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# The Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra and The Toronto Choral Society Present “A *Choral Spectacular!*”



## 2018/2019 Season, Concert 4

Please join us on **Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 8 p.m.** as [The Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra](#) and [The Toronto Choral Society](#) present **A Choral Spectacular!** at **The Salvation Army Scarborough Citadel** ([2021 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough](#)). Enjoy the excellent acoustics of this intimate venue, easily accessed by TTC and with plenty of free parking on site and in the immediate area.

The program features music by great German Romantic-era composers **Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms, and Richard Wagner.** The concert will be conducted by SPO Music Director **Ronald Royer** and TCS Music Director **Geoffrey Butler.** **Anne-Marie Ramos** will be the soprano soloist. As well, there will be a world premiere performance of a Canadian composition, **Ronald Royer's Psalm 98: O, Sing**

*Unto the Lord a New Song, for Choir and Orchestra.*

The program will feature performances of Mendelssohn's *Ruy Blas Overture, Op. 95* | Schumann's *Symphony No. 4 in D minor, Op. 120* (1841 Leipzig version) | Mendelssohn's *Psalm No. 42, Op. 42, for Choir and Orchestra* | Brahms' *Herr, lehre doch mich* from *A German Requiem* | Wagner's *Procession and Chorale (wach' Auf!)* from *Die Meistersinger* | Beethoven's *Hallelujah* from *Christ on the Mount of Olives, Op. 85*.

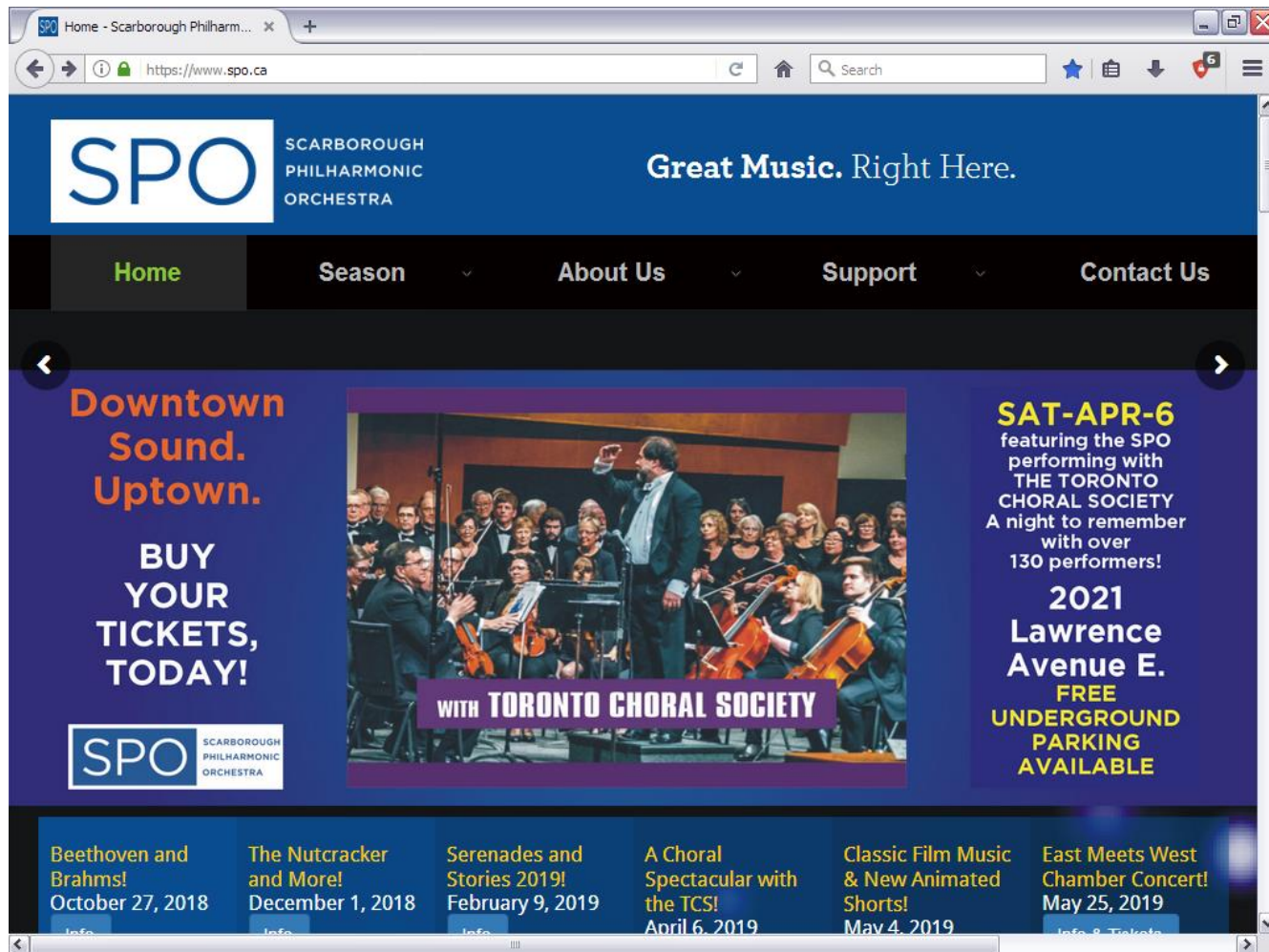
## LOOKING AHEAD:

**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 **Downtown Sound. Uptown.**

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