KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA 2020 | 2021 season

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Kristian Alexander | Music Director

2020 2021

SEASON



GOVERNOR GENERAL INTRODUCTION





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Music is both a unifying art and a means of escape. It transcends linguistic, cultural and temporal borders and takes us on the most beautiful voyages. Stimulating minds and capturing the imagination, it resonates even in the most distant lands.

The incredible musicians composing the Kindred Spirits Orchestra understand this and have devoted a significant part of their lives to cultivating their talents for the greater good of the community. Their events and outreach programs bring people together by taking what was once an intimate art form and making it accessible to everyone.

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Julie Payette

PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA INTRODUCTION





I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2020.2021 concert season of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra.

The Kindred Spirits Orchestra offers audiences a wonderful opportunity to enjoy classical and contemporary symphonic music. I am sure that everyone in attendance will enjoy the wide variety of performances planned for this season.

I would like to commend everyone involved with the KSO for their efforts to make orchestral music accessible and relevant to audiences of all ages. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable concert season.

The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau



Dear Friends of Kindred Spirits Orchestra,

Welcome to the KSO 2020 | 2021 concert season. Our opening night gala will be on October 17, 2020 at Flato Markham Theatre where we will also perform on December 12, 2020 and February 6, 2021. We are very excited to continue fostering new audiences for classical music in the GTA and return to Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts in the spring and summer of 2021.

Highlights of the season include Bruckner's First, Shostakovich's Fourteenth, Prokofiev's Fifth and Scriabin's Second symphonies as well as Tchaikovsky's Manfred Symphony and Wagner's Symphony in C major. We are thrilled to welcome back Michael Berkovsky in Prokofiev's Piano concerto No. 2, Andrew Ascenzo in Shostakovich's Cello concerto No. 1, and Christina Petrowska-Quilico in Tan Dun's Piano concerto "The Fire". Ludmil Angelov will make his début with the KSO in Chopin's Piano concerto No. 1, and Gregory Vandikas in Scriabin's Piano concerto.

In June 2021, the KSO and Markham Contemporary Music Festival will return to Cornell Recital Hall for series of concerts presenting pieces by Pärt and Górecki as well as Symphony No. 14 by Shostakovich featuring soprano Stephanie de Ciantis and bass-baritone John Holland. The concert season will conclude with a performance at the CBC Glenn Gould Theatre and a Canada Day celebration at Unionville Millennium Theatre.

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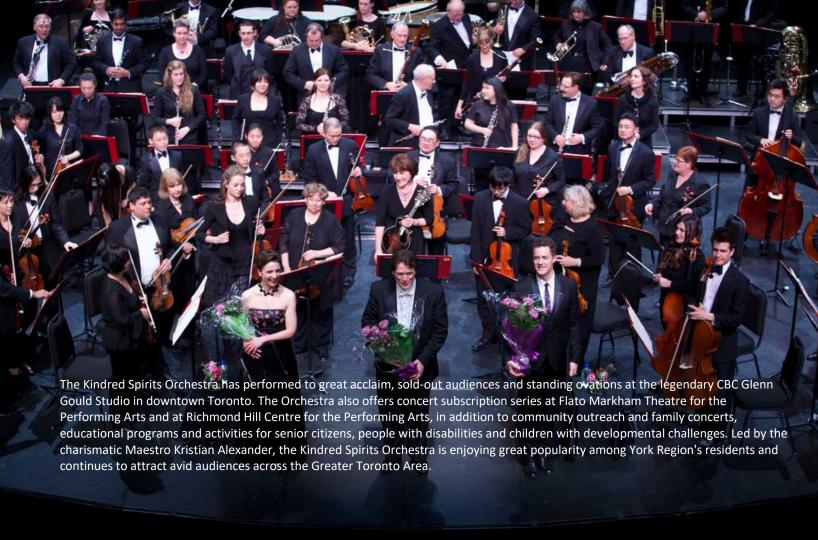


As a messenger of inspired composers from many countries around the world, Kindred Spirits Orchestra is humbled and honoured to play a small role in carrying on a great tradition that continues bringing diverse communities together.

It is you, however, our beloved audience, that makes it possible for our orchestra to perform. We play, first and foremost, for you.

Thank you for your continued support!

Jobert Sevilleno
President and CEO



DANCE, FILM AND WARFARE

Gregory Vandikas | piano

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Conrad Chow | violin

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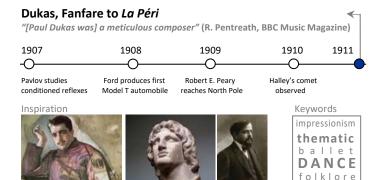
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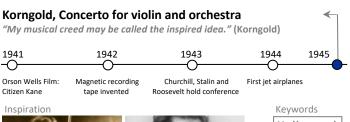
DANCE, FILM AND WARFARE

Opening Night Gala

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 8 p.m. Flato Markham Theatre



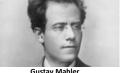
Alexander the Great



Claude Debussy



Sergei Diaghilev



Hollywood ENERGY melody soloistic brilliant

Join the Kindred Spirits Orchestra in celebrating the opening concert of the season. Start the evening off in style with an opening night gala followed by music that conveys the deepest of emotions. Dukas calls the audience to attention with his Fanfare introduction to the Persian inspired "poème dansé", La Péri. Internationally renowned violinist Conrad Chow commands the stage with Korngold's romantic film-score inspired Violin Concerto. Written during the turmoil of the Second World War, Symphony in Three Movements by Stravinsky paints the composer's cinematic impression of conflict and battle.

Kristian Alexander | conductor Conrad Chow | violinist

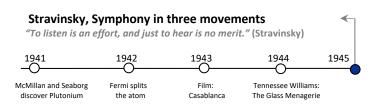
6:00 p.m. Silent auction in support of the KSO educational programs

7:10 p.m. Prélude (pre-concert recital)

7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk

Intermission discussion with Conrad Chow

Post-concert live jazz and a complimentary glass of Champagne



Inspiration



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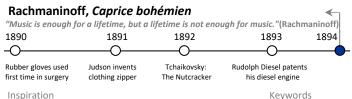
World War II

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FOLK, MYSTICISM AND SPIRITS

Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 8 p.m. Flato Markham Theatre

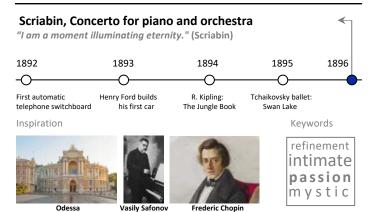












Under the direction of Maestro Kristian Alexander, the Kindred Spirits Orchestra performs a night of unforgettable evocative music.

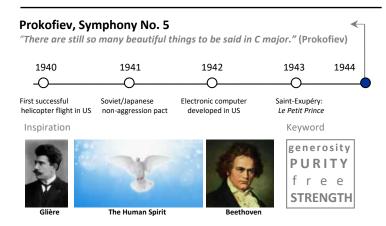
Rachmaninoff weaves the rhythm and melodies of folk-inspired tunes in his vibrant and scintillating *Caprice bohémien*. Influenced by mysticism and transcendence, acclaimed pianist Gregory Vandikas masterfully tackles Scriabin's introspective Concerto for piano in the "bright blue" key of F-sharp. Composed within a single month in 1944, Prokofiev's melodically rich Symphony No. 5 is a musical exaltation of the human spirit.

Kristian Alexander | conductor Gregory Vandikas | pianist

7:10 p.m. Prélude (pre-concert recital)

7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk

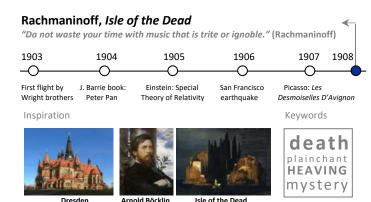
Intermission discussion with Gregory Vandikas
Post-concert live jazz and a complimentary glass of Champagne





DARK AND LIGHT

Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 8 p.m. Flato Markham Theatre





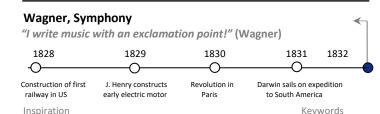
Music imaginatively narrates both setting and mood in a concert surely not to be missed. Inspired by the painting of the same name, **Rachmaninoff** masterfully conveys a dark and epitaphic atmosphere in his symphonic poem, *Isle of the Dead*. Perhaps the finest cello concerto of the twentieth century, cellist Andrew Ascenzo returns to the Kindred Spirits Orchestra to perform Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1: a perfect virtuosic balance of romantic passion, tradition and form. Rounding out the program is Wagner's classical, youthful and solely completed symphony: Symphony in C major.

Kristian Alexander | conductor Andrew Ascenzo | cellist

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7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk

Intermission discussion with Andrew Ascenzo
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PASSION AND DRAMA

Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre

Sarasate, Zigeunerweisen

"For 37 years I've practised 14 hours a day, and now they call me genius! (Sarasate)



Inspiration



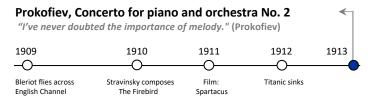


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Inspiration



Alexander Glazunov





Serge Koussevitzky

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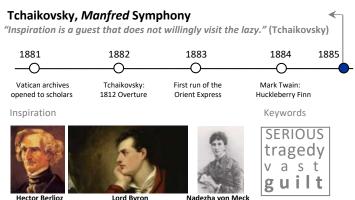
Fervorous melodies of the Roma people captivate through violin pyrotechnics in Pablo de Saratsate's Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs). Lost during the plight of the Russian Revolution. Prokofiev reconstructed by memory his Piano Concerto No. 2, adding ten years of musical maturity and sophisticated compositional skill in this brilliant and evocative work. Set to Lord Byron's touchstone of Romantic literature. Manfred Symphony by Tchaikovsky is an impassioned score recounting the tale of a guilt-ridden protagonist in pursuit of death.

Kristian Alexander | conductor Michael Berkovsky | pianist Alexander Gangurean | violinist

7:10 p.m. Prélude (pre-concert recital)

7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk

Intermission discussion with Michael Berkovsky



Lord Byron



MELODIES OF EMOTION

Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre





Maestro Kristian Alexander leads the KSO through an imaginative journey of musical colour, technique and passion. Rimsky-Korsakov brings Spanish flare and expert instrumentation to his dazzling masterpiece of orchestration, Capriccio Espagnol. A champion of the works of Chopin, international award winning Spanish Bulgarian pianist, Ludmil Angelov joins the orchestra for a stellar performance of the eloquent and richly ornamented Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor by Chopin. Composed at the turn of the century, Russian composer Scriabin's Symphony No. 2 is a lush and brooding work surely to evoke the profoundest sentiment.

Kristian Alexander | conductor Ludmil Angelov | pianist

7:10 p.m. Prélude (pre-concert recital)

7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk

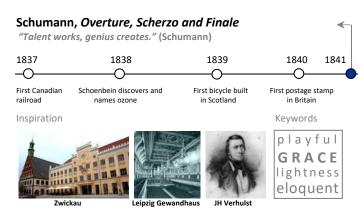
Intermission discussion with Ludmil Angelov





GRACE, FIRE AND BEAUTY

Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre

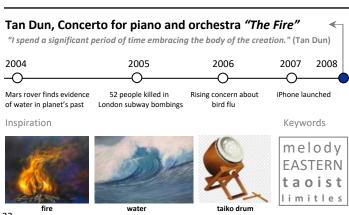


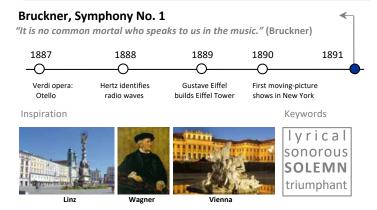
Composed early on in his orchestral writing career, **Schumann**'s eloquently playful *Overture, Scherzo and Finale* is a light and gracefully succinct sinfonietta. Pianist Christina Petrowska-Quilico brings discipline and skill to Chinese contemporary composer **Tan Dun**'s New York Philharmonic commissioned score: Piano Concerto "*The Fire*." Started in his early forties, Anton **Bruckner** periodically revised his Symphony No. 1 throughout is entire life, producing a sonorous and commanding work, akin to the composer's mature style.

Kristian Alexander | conductor Christina Petrowska-Quilico | pianist

7:10 p.m. Prélude (pre-concert recital) 7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk

Intermission discussion with Christina Petrowska-Quilico







Special Events

PÄRT, GÓRECKI AND SHOSTAKOVICH

Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 8 p.m. Cornell Recital Hall, Markham Markham Contemporary Music Festival



Kristian Alexander | conductor Antonia deWolfe | pianist

Pärt, Cantus in memoriam Benjamin Britten Górecki, Concerto for harpsichord and orchestra Shostakovich, Symphony No. 14



Cornell Recital Hall

BRUCKNER'S FIRST SYMPHONY

Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 8 p.m. *CBC Glenn Gould Studio, Toronto*

Bartosz Żurakowski | conductor Christina Petrowska-Quilico | pianist

Schumann, Overture, Scherzo and Finale Tan Dun, Concerto for piano and orchestra "The Fire" Bruckner, Symphony No. 1

7:10 p.m. Prélude (pre-concert recital) 7:20 p.m. Pre-concert talk



CBC Glenn Gould Studio



Michael Berec, Associate Conductor of the KSO, is interacting with he audience, commenting on the composers and the pieces included in the concert program.

Carmen Gassi, Principal Clarinetist with the KSO, is giving a pre-concert chat, 45 minutes before each concert at the foyer.

During the intermission, in the foyer, the featured soloist of each concert is having enlighteing and stiumulating discussion with Michael Berec followed by a Question & Answer period from the audience.

Enjoy live jazz and a complimentary glass of Champagne in the foyer, after most of the KSO concerts.



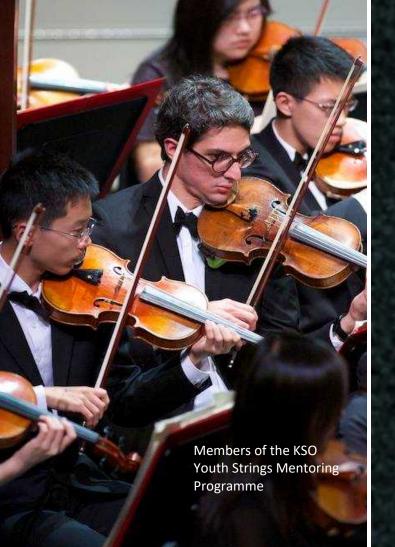
"The Kindred Spirits Orchestra makes an enormous impact on the entire community..." André Laplante, pianist

"The performance of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Kristian Alexander was inspiring, powerful and transformational. The musicians were exhilarating and the audience moved. It was one of the most exciting performances I have seen in a while..." Jacques Israelievitch, concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (1988-2008)

"Performing with the Kindred Spirits Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Kristian Alexander was a wonderful experience." Christina Petrowska-Quilico, pianist, York University Chair of Piano Performance

"I had a terrific time making new friends and sharing great music with the Kindred Spirits Orchestra." Dr. Jamie Parker, pianist, University of Toronto Chair of Piano Performance

"This was a really great concert..., the orchestra sounded fantastic!!! And the choice of music was excellent." Alexa Petrenko, host, Nation's Classical 96.3 FM Radio



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Through various educational programmes, courses, and events, the Kindred Spirits Orchestra works together with children, adolescents, students, parents, life-long learners, teachers, educational leaders, public and private schools, colleges, and universities. The KSO has developed the following educational programmes:

- On-going professional development for musicians.
- Performing opportunities for young musicians.
- Music courses.
- Youth Strings Mentoring Programme.
- Master-classes and workshops in local schools.
- Associate Conductor residency programme.
- Assistant Conductor residency programme.
- Canadian Composer-in-residence programme.
- International conductors and composers outreach.
- Markham Contemporary Müsic Festival.

To find out more about the KSO educational programmes, visit KSOrchestra.ca/youth or call 905.604.8339.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Every season, the Kindred Spirits Orchestra gives free community outreach, educational and family concerts. The Orchestra also invites established Canadian composers to participate in a weeklong residency to promote contemporary Canadian music.

In addition, the KSO offers short-term residences for internationally renowned musicians at local schools. In collaboration with the music programmes, guests-soloists, composers, and conductors give master classes, workshops, or symposia to groups of students.

The Orchestra also has various ensembles that are frequently invited to perform at high profile community events. To find out more, visit KSOrchestra.ca or e-mail info@KSOrchestra.ca.







FRIENDS



Even with near-capacity sold-out houses, ticket sales only cover 20% of our performance cost, so we rely on the generosity of our donors. Every year, it is only with this support that we can perform concerts of the highest international standards, bring world-class soloists, continue developing our educational programmes and give free community outreach concerts.

We are proud of what we have accomplished – achievements that build our city and our culture. This, and much more, is what your support will make possible. Please consider becoming part of one of the finest orchestras in the Greater Toronto Area. Every gift counts.

Experience the KSO with attending open rehearsals and enlightening discussions with our Music Director and the musicians. See the musicians in their final preparations before a concert followed by a question and answer period with members of the orchestra or with the Music Director. Experience live orchestral music from the musicians' perspective by having an opportunity to sit on stage right beside our musicians. We thank you for your Friendship!

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CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Portable electronic devices

Please be sure to turn off your cellular phones, pagers, watch alarms, and other audible electronic devices before the concert begins. Please also take a break from reading or sending text messages during the performance.

Cameras and audio recorders

Cameras and other recording devices are not permitted in the concert hall.

Accessibility

All performances are wheelchair accessible including entrances, washrooms, and seating.

Coughing

Well, everyone coughs now and then. The less worried you are about coughing, the less likely you are to feel the urge. If you have a cold, take some cough medicine in advance and bring unwrapped lozenges with you. Try to cough during a loud passage of music. If it is impossible to control your cough, it is perfectly acceptable to quietly exit the concert hall.

Applause

Although at one time it was common to applaud at any time during the performance, modern audiences usually hold their applause until the end of an entire piece, *i.e.* after the last movement has ended.

Duration of the performance

The Kindred Spirits Orchestra's performances are usually two hours including one intermission. Some concerts are 90 minutes long and special events may vary in length from one hour without intermission to 3 hours with two intermissions.

Dress code

Although there is no formal dress code, most people wear business attire or dressier casual clothes.

Multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome (MCSS)

Some people are extremely sensitive to fragrances and may have severe allergies, asthma or other respiratory diseases. Please refrain from using any scented personal products when you attend the Kindred Spirits Orchestra's concerts.

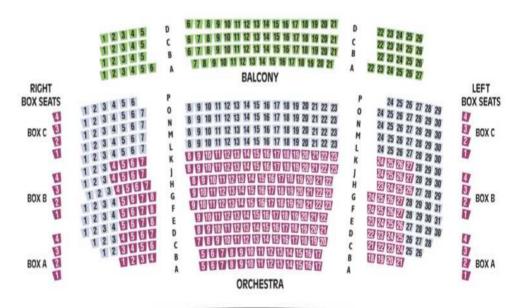
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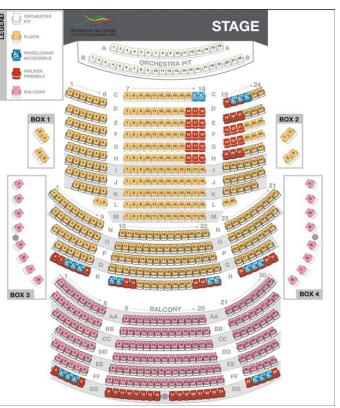




RICHMOND HILL CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS







GETTING TO FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE

Flato Markham Theatre is located at 171 Town Centre Blvd. (Warden Ave. and Highway 7) in Markham, Ontario L3R 8G5

Parking

Free outdoor parking in front of the Flato Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts is available on a first-come first-served basis.

FLATO Markham Theatre

Public transportation

From Union Station, take Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Yonge subway to Finch station (last stop).

From TTC Finch Subway Station, take York Region Transit (YRT) bus No. 1 (HWY 7 route) and disembark at Civic Centre/Flato Markham Theatre stop. The Theatre is located on the North-West corner of Warden Ave. and HWY 7 (just north of the Civic Centre).

GETTING TO RICHMOND HILL CENTRE

Richmond Hill Centre is located at 10268 Yonge St. (north of Major Mackenzie Dr.) in Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 3B7

Parking

Free outdoor parking behind Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts is available on a first-come first-served basis.



Public transportation

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Subscriptions and single tickets for all concerts can be purchased in advance through the Kindred Spirits Orchestra website KSOrchestra.ca. Single tickets can also be purchased at Flato Markham Theatre and at Richmond Hill Centre box offices: on-line, by phone, e-mail or in person, as well as directly at the concert venue, 1 hour before each performance. The box offices accept cash, debit cards, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. The box-office fee is already included in the price of the ticket / subscription.

On-line

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By Phone

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