

**THE SCARBOROUGH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**  
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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**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.**

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

## Program

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

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