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**LONDON SYMPHONIA PRESENTS
UNFORGETTABLE MUSICAL EXPERIENCES
FEATURING OUTSTANDING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL
ARTISTS IN NEW SEASON**



**Violinists Kerson Leong and Scott St. John,
The Elora Singers, and Country Music Star
Genevieve Fisher among featured artists**

LONDON, September 12, 2024 – London Symphonia’s 2024-25 Season is filled with great music that celebrates the extraordinary artistry of the orchestra alongside brilliant guest artists. Audiences will experience cherished classics, including the return of Handel’s Messiah, new compositions, a World Premiere, unfairly neglected works from the past, and unexpected twists along the way.

“We are proud to offer our 2024-25 season of eight very special concerts to London,” said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer of London Symphonia. “Each concert program has been crafted to create an unforgettable musical experience that includes the amazing stories behind the music. By blending our orchestral tradition with other cultures and artistic genres, we invite more and more Londoners into the Symphonia experience. And, that’s exciting!”

Concertgoers can choose to attend each concert 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

2024-25 CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

OPENING NIGHT: TCHAIKOVSKY AND GOOD – October 5, 2024

The 2024-25 Season opens with a flourish with 50 musicians on stage to perform Tchaikovsky's emotionally charged Sixth Symphony, "The Pathetique". Composer-In-Residence Scott Good's Trumpet Concerto, *Between The Rooms*, which is full of drama and colour, rounds out the program. Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, known to many as the host of CBC's *Centrestage* and a good friend of London Symphonia, returns to conduct this emotional journey.

KINDNESS – November 2, 2024

A chamber concert of songs and stories about kindness by Leonard Cohen, Stephen Sondheim, Edith Piaff. With humour and touching insight Glynis Ranney and Mike Nadajewski, both stars of the Canadian stage, share stories of songs that celebrate those heroes who forge human connection through acts of kindness, from small deeds to the profoundly radical.

MESSIAH WITH THE ELORA SINGERS AND LONDON SYMPHONIA – November 30, 2024

The magic of *Messiah* returns with The Elora Singers performing as choir and soloists. One of the finest vocal ensembles in Canada, this performance will breathe new ideas into this centuries-old music.

JOE LANZA'S BAROQUE FAVOURITES – January 18, 2025

One of Canada's finest concertmasters, London Symphonia's Joe Lanza is known for his polished brilliance and passion for music from the 17th and 18th centuries. This concert takes us on a musical tour of Italy, Germany and England, sampling some of the most striking innovators of orchestral music of the day, including Vivaldi, Handel, J.S.Bach, Geminiani and Avison.

A NEW MOON CELEBRATION – February 1, 2025

London Symphonia's first ever concert marking the Lunar New Year, *A New Moon Celebration* blends stories, folk music and contemporary music from Asian cultures and traditions in London that celebrate this important holiday. Rei Hotoda returns to conduct this program of spirited orchestral fun with violin soloist Scott St. John, narrator Derek Kwan, Lina Cao on guzheng and the rising stars of London Youth Symphony.

THE LIFE AND TROUBLED TIMES OF SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR – February 22, 2025

If ever there was a tale to be told, this is it! Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a British composer of mixed race at the turn of the 20th century, regarded as a musical genius, lived only 37 years. His 100+ works were received enthusiastically around the world, yet he only recently emerged as one of Britain's best kept secrets. Poet and actor Roy Lewis tells his remarkable story: his triumphs, tragedies and astounding life.

BEETHOVEN AND SIBELIUS WITH KERSON LEONG – April 5, 2025

When Kerson Leong made his debut with London Symphonia in 2018, we knew he was a meteoric talent unlike any other in Canada. Renowned as one of the brightest classical stars, Kerson continually delivers thrilling performances and daring interpretations. He will perform Beethoven's Violin Concerto, and we can't wait to join him on stage yet again. Conductor Tania Miller will also lead the orchestra in Sibelius' Symphony No. 2, a musical feast for all the players and the first time that London Symphonia will perform a symphony by this great Finish composer.

GENEVIEVE FISHER: THANK YOU MUSIC! – May 3, 2025

Every season London Symphonia invites one of Canada's singer-songwriters to join us for a unique concert experience that introduces fans to their music with an orchestral twist. We are proud to host London's own Country Music star, Genevieve Fisher for a wonderful evening of music from her impressive catalogue. Scott Good conducts this brand new set of orchestral arrangements that he has created especially for this amazing concert.

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Ticket packages start at \$155 for 3-concert General Admission subscription and \$212 for Reserved Seating, plus fees and HST. 5-concert and 8-concert packages are also available. Video On Demand subscriptions are available for all eight concerts. In person and Video On Demand subscriptions and tickets are available online at londonsymphonia.ca.

In-person tickets are \$55 General Admission, \$75 Reserved Seating, and \$55 for unlimited Video On Demand 21-day access, plus fees and HST. Family Flex packs and student tickets are also available. Find out more at londonsymphonia.ca.

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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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