douglas Miller, flute; Eric Mahar, guitar; Penner Mackay, percussion;
Joan Nicks, film critic



6 Song of Songs

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 3:00pm

Silver Spire United Church

366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Gordon Cleland (cello) and Leanne Vida (soprano) bring us a celebration of love and merriment! Enjoy Beethoven's *Op. 11 trio for clarinet, cello, and piano*, nicknamed *Gassenhuser* (street song) after a popular tune brilliantly "upcycled" in the third movement. Leanne sings music by Canadian composers: Srul Irving Glick's *7 Tableaux on the Song of Songs*, and *Aspects of Elizabeth* by Jeff Smallman. Sephardic lore and rhythms, and the complexities of the immigrant experience showcase our broad Canadian tapestry.

PERFORMERS

Leanne Vida, soprano; Christine Chesebrough, violin;
Michele Jacot, clarinets; Gordon Cleland, cello; Erika Reiman, piano

7 Rilian Trio

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 3:00pm

Silver Spire United Church

366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines



In this Mother's Day concert, the **Rilian Trio** presents two gorgeous works by Dvořák: the *Piano Trio No. 3 in F minor* and *Songs My Mother Taught Me*. We proudly present the world premiere of a new work by the trio's pianist, Godwin Friesen, as well as *Transfigured Night* by Schoenberg, an exquisite early work arranged here for piano trio.

PERFORMERS

Daniel Dastoor, violin; David Liam Roberts, cello; Godwin Friesen, piano

***Adaptive performances** are intended to be sensitive to and welcoming of neurodiverse audiences, including patrons on the autism spectrum, those with sensory and communication disorders, ADHD, learning or developmental disabilities, dementia, all members of the disability community, or those who simply want a more relaxed concert experience.

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11:00 am

St. Catharines United Mennonite Church

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- *If patrons need to move around, express themselves vocally, or leave and return to the concert hall, they are welcome to.*
- *Audience members will have advance access to a Venue Guide describing the concert experience step by step, in order to reduce anxiety about it, and a concert-specific fact sheet detailing the performance itself.*
- *Three rows of seats at the back of the hall will be kept empty should guests wish to move away from the sound of the music on stage.*
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- *GPN will provide other resources, such as sound-dampening headphones, that can be signed out before the concert and returned afterward.*



Photos from the top, left to right: **Avanti Chamber Singers**, inset: Rachel Rensink-Hoff; **Eybler Quartet**: Julia Wedman, Patrick Jordan, Margaret Gay, and Patricia Ahern; Timothy Phelan, Leanne Vida, Christine Chesebrough, Erika Reiman, Kristin Hoff. **Glissandi**: Deborah Braun, David Braun, Douglas Miller, Guy Bannerman, and Nicholas Braun; Michele Jacot, Joan Nicks, Eric Mahar, Penner Mackay, Peter Shackleton, James Mason, Anna Ronai, Gordon Cleland, Mike Phelan, Julie Baumgartel

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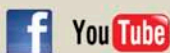
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