## LONDON SYMPHONIA 2024-25 SEASON



## **KINDNESS**

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | 7:30 pm | Metropolitan United

### Performers

- Glynis Ranney, singer and actor
- Mike Nadajewski, singer and actor
- Ben Bolt-Martin, arranger and conductor





October 5, 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of London City Council, let me welcome you to the London Symphonia's 2024-25 Season. We are honored to have such a distinguished ensemble in our community, and we eagerly anticipate the musical experiences you will bring to our residents.

The London Symphonia has long been a shining star in our artistic constellation, and your dedication to excellence in music enriches the lives of residents across all ages. Each performance you deliver resonates deeply, creating cherished memories and fostering a love for the arts.

This season, London Symphonia is excited to present a diverse array of performances that will captivate your senses and enrich your spirit. From timeless classics to contemporary works, there is something for everyone to enjoy. I encourage you to explore the full program and immerse yourself in the magic that only live orchestral music can bring.

As we gather to appreciate the extraordinary talent of our musicians and guest artists, let us also celebrate the power of music to inspire, heal, and unite. I invite you to share in this season's festivities, whether you are a lifelong supporter or a newcomer to the concert hall.

Thank you for your dedication to enriching our lives through the power of music. Here's to a wonderful season ahead!

Kind regards,

Josh Morgan Mayor, City of London

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### WELCOME to KINDNESS!

Our musical journey continues as we explore the theme of kindness. We are delighted to welcome singers and actors Glynis Ranney and Mike Nadajewski, who are making their debut with London Symphonia this evening. Together they have curated this unique fusion of orchestral music, original composition, musical theatre, pop songs and storytelling.

It is always special when we have the opportunity to showcase one of our own. We are proud to present a new work and arrangements by tonight's conductor, Ben Bolt-Martin, who was appointed Principal Cello with London Symphonia last May. His music and ideas were sources of inspiration to the creative team.

Your support is vital to the continued success of London Symphonia. On behalf of the musicians, staff, and Board of Directors, thank you. We hope you will enjoy tonight's concert and spread the word to family and friends.

Glorious music and great artistry await you throughout the season.

We look forward to seeing you often.

Sincerely,

April Voth Executive Director

Andrew Chung Artistic Producer

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Old Roads	Ben Bolt-Martin
Kindness	Naomi Shihab Nye
Mrs. Remington	Music and lyrics by Neil Bartram
Emily Remembers	Music and lyrics by Shirley Eikhard
The Man At The Counter	Terry Belleville
Sandman Song and Lullaby from Han	sel and Gretel Engelbert Humperdinck
It Takes Two	Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
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From <b>Symphony No. 5</b> Andante	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Radical Kindness: The Nickel Mines Community Glynis Ran	
Song of Bernadette Kindness: The Lightning Round	Music by Jennifer Warnes, Leonard Cohen, William Elliot, lyrics by Leonard Cohen
La Vie En Rose	Music by Louiguy, lyrics by Edith Piaf
Charlie and Franz	Adapted from A Higher Call by Adam Makos
If Only We Have Love	Music and lyrics by Jacques Brel

The program runs approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes, including a 20-minute Intermission. Curated by Glynis Ranney and Mike Nadajewski, with original music and arrangements by Ben Bolt-Martin. The concept for Kindness was originally developed in 2022 for the INNERchamber concert series in Stratford, Ontario.



Violin Joe Lanza Andrew Chung

**Viola** Jody Davenport

**Cello** Sonya Nanos **Bass** Joe Phillips

**Flute** Laura Chambers

**Clarinet** Graham Lord **Bassoon** Spencer Phillips

**Horn** Ron George

**Percussion** Tim Francom





### MEET GLYNIS RANNEY, MIKE NADAJEWSKI AND BEN BOLT-MARTIN AFTER THE CONCERT

Join us in the Great Room immediately behind the stage and speak with the artists.

## PERFORMERS BIOS



A performer in theatre and musical theatre, Glynis Ranney recently received a Dora award for her portrayal of Mrs. Lovett in Talk Is Free's production of *Sweeney Todd*. Glynis has performed for six seasons with the Stratford Festival. In 2024-25, she performed in *Twelfth Night* and *Romeo and Juliet*. She also appeared as Jack's Mom in *Into the Woods* (Talk Is Free Theatre).

Her theatre credits include: *Much Ado About Nothing, The Sound of Music, HMS Pinafore, The Mikado;* Eight seasons with the Shaw Festival, including *Mack and Mabel, Tristan, Floyd Collins, Easy Virtue, The Coronation Voyage, The Constant Wife, She Loves Me; Sweeney Todd* (UK/ Toronto - Dora Award), *The Other Place, Sunday in the Park with George, Harvest Moon Rising, The Greatest Gift* (Talk Is Free Theatre); *London Road* (Ensemble Dora Award), *Passion, The House of Martin Guerre, Leslie Arden and Friends* (Canadian Stage); *Falsettos* (Musical Stage), and *Annie.* 

Film/TV credits include Skins and Murdoch Mysteries.

Glynis lives with her husband, Mike Nadajewski, and their son in Stratford, Ontario.



Mike Nadajewski

A professional actor for over 20 years, Mike Nadajewski has spent the majority of his career playing leading and featured roles in North America's largest classical theatre festivals. For eight seasons he appeared at both the Shaw Festival and Stratford Festival.

Recent credits include Valere in *La Bête*, Narrator/Mysterious Man in *Into the Woods* (Talk Is Free Theatre). At the Shaw Festival, he appeared in On the Razzle, *Damn Yankees, Charley's Aunt, Sherlock Holmes and the Raven's Curse, The Russian Play, Brigadoon.* At the Stratford Festival his credits include *Timon of Athens, The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe,* Peter Sellars' *A Midsummer Night's Dream: A Chamber Play, Romeo and Juliet, Jesus Christ Superstar* (Broadway), *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris,* and As You Like It.

FILM/TV credits include *The Understudy, Private Eyes, Murdoch Mysteries,* and *Kim's Convenience.* 

### Ben Bolt-Martin



Ben Bolt-Martin is proud to join London Symphonia officially as Principal Cello. He is also a founding member of INNERchamber, an inventive and intimate chamber music series in Stratford and has performed 20 seasons with the Stratford Festival of Canada, performing live and recording incidental music.

Ben has also featured as a soloist across Canada with a special interest in new music reflecting humanity's search for meaning. He was the featured performer on the Juno nominated recording *Notes Towards*.

In addition to an active life as a composer, Ben has arranged music for performance and recording for Ron Sexsmith, Dayna Manning, The Sultans of String, The Bookends, The Steel City Rovers and many others.

Ben teaches cello and chamber music at University of Waterloo and conducts the London Youth Symphony.





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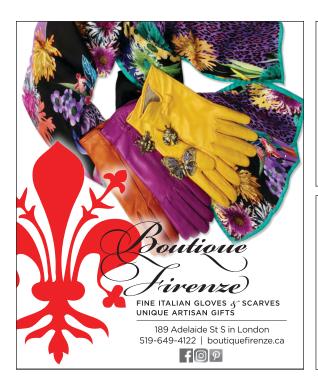
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