

SEASON 3 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY MENDELSSOHN

Guelph Musicfest

Sunday May 10 to Friday May 22, 2009

Guelph Youth Music Centre Recital Hall | 75 Cardigan Street, Guelph, Ontario
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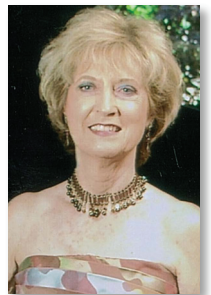
1. NEW! STAGE TWO SERIES: Sunday, May 10 at 3 pm (matinee)
TACTUS VOCAL ENSEMBLE... Shakespeare's Music: Rhyme & Reason

The festival begins with the superlative **TACTUS VOCAL ENSEMBLE**. This crack "a capella" vocal ensemble will present its acclaimed **Shakespeare's Music: Rhyme & Reason**. Tactus will be joined by instrumentalists **Terry McKenna** (lute) and **Shannon Purves-Smith** (recorders and viol). In "concert format," Tactus muses over Shakespeare's rhyme and reason, an admittedly generous theme!

2. ARTIST SERIES: Thursday, May 14 at 8 pm
VALERIE TRYON (piano)

Valerie Tryon (piano) had the standing-room-only audience cheering wildly after her stunning Guelph Musicfest recital in 2007. Valerie returns with a wonderful selection of Mendelssohn plus musical favourites from her vast repertoire. She was an early recipient of the Harriet Cohen Medal. More recently the Liszt Memorial Plaque was bestowed on her by the Hungarian Minister of Culture in recognition of her lifelong promotion of Franz Liszt's music. Without doubt, Valerie is one of the finest artists in the world, and since making Canada her home, one of our national treasures!

MENDELSSOHN: Andante & Rondo Capriccioso; Variations Serieuse; Three Songs without Words **DEBUSSY:** Arabesque no. 1; Clair de Lune
RAVEL: Jeux d'eau; Alborada del Grazioso **POULENC:** 3 pièces pour piano (Pastorale, Hymne, Toccata)
CHOPIN: Fantaisie, op. 49; Nocturne in C minor **SCHULZ-EVLER:** Arabesques on a theme of the Blue Danube



3. ARTIST SERIES: Friday, May 15 at 8 pm

MARION SAMUEL-STEVENS (soprano) & WILLIAM SHOOKHOFF (piano)

Marion Samuel-Stevens (soprano) is one of Canada's rising stars. She will be joined by pianist **William Shookhoff**. Marion is a graduate of the University of Toronto's Voice Performance and is building a reputation as a performer of Oratorio and Opera. Marion is an avid supporter of new music and was a finalist in the 2008 Eckhardt-Grammatté competition. William is a noted conductor, pianist and vocal coach throughout Canada and abroad.

HAYDN: English Songs **MENDELSSOHN:** Songs **CANTELOUBE:** Songs of the Auvergne
BERG: Sieben Frühe Lieder **HEGGIE:** Paper Wings
PLUS... Fun stuff!



4. STAGE TWO SERIES: Sunday, May 17 at 3 pm (matinee)
SLIDE BY SLIDE... Spirited to the Bone!

Four friends, four trombones, full choral sound. If you love the rich sound of brass, you'll love **Slide by Slide** when it performs **Spirited to the Bone!** It plays a very eclectic collection of musical styles as arranged for trombone quartet—everything from Gabrielli to Gershwin. The members of the group are **John Monkhouse, Dave Davidson, Jim Edwards** and **Susan Follows**.

5. ARTIST SERIES: Thursday, May 21 at 8 pm
FESTIVAL TRIO with Jerzy Kaplanek (violin), Paul Pulford (cello) & Ken Gee (piano)

Guelph Musicfest brings together the musical friends to perform the brilliant Mendelssohn Piano Trio in D minor and more! Jerzy is a member of the renowned Pendereski Quartet, Paul is a Pendereski Quartet and Guelph Musicfest alumni. Ken is the Musicfest director.

HAYDN: Trio in D major (Hungarian Rondo) **BLOCH:** Nocturnes **MENDELSSOHN:** Trio in D minor



6. ARTIST SERIES: Friday, May 22 at 8 pm
CECILIA STRING QUARTET (from San Diego, California) with Sarah Nematallah (violin), Min-Jeong Koh (violin), Caitlin Boyle (viola) & Rebecca Wenham (cello)

The series finale presents the **Cecilia String Quartet**. First Prize and Melpomene Prize winner of the 2008 Rutenberg Chamber Music Festival, Second Prize winners of the 2008 Osaka International Chamber Music Competition, and winners of the 2007 Galaxie Rising Stars Award in Canada. Praised for their 'extraordinary commitment and maturity' (Montreal Gazette) and 'talent, passion and mastery' (Jacques Robert, JR Multimedia), the Cecilia String Quartet is one of the most exciting emerging ensembles today.



THEODORE DUBOIS: String Quartet No. 1 **LIAM WADE:** String Quartet No. 2 "The Canadian" **MENDELSSOHN:** String Quartet No. 6 in F minor, op. 80



ARTIST SERIES: ALL FOUR CONCERTS for only \$100 (adult), \$95 (senior), \$70 (student) **SINGLE TICKETS:** \$30 (adult), \$28 (senior), \$20 (student)
ARTIST SERIES PICK-3: ANY 3 CONCERTS for only \$80 (adult), \$75 (senior), \$55 (student)
STAGE TWO SERIES: BOTH CONCERTS for only \$45 (adult), \$36 (senior or student) **SINGLE TICKETS:** Adult \$25 (adult), \$20 (senior or student)
SUPER SERIES: ALL SIX CONCERTS for only \$130 (adult), \$126 (senior), \$100 (student)
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