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# 2022 2023

concert season

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Welcome to the NSO's 2022/23 season, by far our most ambitious to date. It is a season that aspires to welcome all musical tastes, present the most beloved classics, reflect upon significant issues in our history, and feature the best of Canada's talent.

The season begins with the Canadian Premiere of a new work co-commissioned by the NSO *Harriet: Journey to Freedom*, based on the life of Harriet Tubman, in a concert ending with the much-requested Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 4*. Canadian talent abounds as we feature numerous Canadian works including Jared Miller's work for piano and orchestra, *Shattered Night*, reflecting upon the tragic Kristallnacht, Dinuk Wijeratne's *Invisible Cities* and Vivian Fung's *Pizzicato*. Rising star conductor Dina Gilbert makes her NSO debut, leading us through Dvořák's rousing *Symphony No. 8*, and the season concludes with Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate, Niagara's own piano virtuoso Jarred Dunn, and the first ever Niagara performance of Stravinsky's notoriously difficult epic, *The Rite of Spring*. Arguably my favourite program comes in late October with Jocelyn Morlock's Juno-award winning *My Name is Amanda Todd*, a work looking at a tragedy of very current relevance. This is paired with two works that welcome back Niagara favourite, soprano Claire de Sévigné: Barber's beautifully melancholy *Knoxville: Summer 1915*, and Mahler's *4th Symphony*, which stunningly portrays a child's vision of heaven. This one is not to be missed!

As we embrace all musical tastes at the NSO, our 22/23 Pops season has something for everyone. If you love epic film scores, The Music of John Williams is back by popular demand. Over the holidays we begin a multi-season exploration of music from around the world with a Christmas Caravan featuring the Sultans of String. Early 20th Century jazz and swing features in our Big Band concert, and for the first time ever the NSO will be looking at 80's Pop music, exploring the beloved songbook of Phil Collins. As an added bonus, we are bringing back our tribute to the Tragically Hip, which was an instant sellout in 2020. This time we will be bringing it to the Avalon Theatre at the Fallsview Casino to ensure everyone will be able to get a ticket!

At the NSO we understand how important music is in your lives. As the price of everything rises, we will be absorbing inflation and keeping our ticket prices at 2021 levels. Music gives us joy and brings us together, and the NSO is committed to keeping that honoured tradition going.

See you at the Symphony!



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## NSO MUSICIANS

### FLUTE

Doug Miller **P**  
Patricia Dydnansky

### PICCOLO

Julia Morley

### OBOE

Graham Mackenzie **P**  
Karen Ages

### CLARINET

Zoltan Kalman **P**

### BASSOON

Cathi MacDonnell

### FRENCH HORN

Austin Hitchcock **P**  
Janice Fralick  
Iris Krizmanic  
Curtis Vander Hyden

### TRUMPET

Ira Zingraff **P**  
Brian Roberts

### TROMBONE

Steve Fralick **P**  
Dave Sisler

### BASS TROMBONE

James Zimmermann

### TUBA

Brent Adams **P**

### HARP

Deborah Braun **P**

### PERCUSSION

Laura Thomas **P**  
Mike Phelan  
Julian Jeun

### VIOLIN 1

Valerie Sylvester **P**  
*Concertmaster*  
Xiaoling Li  
*Associate Concertmaster*  
Joelle Kee  
Gail Poulsen  
Michael van Dongen  
Natalie Wong

### VIOLIN 2

Charlene Nagel **P**  
Vera Sherwood  
David Braun  
Mary Beth Doherty  
Erika Janzen  
Jadwiga Pomorski  
Orsolya Szalados

### VIOLA

Marlene Dankiw-Bath **P**  
Caitlin Boyle  
Sarah de Niverville  
Pierre Gagnon  
Andrée Simard

### CELLO

Gordon Cleland **P**  
Sonya Nanos Hodgson  
Mark Russom

### BASS

Brian Baty **P**  
Neal Evans  
Fil Stasiak





# STRAVINSKY AND TCHAIKOVSKY

## MASTERWORKS 1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Juliet Dunn, narrator*

Stravinsky *Firebird Suite (1919)*

Timothy Adams *Harriet: Journey to Freedom*  
**CANADIAN PREMIERE, CO-COMMISSION**

Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 4*

Stravinsky's early work with the *Ballets Russe* in Paris launched the composer to international stardom. The first of these works, *The Firebird*, is paired with Stravinsky's own childhood hero Tchaikovsky, whose thrilling Fourth Symphony depicts his struggle with Fate. Niagara's own Juliet Dunn joins the NSO in the Canadian premiere of Timothy Adams' *Harriet: A Journey to Freedom*, a co-commission honouring the life of Harriet Tubman and the local history of the Underground Railroad.



# MAHLER'S FOURTH

## MASTERWORKS 2

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Claire de Sévigné, soprano*

Jocelyn Morlock *My Name is Amanda Todd*

Barber *Knoxville: Summer 1915*

Mahler *Symphony No. 4*

Jocelyn Morlock's JUNO Award-winning *My Name is Amanda Todd* tells the story of a bullied teen who boldly spoke up against cyber-bullying and harassment before tragically taking her own life. Canadian soprano Claire de Sévigné returns to Niagara to muse on the hazy melancholy of childhood in Samuel Barber's *Knoxville: Summer 1915*. Mahler's enchanting Fourth Symphony closes the programme with a child's serene vision of heaven.





## BRAHMS' SECOND

### MASTERWORKS 3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Sara Davis Buechner, piano*

Weber	<i>Der Freischutz: Overture</i>
Jared Miller	<i>Shattered Night</i>
Brahms	<i>Symphony No. 2</i>

The lineage of German Romanticism can be traced from Weber to one of its undisputed masters, Brahms. The Brahms symphonic cycle continues in Niagara with the cheerful and moving Second Symphony. Visionary pianist Sara Davis Buechner brings her thoughtful artistry to Jared Miller's *Shattered Night* - the Canadian composer's personal emotional response to the eightieth anniversary of Kristallnacht.



## GILBERT CONDUCTS DVOŘÁK

### MASTERWORKS 4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

*Dina Gilbert, guest conductor*  
*Marina Thibeault, viola*

Vivian Fung	<i>Pizzicato</i>
Pēteris Vasks	<i>Viola Concerto</i>
Dvořák	<i>Symphony No. 8</i>

Rising star Québécoise conductor Dina Gilbert presents two contrasting visions of Eastern Europe. Dvořák's optimistic Eighth Symphony pays loving tribute to the landscapes and folk tunes of Bohemia. Pēteris Vasks' mournful *Concerto for Viola*, performed by Canadian violist, and Radio-Canada classical 'Revelation', Marina Thibeault, meditates and monologues on the times we are living in.

Photo: Bo Huang



# INVISIBLE CITIES

## MASTERWORKS 5

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*TorQ Percussion Quartet*

Dinuk Wijeratne *Invisible Cities*  
**WORLD PREMIERE - ORCHESTRA VERSION**  
TorQ Percussion Quartet

Rachmaninoff *Symphony No. 2*

Everyone deserves a second chance! Rachmaninoff made the most of his, following the disastrous premiere of his first symphony with his beloved Symphony No. 2, which has been quoted in pop ballads and jazz tunes. TorQ Percussion Quartet bring the other-worldly imaginings of Dinuk Wijeratne's *Invisible Cities* to life through bold and invigorating percussive colours.



# THE RITE OF SPRING

## MASTERWORKS 6

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Jarred Dunn, piano*

Jerod Tate *Chokfi'*

Mozart *Piano Concerto No. 24*

Stravinsky *Rite of Spring*

The NSO concludes the 2022-23 season with Stravinsky's (in)famous *Rite of Spring*, which cemented his position as one of the most influential musical figures of the 20th century. Niagara Falls native, Jarred Dunn returns home as featured soloist on Mozart's intimate and reflective Piano Concerto No. 24. Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate's *Chokfi'* portrays the titular trickster-rabbit from legend through tribal hymns and orchestral colours.



## THE MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS

### POPS! 1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 7:30PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*

A young farmhand longs for his destiny as twin suns set on the horizon. A shark stalks its prey. A young wizard gazes upon Hogwarts for the first time. These classic cinematic moments are brought to life by the incomparable music of John Williams. The NSO performs these selections and many more in this celebration of music at the movies!



## CHRISTMAS CARAVAN WITH SULTANS OF STRING

### POPS! 2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 7:30PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Sultans of String*

*Laura Secord S.S Chamber Choir,*  
*Katryna Sacco, Director*

A trip around the world in one December night? Must be Santa – or the NSO and special guests Sultans of String! Enjoy this festive holiday concert featuring seasonal favourites, global music-inspired classics, and original music by 3-time JUNO Award nominated Sultans of String with special guests, the Laura Secord Secondary School Choir.





## IN THE MOOD!

### POPS! 3

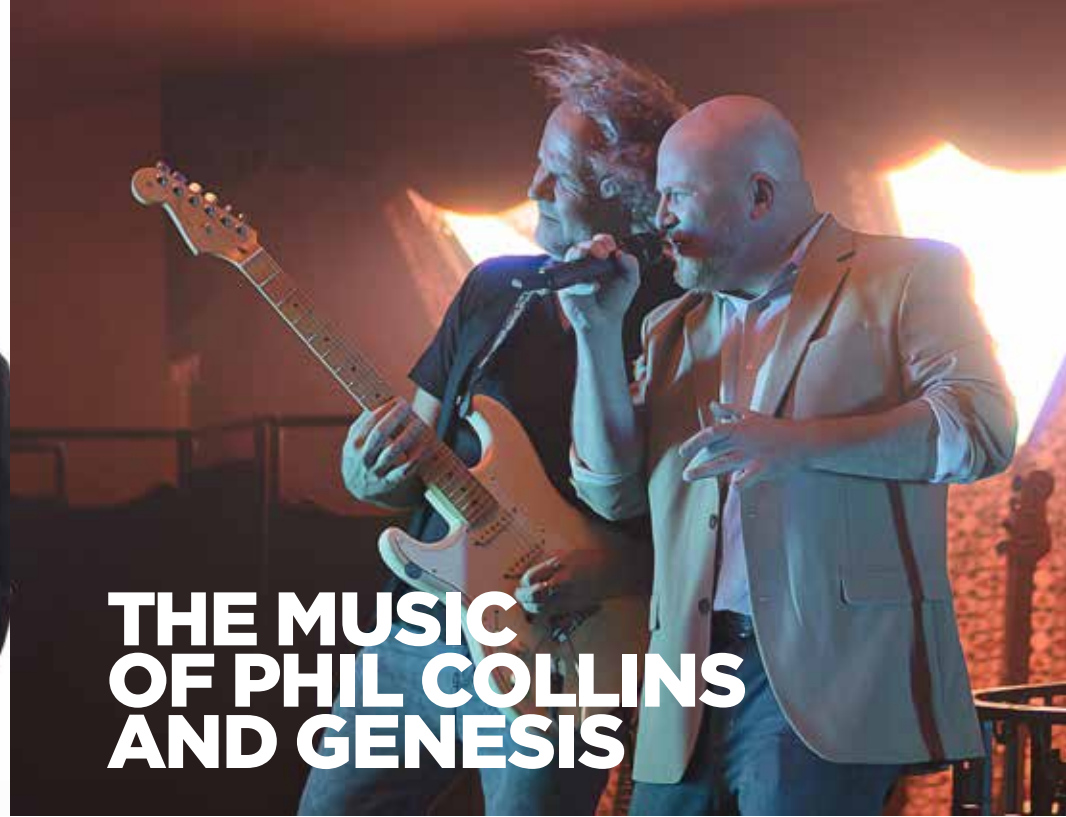
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 7:30PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

*Jeffrey Pollock, guest conductor*  
*Zoltan Kalman, clarinet*

A swingin' time with the NSO! Join NSO Principal clarinetist Zoltan Kalman and Maestro Jeffrey Pollock for a Big Band bash, featuring classic hits from greats like Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, and more.



## THE MUSIC OF PHIL COLLINS AND GENESIS

### POPS! 4/ROCK 2

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 7:30PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Jeremy Saje, vocalist*

From *In the Air Tonight* to *Against All Odds*, and *Turn It On Again* to *Invisible Touch*, Phil Collins has been responsible for some of the most cherished musical moments of the 70's to the present day. His songs from the legendary band, Genesis and his solo work have been a consistent soundtrack to our lives and will be presented in a way they've never been heard before — reimagined for full orchestra with an all-star band.





# SYMPHONICALLY HIP

## ROCK 1

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 2022 7:30PM

**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION:** AVALON THEATRE,  
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**FALLSVIEW.**  
CASINO RESORT

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*

Capturing the hearts of Canadians everywhere, the Tragically Hip have written some of the greatest Canadian rock anthems of all time. Tragically Hip 'evangelists', the Strictly Hip, reverently recreate the music of Canada's most popular rock band, spreading the good word of "The Hip" everywhere they go. Experience hits like *Ahead by a Century*, *Bobcaygeon*, and *At the Hundredth Meridian* and more with The Strictly Hip backed by the full power of the NSO!

**PLEASE NOTE:** This concert is not eligible for inclusion in Season Ticket Packages. Tickets for Rock 1 are not available through the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, and will be available for purchase exclusively through Ticketmaster from July 8, 2022.

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

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RENEWALS

**July 25, 2022**  
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**August 1, 2022**  
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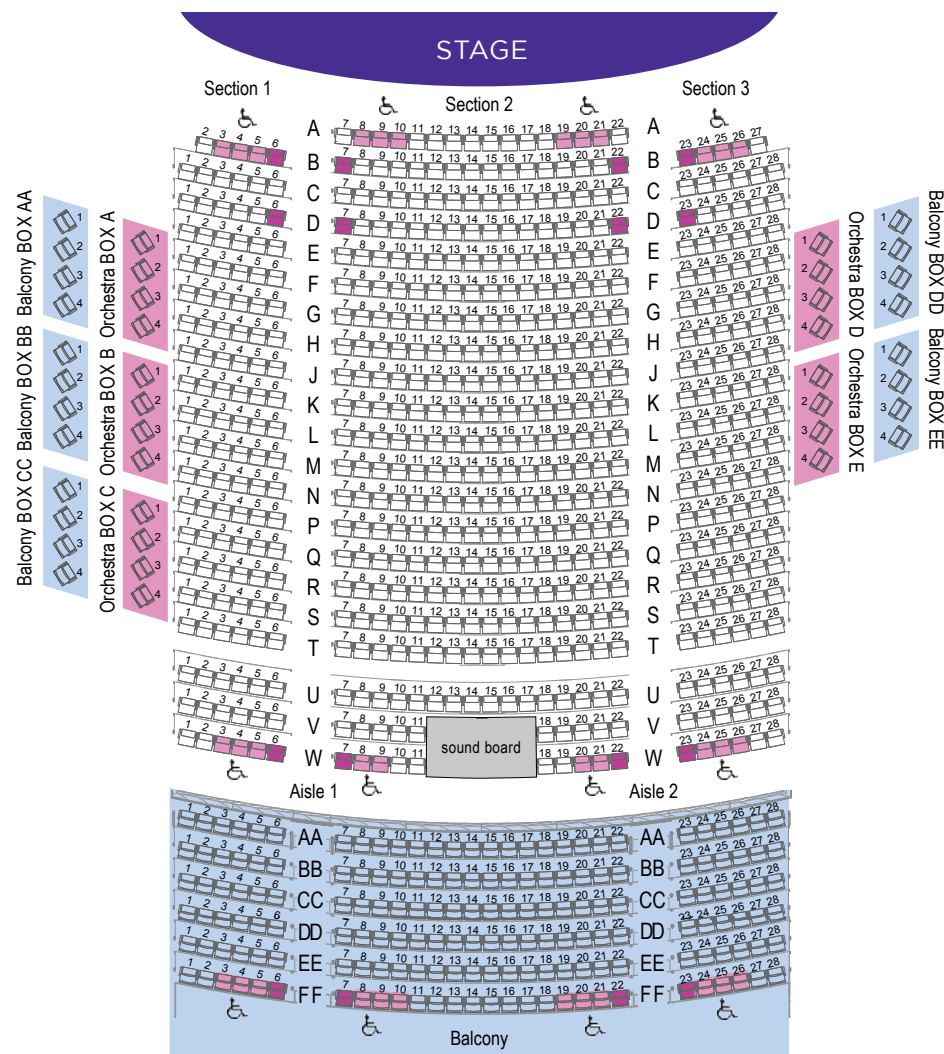
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## MASTERWORKS

M1	<i>STRAVINSKY AND TCHAIKOVSKY</i>	Sunday, September 18, 2022, 2:30PM
M2	<i>MAHLER'S FOURTH</i>	Sunday, October 30, 2022, 2:30PM
M3	<i>BRAHMS' SECOND</i>	Sunday, November 27, 2022, 2:30PM
M4	<i>GILBERT CONDUCTS DVOŘÁK</i>	Sunday, January 22, 2023, 2:30PM
M5	<i>INVISIBLE CITIES</i>	Sunday, March 12, 2023, 2:30PM
M6	<i>THE RITE OF SPRING</i>	Sunday, April 23, 2023, 2:30PM

## POPS!

P1	<i>THE MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS</i>	Saturday, October 1, 2022, 7:30PM Sunday, October 2, 2022, 2:30PM
P2	<i>CHRISTMAS CARAVAN WITH SULTANS OF STRING</i>	Saturday, December 10, 2022, 7:30PM Sunday, December 11, 2022, 2:30PM
P3	<i>IN THE MOOD!</i>	Saturday, February 11, 2023, 7:30PM Sunday, February 12, 2023, 2:30PM
P4/R2	<i>THE MUSIC OF PHIL COLLINS AND GENESIS</i>	Saturday, March 25, 2023, 7:30PM Sunday, March 26, 2023, 2:30PM

## ROCK

R1	<i>SYMPHONICALLY HIP</i> at the Avalon Theatre	Thursday, October 6, 2022, 7:30PM
P4/R2	<i>THE MUSIC OF PHIL COLLINS AND GENESIS</i>	Saturday, March 25, 2023, 7:30PM Sunday, March 26, 2023, 2:30PM

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