



CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

The Gallery Players of Niagara
P.O. Box 1, Virgil, Ontario L0S 1T0 905-468-1525
info@galleryplayers.ca • www.galleryplayers.ca

A Season of Hope 2021-2022

Dear Friend of Gallery Players;

All of us at the Gallery Players sincerely hope this finds you and your family in good health. It has been a difficult year for so many of us, full of change, and full of questions about what the future holds.

I can't say this too often: **Thank-You** to everyone who supported the Gallery Players this past season. Despite all the pandemic upheavals, with your help, we managed to increase the number of people enjoying our concerts! Our new mix of live and virtual offerings was well received, and your generous support made it all possible; you gave us hope.

The Gallery Players of Niagara is delighted to announce a season of **Live** concerts for 2021-2022. Building on the successes of last season, all these concerts, except our Movie Night, will be video-recorded and made available virtually. Of course, we are still living with Covid-19; future restrictions may derail some plans. If that happens, we'll adjust! We became very flexible, working hard to offer great music in every single concert slot throughout last season's constraints. If need be, we'll do it again.

This season we're offering 7 Live in-person concerts, and 8 virtual concerts (6 recordings of our live concerts + 2 prerecorded concerts). Through a generous grant, four of our virtual concerts will be offered at no charge. We heard from many of you last season that the Gallery Players' virtual concerts are a great way to introduce us to your friends. They also make a unique Christmas gift, and digital concerts can be enjoyed from anywhere in the world, so please take advantage of these one-time free concerts and share the Gallery Players with your friends!

This options on this year's ticket order form look more similar to our pre-Covid selections than our 2020-21 Ticket Pledge. We have streamlined your choices to three distinct types of subscriptions; *All 7 Live*, *Pick 4 Live*, and *Virtual Only*. As well, single tickets will be available. The two Live concert subscriptions include all the virtual concerts as a bonus. (*full details on ticket order form*)

New this season – Virtual concerts will be available from the date they're first presented until July 31, 2022. You'll be able to listen to our performances at your convenience, as often as you choose!

We deeply appreciate your faith in us, and your ongoing support. Our Season of Hope concerts are described on the next page; we intend to present them all live and we hope that everyone interested will be able to join us in-person. We've really missed you all, and look forward to seeing you again.

Yours,

Margaret Gay, Artistic Director

P.S. If you have any questions, please call 905-468-1525 or email info@galleryplayers.ca

THE GALLERY PLAYERS OF NIAGARA 2021-2022 SEASON – Live & Virtual Concerts

This season all performances will run 60-75 minutes in length, without intermissions.

#1. Sunday November 14, 2021, 2:00pm Silver Spire United Church, 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Transformations - Award winning Canadian baritone Brett Polegato joins the Gallery Players for a unique programme of new transcriptions written by Canadian Trevor Wagler. It's truly exciting to be able to offer works of Ravel, Mahler, and Beethoven in a new intimate format. **Performers:** Brett Polegato, baritone; Julie Baumgartel, violin; James Mason, oboe; Peter Shackleton, clarinet; Margaret Gay, 'cello; Anna Ronai, piano.

#2. Sunday December 12, 2021, 2:00pm Silver Spire United Church, 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Glissandi & Guy Bannerman with "Simple Gifts" - Musical gems from the Renaissance and ancient times accompany the witty and touching stories brought to life by Shaw Festival alumnus Guy Bannerman. Celebrate the festive season, and enjoy some simple gifts. **Performers:** Guy Bannerman, narrator; Deborah Braun, harp; David Braun, violin; Douglas Miller, flute. (*please note, only one performance of our holiday concert this year*)

#3. Friday February 11, 2022 6:45pm FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, Film House, 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Movie Night - A Co-production with the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre
6:45pm pre-screening talk, 7:00pm screening. (No virtual offering)
We continue our fascinating journey with live improvised music accompanying silent films.
BODY AND SOUL (1920), written/directed by Oscar Micheaux (1884-1951).
One of 3 surviving and restored silent feature films of this prolific, pioneering African American filmmaker.
Performers: Douglas Miller, flute; Eric Mahar, guitars; Penner Mackay, percussion; Joan Nicks, film historian.

#4 Sunday March 6, 2022, 2pm FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, Recital Hall, 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Gryphon Trio – Canada's award-winning piano trio builds a programme around the beloved B major piano trio of Brahms. Included will be Bruce A. Russell's "*we have lived before*", commissioned by Gryphon Trio in 2021.

#5 Sunday May 8, 2022, 2pm Silver Spire United Church, 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Southern Exposure! - Curated by Timothy Phelan, Classical Guitar meets Flute, Clarinet, 'Cello & Percussion for a vibrant South American tour from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro! Featuring Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires", Maximo Diego Pujol's "Buenos Aires Color Pastel", and toe-tapping Bossa Nova tunes by Antonio Carlos Jobim and Luiz Bonfá.
Performers: Timothy Phelan, guitars; Douglas Miller, flutes; Michele Jacot, clarinet; Margaret Gay, 'cello; Mike Phelan, percussion.

#6 Sunday June 5, 2022, 2pm Silver Spire United Church, 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Eybler Quartet performs Joseph Haydn's Op. 54. #1, Cris Derksen's "White Man's Cattle", and quartets from Emanuel Aloys Förster & Jean-Baptiste Bréval. **Performers:** Aisslinn Nosky & Julia Wedman violins; Patrick Jordan, viola; Margaret Gay, 'cello

#7 Saturday June 25, 2022, 4pm FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, Film House, 250 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines
Songs of Life Year 3- Bach on Turtle's Back- Rebirth - Filmed Version Only - WORLD PREMIERE
Birth, death and rebirth resonate as universal topics of human expression. Using the violin Sonatas and Partitas of J. S. Bach, performed by Julia Wedman, the solo choreography of Brian Solomon, and selected Bach cantatas, *Songs of Life* explores and reconciles these profoundly human concerns within a uniquely Canadian context. Year three of this project will be offered only as a film, this is not a live performance; please note the special time of 4pm

Virtual pre-recorded concerts

A – Available **October 1, 2021** **The Golden Age of the Flute** - Performers: Douglas Miller, flute & James Bourne, piano. Music of Debussy, Ravel, Fauré, & Poulenc. Recorded September 1, 2021 at Silver Spire Church

B – Available **November 1, 2021** **Italian Virtuosi** - Performers: Timothy Phelan, guitar & Julia Wedman, violin
Music of Paganini & Giuliani. Recorded September 2, 2021 at Silver Spire United Church.

Full concert details on the website - Programming and performers subject to change.
We invite you to keep this page handy as a guide to our 2021-2022 Season of Hope

Four For Free – 4 subsidized virtual concerts

The four, free virtual concerts are made possible by a significant grant. This one-time funding will enable the Gallery Players of Niagara to produce a digital concert series and distribute it free of charge to Long Term Care Facilities and Retirement Homes across Niagara. In addition to offering this series to our patrons, the Gallery Players of Niagara has also used this opportunity as a springboard for an exciting partnership with the St. Catharines Public Library, bringing classical music concerts to a new audience through their network.

The free virtual concerts listed below will be available from the date shown until July 31, 2022. A link will be emailed for each concert. (See concert listings on page 2 for more details)

A - October 1, 2021 The Golden Age of the Flute

B - November 1, 2021 Italian Virtuosi

#2 December 12, 2021 Simple Gifts

#7 June 26, 2022 Songs of Life

A few concert-going notes

Masks will be required for patrons at all indoor presentations this season.

The safety of our patrons, musicians, volunteers and staff is our top priority. After consultation with our arts industry partners, public health experts, our performers, venues, and volunteers, we will require proof* of full vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test result for anyone aged 12 and older attending or performing our concerts. Our commitment to you: all Gallery Players' performers, staff, and volunteers in the 2021-2022 season are fully vaccinated.

**vaccine receipt, official test result, or any forthcoming government-issued document / exemptions accepted for medical reasons.*

We will also faithfully adhere to any additional policies the venues may choose to impose in the future, including (but not limited to) lower capacity limits.

All concerts at Silver Spire will include physical distancing measures.

Concerts at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre may be permitted at 50% occupancy. This does not quite allow for full physical distancing; however, rows will be staggered and a minimum of 3 seats between each group of people will help to ensure your safety.

Digital concert information, including detailed programme notes, will be distributed prior to each performance.

If available, tickets will be sold at the venue on the day of concerts, as well as on our website. Depending upon capacity restrictions on the day, we cannot guarantee available seats. Please call or email to confirm (905-468-1525) or info@galleryplayers.ca

If a concert is cancelled, the ticket will be eligible to exchange for a future concert, a tax receipt, or a refund.

Generously supported by the St. Catharines
Cultural Investment Program (SCIP)



Canada Council
for the Arts
Conseil des Arts
du Canada



TICKET ORDER FORM

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

	# of subscriptions	Sub Total
All Access: all 7 Live and all 8 Virtual concerts - \$175.00	_____ X \$175 =	_____

Pick 4: 4 Live concerts (<i>Your choice</i>) including all 8 Virtual concerts - \$135.00	_____ X \$135 =	_____
---	-----------------	-------

Sub #1 / Concerts #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____ #7 _____

Sub #2 / Concerts #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____ #7 _____

- *Arts workers, students and children see our great **Open Door** ticket option below*

	# of virtual subscriptions	Sub Total
Virtual Only: all 8 Virtual concerts - \$ 50.00 <i>(includes 4 free concerts)</i>	_____ X \$50 =	_____

Four for Free: 4 Designated Virtual concerts (<i>see page 3</i>) - \$0	_____ X \$0 =	No charge
---	---------------	-----------

Please provide your email, as well as additional emails for family and friends who would like to receive gift.

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____ *(please do not share a friend's email without permission)*

Email 3: _____

SINGLE TICKETS:

	# of Single Tickets	Sub Total
Live Single Ticket - Each Live Concert - \$40		

Concerts #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____ #7 _____	_____ X \$40 =	_____
---	----------------	-------

Open Door Single Ticket - Students, Children & Arts Workers – Live Concerts – Pay what you can, available by calling 905-468-1525 or emailing info@galleryplayers.ca

Virtual Single Ticket - Each Virtual Concert - \$15

Concerts #1 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____	_____ X \$15 =	_____
---	----------------	-------

Concerts #2 & 7 are included in "Four for Free". Choose above

I would like to make a donation _____
(tax receipt issued for all donations over \$10) Thank you!

TOTAL _____

To pay by cheque or credit card, please enclose this order form with your cheque and mail to The Gallery Players of Niagara, P.O. Box 1, Virgil ON L0S 1T0, with the following information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____ *(required to receive links to virtual concerts)*

Charge my Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Amex ___ Card # |_____| |_____| |_____| |_____| Expiry |_____| |_____| CVV |_____|

Visit our website at www.galleryplayers.ca or call us with a credit card at 905-468-1525.