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**LONDON SYMPHONIA
SHINES THE LIGHT ON KINDNESS
A Concert for the Times!**

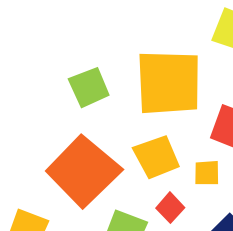


KINDNESS

Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m

LONDON, October 23, 2024 – London Symphonia’s upcoming concert is rooted in what is free to give but priceless to receive, kindness. This carefully curated performance will be shared from the hearts of our guest artists, actors and singers Glynis Ranney and Mike Nadajewski, conductor and arranger Ben Bolt-Martin, and the musicians. (Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m., Metropolitan United in London, ON.)

Kindness presents a fusion of orchestral music, original composition, musical theatre and pop songs woven together through storytelling. It explores everyday acts of kindness to extraordinary, more profound acts, and reminds us of humanity’s incredible capacity for compassion in a light hearted and heartfelt way.



“We came up with the concept of Kindness as a concert, when Canadian stage veterans and partners in life Glynis Ranney and Mike Nadajewski approached me with their genuine fascination with the theme,” said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer of London Symphonia. “They had discovered stories ranging from small to radical acts of kindness and self-sacrifice and were interested in creating a captivating concert with London Symphonia that would present these stories interspersed with carefully selected pieces from the worlds of stage musicals, and popular songs. What we’ve created together is a magical and moving evening that shares moments of solemnity, reflection and hilarity.”

Concertgoers can choose to attend in person at Metropolitan United, home of London Symphonia, or virtually through high quality 4K HDR Video On Demand productions that include 21 days of unlimited access.

Thanks to funding received from the Gordon Jeffery Music Foundation and the Musicians Performance Trust Fund, London Symphonia is also presenting a free special schools performance of Kindness for students in Grades 7, 8 and 9. Approximately 325 students from five schools will attend the performance. Teachers will receive a curriculum-guided information package with suggested activities to round out the educational experience.

LISTING INFORMATION:

LONDON SYMPHONIA CONCERT

Kindness

London Symphonia

Ben Bolt-Martin, arranger and conductor

Glynis Ranney, singer and actor

Mike Nadajewski, singers and actor

Sat. November 2, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Metropolitan United, 468 Wellington St, London, ON N6A 3P8

In-person tickets are \$55 General Admission, \$75 Reserved Seating, and \$55 for unlimited Video On Demand 21-day access, plus fees and HST.

Free tickets are available for Post Secondary, High School and Children aged 6 to 12. Family-Flex Packs and tickets to individual concerts can be purchased online at londonsymphonia.ca.

London Symphonia is deeply grateful for the support of our government partners, London Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and the Ontario Arts Council.

ABOUT GLYNIS RANNEY

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*.

ABOUT 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*.

ABOUT BEN BOLT-MARTIN

Ben Bolt-Martin was appointed Principal Cello with London Symphonia earlier this year. He is also conductor of the London Youth Symphony. In addition to being a founding member of INNERchamber, an inventive and intimate chamber music series in Stratford, he has performed 20 seasons with the Stratford Festival of Canada, performing live and recording incidental music. A soloist with a special interest in new music reflecting humanity's search for meaning, Ben was the featured performer on the Juno nominated recording *Notes Towards*. In addition to an active life as a composer, he 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.

ABOUT LONDON SYMPHONIA

London Symphonia is a professional symphony orchestra committed to performing vibrant and bold musical experiences for London and the region. With a core of 30 players, our versatile group meets the community's needs for quality programming by presenting well-known symphonies, Canadian premieres, and collaborations with some of Canada's finest singer-songwriters. We deliver a rich, artistic experience by seeking out the most accomplished performers and conductors representing a blend of locally, nationally and internationally recognized talent. A registered charitable organization, we perform a number of outreach and music education engagements each season for students and seniors in our community.

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