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A Season to Celebrate! 2008-2009

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The Toronto Philharmonia continues its musical voyage of exploration and discovery. As artistic director, I am proud of our reputation for bold, diverse choices of repertoire, animated concerts and progressive world premieres. We strive for elegant variety without abandoning the traditional repertoire, especially when presented with the youthful spirit of many of our newly discovered soloists.

Joining us this season are two electrifying young men of the keyboard, Simon Docking in Prokoviev 3rd Concerto and Younggun Kim in the monumental Brahms Concerto No. 1.

The Philharmonia will also feature fine artists from our own ranks, including our newly appointed concert master, Lance Elbeck, in the thrilling Glazunov Concerto.

We finish out the season with two young Canadians in a tribute to some of the most romantic music ever written by Puccini. You will melt to the voices of Lucia Cesaroni and Michael Toby.

The Philharmonia has not forgotten the importance of preserving the tradition of great concert music that the whole world loves.

That's why I am certain you will be inspired by the power of Beethoven's 9th, the great hymn to humanity and the strength of spirit in our November concert.

Our apprentice conductor, Vincent Cheng will prepare the perfect holiday concert for you with our gold medal choir. On a highly personal note, I'm anticipating presenting the great cycle of tone poems, Ma Vlast by Smetana. His beloved Moldau comes from this cycle of six works expressing his love of homeland.

Subscribe today and prepare to be swept away.

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Friends of the Toronto Philhamonia demonstrate their commitment to beautiful music by investing in the future of music in northern Toronto. Friends are truly members of our orchestra family with exclusive privileges in recognition of their support.

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GENERAL
Information in this brochure is accurate and as complete as possible at the time of printing. Artists and program are subject to change. As our concert hall is on public transi,concerts are not cancelled due to inclement weather except in the case of power outage, transit shut-down and/or total road closures. Adults bringing children to concerts are responsible for ensuring that children are able to sit quietly.

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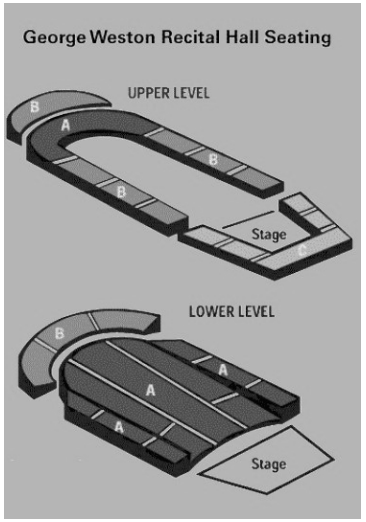

Season at a Glance

Thurs. Sept 18, 2008, 8 pm
MY COUNTRY
SMETANA: *Ma Vlast* (includes The Moldau)

Thurs. Oct. 16, 2008, 8 pm
CELEBRATION
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MENDELSSOHN: *Symphony No. 3 "The Scottish"*
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HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
with the Toronto Philharmonia Chorus

Thurs. Feb. 5, 2009, 8 pm
LEGENDARY FAVOURITES
BURRY: *Orchestra Suite from "The Hobbit"*
GLAZUNOV: *Violin Concerto*
KODALY: *Hary Janos Suite*
Lance Elbeck, violin

Thurs. Mar. 5, 2009, 8 pm
JOURNEYS
RAMINSH: *Suite for Orchestra*
HAYDN: *Symphony No. 99*
VILLA-LOBOS: *Sinfonietta No. 1 in B flat*

Thurs. Apr. 2, 2009, 8 pm
KEYBOARD FIREWORKS
KA NIN CHAN: *Revelation*
CHABRIER: *Pastoral Suite*
PROKOFIEV: *Piano Concerto No 3*
Simon Docking, piano

Thurs. May. 07, 2009, 8 pm
PUCCINI GALA
Lucia Cesaroni, soprano
Michael Toby, tenor

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The Moldau Má vlast

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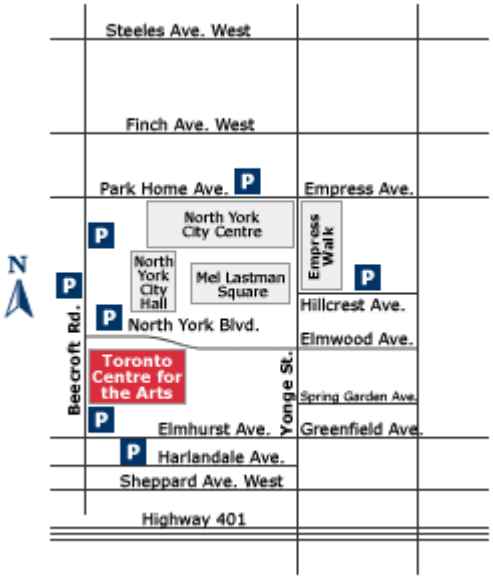

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Doors open at 7:15. Latecomers will be admitted at a convenient break in the program. No photography or recording is permitted.

Bedřich Smetana

Thurs. Sept 18 2008 8 pm MY COUNTRY

SMETANA: *Ma Vlast* (includes The Moldau)

1 Vyšehrad
2 Vltava (The Moldau)
3 Šárka
4 Z českých luhů a hájů
5 Tábor
6 Blaník

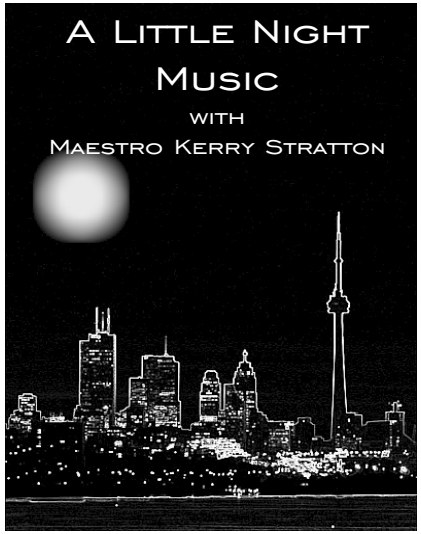
Join Maestro Stratton for a tour of Má vlast (traditionally translated as My Country), a set of six symphonic poems composed between 1874 and 1879 by the Czech composer Bedřich Smetana. The most familiar of the works, "The Moldau" is a much-loved standard in the orchestral repertoire. Less frequently are we able to hear the work in the context of the other tone poems, that all paint pictures of the Czech countryside or are inspired by Czech national history or legend. A special celebration on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Prague uprising.

Thurs. Oct. 16 2008 8 pm CELEBRATION

LOUIE: *Celebration Music*
MENDELSSOHN: *Symphony No. 3 "The Scottish"*
BRAHMS: *Piano Concerto No. 1 in d minor, op. 15*

Kerry Stratton, conductor
Younggun Kim, piano

Once again Music Director Kerry Stratton has discovered a rising star that you won't want to miss! Be there when Younggun Kim makes his debut appearance with the Toronto Philhamonia playing the lush, romantic Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1. Accompanied on this program by the rousing, robust Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3, (the Scottish), the mood is truly one of musical celebration!



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Thurs. May 7 2009
8 pm
PUCCINI GALA

Kerry Stratton, conductor
Lucia Cesaroni, soprano
Michael Toby, tenor

Who can resist "O mio babbino caro", "Musetta's Waltz," "Chi il bel sogno," and "Nessun Dorma"? Thrill to these and other Italian opera favorites at this gala season ender!

Thurs. Nov. 13 2008 8 pm HOPE AND GLORY

HEALEY: *Tribulation and the morning trumpet*
ROBERT BRUCE: *Symphony in B flat (excerpt)*
MARTINU: *Memorial to Lidice*
BEETHOVEN: *Symphony No. 9*

Kerry Stratton, conductor
Eve Rachel McLeod, soprano
Min Jin, tenor
Vicki St. Pierre, mezzo
Nicolae Raiciu, baritone

with the Toronto Philharmonia Chorus
Vincent Cheng, chorusmaster

Thurs. Dec. 4 2008 7 pm HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*
HARRIOT: *Jingle Bells Medley*
HERBERT: *Babes in Toyland*
And all your Christmas favorites

With the Toronto Philharmonia Chorus
Kerry Stratton, conductor
Vincent Cheng, chorusmaster

Join Kerry and our own Toronto Philharmonia choristers in a joyous celebration of the holiday season!

Great Music Close to Home!

Thurs. Apr. 2 2009 8 pm KEYBOARD FIREWORKS

KA NIN CHAN: *Revelation*
CHABRIER: *Pastoral Suite*
PROKOFIEV: *Piano Concerto No 3*

Kerry Stratton, conductor
Simon Docking, piano

Since his arrival in Canada, Australian pianist, Simon Docking has been thrilling Canadian audiences in the concert hall and through numerous CBC broadcast performances. Simon's speed and brilliance have become legendary in solo performance and in his collaborations with noted Canadian ensembles and musicians. Join Maestro Kerry Stratton and the Toronto Philharmonia as they are joined by their special guest for what will be sure to be keyboard fireworks.

PROKOFIEV

PIANO CONCERT no. 3

SIMON DOCKING

Thurs. Feb. 5 2009 8 pm LEGENDARY FAVORITES

Lance Elbeck

BURRY: *Orchestra Suite from "The Hobbit"*
GLAZUNOV: *Violin Concerto*
KODALY: *Háry János Suite*

Kerry Stratton, conductor
Lance Elbeck, violin

Our own beloved concertmaster, Lance Elbeck, steps forward to play a concerto of his choice, the delightful Glazunov concerto. Truly a night to remember with a program inspired by legend. Kodaly weaves the story of the boastful soldier, Háry János and his exaggerated exploits. For contrast, we present an orchestral suite from Canadian composer Dean Burry's opera, "The Hobbit", a popular modern legend by J.R.R. Tolkien.

RAMINSH HAYDN

VILLA-LOBOS Mar. 5

Thurs. Mar. 5 2009 8 pm JOURNEYS

RAMINSH: *Suite for Orchestra*
HAYDN: *Symphony No. 99*
VILLA-LOBOS: *Sinfionetta No. 1 in B flat*

Kerry Stratton, conductor

It is 50 years after the death of Villa-Lobos, the iconoclastic Brazilian composer who combined European classical music training with his exploration of South American folk music to bring engaging, approachable works to life. Villa-Lobos journeyed into the jungle—a land of mystery at the time—to fuel the engines of his creativity. By the same token, Haydn was inspired to compose some of his greatest symphonies during his sojourn in Britain. Contrasted with these two works is a short suite from Canadian composer Imant Raminsh, whose journey was to Latvia to bring us a suite based on traditional melodies. Join us to enjoy the fruits of these extraordinary musical journeys.