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LONDON SYMPHONIA PRESENTS FREE FAMILY CUSHION CONCERTS AT LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES



Spark creativity! Connect your kids with music!

LONDON, July 17, 2024 – London Symphonia's popular Family Cushion Concerts return this summer with free performances at five London Public Library Branches across the city.

"Our goal is to help parents instill a lifelong connection to music in their children. Family Cushion Concerts are imaginative and creative experiences that are fun for everyone," said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer, London Symphonia.

"When we think back to our first interactions with live music as children, many of us have strong memories of that first opportunity to see and hear musical instruments up close. Our partnership with the London Public Library makes it possible to share our passion for music by bringing our free concerts to families in the familiar environment of local branches across the city."

All performances are inclusive and participant centred. Young music lovers are introduced to a wide range of musical styles -- classical, pop, folk, rock, 1920s ragtime, even a Disney favourite -- and instruments, in a warm, relaxed, kid-friendly environment that encourages kids to clap along to their favourite songs and interact with the music and musicians.

London Symphonia musicians will perform two concerts designed to engage children of all ages: *Cooking Up A Storm* and *Musical Time Machine*.



Composers take inspiration from many aspects of everyday life, and food is one of them. With the Flute, Cello and Percussion as the main instruments in the *Cooking Up A Storm* kitchen, kids learn how to create music using "instruments" found in kitchens and how music is created using a "musical recipe."

A Musical Time Machine presents an engaging musical journey stretching from Rock to Classical that's fun for everyone.

London Symphonia's is deeply grateful to its generous donors who make our Family Cushion Concerts possible and the London Public Library for making these concerts readily accessible to the community.

FAMILY CUSHION CONCERTS SUMMER SCHEDULE

Cooking Up A Storm

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 11am to 12pm

London Public Library, Bostwick Branch 501 Southdale Rd W, London, ON

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

London Public Library, Jalna Branch 1119 Jalna Blvd, London, ON

Musical Time Machine

FRIDAY, August 16, 11am – 12pm

London Public Library, Cherryhill Branch Cherryhill Village Mall, 301 Oxford St W, London, ON

THURSDAY, August 22, 11am – 12pm

London Public Library, Crouch Branch 550 Hamilton Road, London, ON

FRIDAY, August 23, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

London Public Library, Beacock Branch 1280 Huron St, London, ON

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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