

## **2018 Toronto Summer Music Festival announces details of free masterclasses, concerts and films**

TORONTO... Julius Drake, Christoph Prégardien, and Alexander Kerr are among the talented artists who will participate in the 2018 Toronto Summer Music Festival's free programming (July 12 - August 4). The events are open to the general public and take place at Walter Hall and the Boyd Neel Room in the Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto (80 Queen's Park).

Masterclasses are open to the general public to observe and will be held in Walter Hall with pianist **Julius Drake** (July 13, 10 a.m. - Noon); **Borodin Quartet** (July 15, 2 - 3:30 p.m.); violinist **Yehonatan Berick** (July 16, 4 - 5:30 p.m.); tenor **Christoph Prégardien** (July 19, 10 a.m. - Noon), pianist **Pedja Muzijevic** (July 26, 4 - 5:30 p.m.); and violinist **Alexander Kerr** (July 30, 4 - 5:30 p.m.).

Fans can go behind-the-scenes to observe Open Rehearsals in Walter Hall as guest artists prepare for select mainstage concerts: **The Trout** (July 20, 4 p.m.) and **Brahms Sextet** (August 3, 4 p.m.). On July 28 at 1 p.m. in Walter Hall, a special multimedia concert entitled **Premonitions of War –The Rite of Spring** featuring pianists Pedja Muzijevic and Alexey Pudinov, will be presented.

**TSM Kids Concerts** are engaging one-hour concerts specially designed to introduce children, ages 5-12, to classical music. Three free concerts will be held on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. in Walter Hall: **Kinan Azmeh CityBand** (July 18); **The Magic of Vivaldi** (July 25); and **TSM All Stars** (August 1).

In the Boyd Neel Room, fans can enjoy free film screenings of **Quartet for the End of Time** (July 19, 3 p.m.); and **Schindler's List** (August 1, 2 p.m.), and two free lectures: a pre-concert talk for **Sounding Thunder with composer Tim Corlis** (July 23, 6-7 p.m.) and **The Business of Music with artist agent Andrew Kwan** (July 27, 4-5 p.m.).

Toronto Summer Music Festival's **OLG Shuffle Hour** casual concerts are curated by some of Canada's best up-and-coming and established talents. The concerts are **pay-what-you-can** and take place in Yorkville's Heliconian Hall (35 Hazelton Avenue).

July 17 at 5 PM Violin Virtuosity from the RCM Taylor Academy – Vivien Kukiel, violin

July 18 at 5 PM Anthony D'Alessandro Trio featuring Chase Sanborn

July 19 at 5 PM VC2- Cello duo featuring TSM Academy Alumni Amahl Arulanandam & Bryan Holt  
July 24 at 5 PM Canadian Art Song Project with pianist Steven Philcox and friends  
July 25 at 5 PM Stars of the Future from the RCM Taylor Academy – pianists JJ Bui and Eric Guo  
July 26 at 5 PM Wartime Cello featuring Brian Manker  
July 31 at 5 PM Your Daughter Fanny – Chamber Opera by Alice Ho  
August 1 at 5 PM Schumann & Brahms with Jonathan Crow and friends  
August 2 at 5 PM Cheng2Duo – Bryan and Silvie Cheng, a virtuosic brother-sister duo

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#### **About the 2018 Toronto Summer Music Festival**

From July 12 to August 4, the Toronto Summer Music Festival brings outstanding classical music experiences to the city with a program featuring renowned Canadian and international artists in 26 mainstage concerts at Koerner Hall, Walter Hall, the Church of the Redeemer and Lula Lounge, plus free and pay what you can concerts, guest lectures and master classes. The 2018 Festival theme, *Reflections of Wartime*, commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War and will feature performances by Russia's celebrated **Borodin Quartet**, tenor **Ben Heppner** and the **Toronto Mass Choir**, pianist **Angela Cheng**, and **Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal**. For information on all 2018 Toronto Summer Music Festival activities call 647-408-0208 or visit [www.torontosummertime.com](http://www.torontosummertime.com) .

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