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**W**elcome to the 2017–18 season of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra.

**M**usic speaks a universal language. It encourages social cohesion and is a meeting point for people of all ages and backgrounds.

**T**he Government of Canada is proud to support the Kindred Spirits Orchestra, which brings outstanding live performances of classical and contemporary music to audiences in and around Markham. With its wide array of concerts, residencies, and educational and outreach programs, the Orchestra enriches the community and also encourages and mentors young talent. By investing in culture, we inspire the next generation, while creating jobs, encouraging tourism and improving our overall quality of life.

**A**s Minister of Canadian Heritage, I want to congratulate the Kindred Spirits Orchestra and its Musical Director Maestro Kristian Alexander on the tremendous contribution made to the region. Wishing everyone involved a wonderful season of beautiful music!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M. Joly".

The Honourable Mélanie Joly

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