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# The Scarborough Philharmonic presents its annual Holiday Concert, featuring Singer/Songwriter Jacelyn Holmes, local Scarborough Choirs, and music from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*.



## 2018/2019 Season, Concert 2

The **Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra** ([SPO](#)), under the direction of **Ronald Royer**, is pleased to present **The Nutcracker & More! A Family Holiday Concert** on **Saturday, December 1, at 7 pm** (family-friendly early start). Concert location is **The Salvation Army Scarborough Citadel**, [2021 Lawrence Avenue East](#), at Warden (southwest corner), with complimentary underground parking (access from laneway south of building).

**This concert will include a pre-concert at 6:15 pm featuring choirs and piano.**

## PROGRAM

Ronald Royer, conductor

Sistema Toronto Youth Choir, Andrés Tucci Clarke and Claudia Liedke, conductors

St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Youth and Adult Choirs, David McCartney, conductor

Scarborough Philharmonic Women's Choir, Yiping Chao, conductor

Jacelyn Holmes, vocalist

William Rowson\*: *Fanfare—A Sesquie for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>*

Ronald Royer\*—*Fantasia on Canadian Carols*

Jacelyn Holmes\* and Ronald Royer\*—*We Saw Three Ships* (premiere), for vocal soloist and orchestra

Jacelyn Holmes\*, Tony Rabalao, and Ronald Royer\*—*To Do List* (premiere), for vocal soloist and orchestra

Howard Cable\*—*Christmas Songbook*, for Choir and Orchestra

Carol Sing-Along—*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky—*The Nutcracker*, Act 1

The annual SPO Holiday concert will begin with a special pre-concert at 6:15 pm with choirs performing with piano. The orchestra will play at 7 pm, starting with a short celebratory fanfare by William Rowson, commissioned by the Toronto Symphony for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ronald Royer's playful *Fantasia on Canadian Carols* is another composition written for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> and features traditional carols from Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. A wonderful new emerging singer and songwriter, Jacelyn Holmes, will make her orchestral debut singing two premiere songs that she co-composed with Tony Rabalao and Ronald Royer. *We Saw Three Ships* is based on the popular carol "I Saw Three Ships" mixed with Celtic influences. The *To Do List* is a new upbeat popular song about the holiday season. A highlight of the first half will be Canadian icon Howard Cable's *Christmas Songbook*, which includes "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "Silver Bells," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "White Christmas." This music will be performed by singer Jacelyn Holmes and our three guest choirs. For the second half, the SPO will perform the first act of Tchaikovsky's popular *Nutcracker* ballet.

\*Canadian composer

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Serenades & Stories** (February 9, 2019): Featuring the Winds of the Scarborough Philharmonic at the beautiful St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church. Selections include Dvořák's *Serenade for Wind Instruments*, Op. 44, and a special arrangement of his *Slavonic Dances*, Op. 46, No. 4. Also on the program, selections from Canadian composer Elizabeth Raum's *International Suite*, a new work from Canadian composer Charles Demuynck, a composition by New Generation Artist Shreya Jha, and three new pieces from the SPO's 2018 New Generation Composers Workshop. Great music in an intimate setting.

**A Choral Spectacular!** (April 6) One of the most dynamic events of the season sees the Toronto Choral Society, under the direction of Geoffrey Butler, joining the SPO at the Salvation Army Scarborough Citadel to perform romantic German music from composers such as Schumann, Beethoven, Brahms, and Wagner. It also features music from Mendelssohn, including the lovely *Psalm No. 42*, not often performed in North America. The SPO is thrilled to have soprano Anne Marie Ramos joining us once again for this performance.

**Classic Film Music & New Animated Shorts** (May 4) Who doesn't love a great movie? Especially one with a great film score. Come and enjoy works by Sergei Prokofiev and Eric Wolfgang Korngold, two of the most important and influential composers of the early years of sound movies. Henry Mancini's *Pink Panther Theme* and John Williams' *Star Wars Suite* will also be performed. The orchestra will be joined by the brilliant concertmaster of the Canadian Ballet Company, Aaron Schwebel, as violin soloist. We will also present select new animated short films created by talented students of the Sheridan College Animation program. Each film will be accompanied by the Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra and will include new music composed by SPO talent, including Samuel Bisson, Bruno Degazio, Ronald Royer, and New Generation Artist Sergei Kofman.

**East Meets West Chamber Music Concert** (May 25) The great music traditions of East and West are celebrated in this unique concert at historic St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Anglican Church showcasing the fabulous SPO Women's Choir, under the direction of Yiping Chao. We'll also

be joined by the Odin String Quartet, Daniel Robinson (baritone), David Lin (piano), Larkin Hinder (bassoon), Mark Laidman (bass), Ronald Royer (cello), and young musicians of the St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Community Music Program. Selections from Schubert, Puccini, Brunetti, Handel, and Strauss will be performed, as well as new compositions and arrangements from Canadian composers Bruno Degazio, Chris Meyer, Sarah Shugarman, and Kevin Zi-Xiao He.

Make a new connection and join us for **Great Music. Right Here.**

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