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# The Winds of the Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra Present Serenades and Stories.

## 2018/2019 Season, Concert 3

Please join us on **Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 8 p.m.** as the Winds of the Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra present **Serenades & Stories** at the beautiful **St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church (56 Lawson Road, Scarborough)**. Enjoy the warm acoustics and the traditional architecture of this intimate venue.

St. Dunstan's is easily accessed from the University of Toronto Scarborough and the Rouge Hill Go Station via the Highland Creek 38 bus. Motorists can access the venue from the Meadowvale or Port Union exits off Highway 401.

The program features music by the great Romantic-era composer **Antonín Dvořák** (1841-1904), the **Wind Serenade in D Minor, Opus 44**, and the **Slavonic Dance No. 2** from his **Opus 46**. Best known for his Symphony No. 9 (*From the New World*), Dvořák more often drew upon the folk music of Moravia and his native Bohemia. The Wind Serenade was inspired by Mozart's Serenade in B-flat major, the Slavonic Dances by Brahms' Hungarian Dances. The program will open and close with the music of Dvořák.

And for some *new* Great Music, we have six Canadian composers. Each will tell a story through music. All of these compositions have been influenced by the great tradition of operatic and film music.

Elizabeth Raum's delightful **International Suite** was inspired by the landscapes and cultures of France, Germany, Ireland, and Spain.

Five new works from Canada will have their world premieres:

Charles Demuynck's **Upbeat** for Wind Ensemble (strong jazz influence); Shreya Jha's **Adversity** ("turbo-charged"); and three haunting, evocative works by brilliant young stars from our 2018 New Generation Composers Workshop: **Hokkaido Sunrise** by Brendan Bevan, **Desert Stones** by Ian Chan, and **Eons Fallen** by William Zhang. Five new compositions and five new composers to note.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**A Choral Spectacular! (April 6, 8 p.m.):** One of the great concerts of the season has the **Toronto Choral Society**, under the direction of Geoffrey Butler, joining the SPO at the **Salvation Army Scarborough Citadel** to perform Romantic German music by Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, and Wagner. The program also includes Mendelssohn's lovely **Psalm No. 42**, a work not often performed in North America. We are thrilled to have soprano **Anne Marie Ramos** joining us once again.

**Classic Film Music & New Animated Shorts (May 4, 8 p.m., at the Salvation Army Scarborough Citadel):** Who doesn't love a great movie? Especially one with a great film score. Sergei Prokofiev and Eric Wolfgang Korngold are two of the most important and influential composers of the early years of sound movies. This concert features Prokofiev's classic **Lieutenant Kijé Suite, Opus 60** and Korngold's **Violin Concerto in D major** ("lush, lyrical, reminiscent of "fin de siècle" Vienna). Henry Mancini's **Pink Panther Theme** and John Williams' **Star Wars Suite** will also be performed. The Scarborough Philharmonic is thrilled to be joined by the brilliant young concertmaster of the Canadian Ballet Company, **Aaron Schwebel**, as violin soloist. We are also pleased to present a group of five animated short

films created by very talented students of the **Sheridan College Animation** program. These will be accompanied by live orchestra. The music for each film has been 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, 8 p.m.):** Scarborough's Chinese community loves classical music and it is our good fortune to be associated with Yiping Chao and her SPO Women's Choir. Join us May 25 as the great music traditions of the Orient and Occident unite in joyful harmony at the historic **St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Anglican Church**. This concert also showcases the talent of the **Odin String Quartet** (Alex Toskov, Tanya Charles, Laurence Schaufele, and Samuel Bisson). We will be joined by **Daniel Robinson (baritone), David Lin (piano), Larkin Hinder (bassoon), Mark Laidman (bass), and Ronald Royer (cello)** performing selections from Schubert, Puccini, Brunetti, Handel, Strauss, and new compositions and arrangements by Canadian composers Bruno Degazio, Chris Meyer, Sarah Shugarman, and Kevin Zi-Xiao He.

#### **Pre-Concert**

**At 7:30 p.m.,** there will be a **Young Artist Concert** featuring musicians from the **St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Community Music Program** and the **Odin String Quartet**.

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

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