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BRIAN SOLOMON

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artistic director : margaret gay

# Songs of Life

#### Bach on Turtle's Back - BIRTH

SUN., NOV. 4 / 18 at 2PM FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Cairns Recital Hall 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Birth, death and rebirth resonate as connective themes of human expression. Using the violin Sonatas and Partitas of J. S. Bach, the artistic explorations of Brian Solomon (Ojibwe/Irish), and selected Bach arias, Songs of Life-Bach on Turtle's Back explores these profound concerns within a uniquely mixed North American context. This is year one of a three year project.

Sonata No. 1 in G minor, BWV 1001	J.S. Bach
A selection of Bach arias	J.S. Bach
Partita No. 1 in B minor, BWV 1002	J.S. Bach

PERFORMERS

**Bach Aria Ensemble:** 

Brian Solomon Dancer, Choreographer

Julia Wedman, Michelle Odorico, and Valerie Gordon Violins

Julia Wedman Solo Violinist

Andy Moro Lighting Designer

Marion Newman Voice

John Abberger Oboe

Patrick Jordan Viola Margaret Gay 'Cello

Marion Newman Mezzo Soprano



## Maho Sone Keyboard This concert is supported by the Pluralism Fund.









# From Far Away, Nearby

### A concert situated around Northern Oracle

An installation by artist Heather Hart organized and circulated by the Doris McCarthy Gallery

SAT., NOV. 24 / 18 at 1PM

**Rodman Hall Art Centre** 

109 St. Paul Crescent. St. Catharines Produced in partnership with Rodman Hall Art Centre

This program of traditional, new and experimental music brings together three leading instrumentalists from diverse musical worlds to weave a fabric of magical and exotic sounds. What do you get when you blend the shimmering sound of the kantele (Finland's dulcimer), the multi-faceted pungency of the hurdy gurdy, and the evocative colours of wooden flutes? Find out with this program of solos, duos and trios, improvisations and new creations by the performers, specially created for this project. VERY LIMITED SEATING. Subscribe early to guarantee a seat.



#### PERFORMERS

Ben Grossman Hurdy Gurdy, Percussion Aria Kastinen Kantele | Alison Melville Flutes

Northern Oracle is an ambitious rooftop installation that emerges from the floor of the gallery, and is accompanied by a series of mixed media drawings. Through her work, Heather Hart considers Black histories, access to ownership, taking up physical space, and the significance of having a place to call home.

Image: Heather Hart, Northern Oracle: We Will Tear the Roof Off the Mother, 2017. Installation view, Doris McCarthy Gallery, University of Toronto Scarborough.

## Glissandi

A Celtic Solstice

THU., DEC. 20 / 18 at 4PM Silver Spire United Church 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

FRI., DEC. 21 / 18 at 7:30PM **Grace United Church** 222 Victoria Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Join Glissandi and Guy Bannerman for an enchanting evening of haunting melodies, and heart-warming stories. The rich and soulful music of Ireland, Wales and the Scottish Highlands, reflects the magical charm of the holiday season.

#### PERFORMERS

Guy Bannerman Narrator | Deborah Braun Harp | David Braun Violin Douglas Miller Flute | Nick Braun Percussion



### 4 Eybler Quartet

#### Esterházy to Vienna A Road Well Traveled

SUN., FEB. 17 / 19 at 2PM Silver Spire United Church 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Classical composers wrote music for a host of circumstances. Often for the open market, sometimes with an individual performer in mind and in other moments to the specification of a commission. Join the Eybler Quartet as they continue their exploration of the birth and development of the string quartet.

"There is no denying the Eyblers' verve and delicacy of touch ..." – The Times of London.

String Quartet Op. 59 No. 2 String Quartet Op. 54 No. 2 String Quartet Op. 2 Ludwig van Beethoven Joseph Haydn Franz Asplmayr

#### PERFORMERS

Aisslinn Nosky *Violin* | Julia Wedman *Violin* | Patrick Jordan *Viola* Margaret Gay *'Cello* 

#### 5 Mov

### Movie Night NOSFERATU

F.W. Murnau 1922 94 min

SAT., MAR. 23 / 19 6:45PM pre-screen talk, 7PM screening FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Film House, 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Rather than depicting Dracula as a shape-shifting monster or debonair gentleman, Murnau's Graf Orlok (as portrayed by Max Schreck) is a nightmarish, spidery creature of bulbous head and taloned claws-perhaps the most genuinely disturbing incarnation of vampirism yet envisioned. Nosferatu was an atypical expressionist film in that much of it was shot on location. Our three performers will improvise a live film score to this silent classic.

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#### PERFORMERS

Douglas Miller *Flute* | Eric Mahar *Guitar* Penner Mackay *Percussion* | Joan Nicks *Film Historian* 



## Gryphon Trio

### At 25 Years Young ..

SUN., APR. 7 / 19 at 2PM FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Cairns Recital Hall 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines



When an ensemble celebrates its 25th season, that is remarkable; when the members have remained the same for a quarter century that is exceptional! The Gryphon Trio is celebrating this spectacular milestone. With over 2000 performances worldwide, 20 CDs, multiple Juno and recording awards, over 75 commission premieres, and accolades from critics and colleagues internationally, we welcome Canada's preeminent piano trio as they return to St. Catharines for a performance of Haydn's lively Trio No. 33 in G minor, *Love Triangle* by Canada's Dinuk Wijeratne, and one of the pinnacle trios of the romantic period, Brahms' Trio No. 1, Op. 8.

Piano Trio in G Minor No. 33 Hob XV:19JoseLove TriangleDimPiano Trio in B Major No. 1, Op. 8Joha

Joseph Haydn Dinuk Wijeratne Johannes Brahms

#### PERFORMERS

James Parker Piano | Annalee Patipatanakoon Violin | Roman Borys 'Cello

## Fête à la Française

#### Triomphe

SUN., JUN. 9 / 19 at 2PM Silver Spire United Church 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines

Who doesn't long for the warmth of the Côte D'azur, the charm of the impressionists or the timeless allure of Paris? Triomphe will perform evocative music for flute, harp and French horn. Music by Ravel, Debussy, Fauré amongst others will be featured.



PERFORMERS

Erica Goodman *Harp* Douglas Miller *Flute* Christine Passmore *French Horn* 

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Photos L-R top to bottom: John Abberger, Ben Grossman, Andy Moro, Arja Kastinen, Alison Melville, Eric Mahar, Penner Mackay, Joan Hicks. Eybler Quartet: Aisslinn Nosky, Margaret Gay, Patrick Jordan, Julia Wedman.

Programmes and Artists subject to change.























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Margaret Gay Artistic Director

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