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36TH SEASON
2023



June 25th - August 17th
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WELCOME

Welcome to our 36th season.

Dear friends of the Brott Music Festival, BrottOpera and the National Academy Orchestra of Canada,

In this 36th year, we are delighted to present another spectacular season. Continuing the great tradition established by our founder, we will offer music for everyone and in every part of our community.

From Beethoven to Berlioz and Tchaikovsky, we bring you the great classics with renowned soloists and musicians.

Our festival also brings you two performances of Verdi's *La Traviata*, *PopOpera*, as well as Andrew Lloyd Webber's sensational *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

This year we are also premiering a special week of pop and jazz concerts. This mini festival features *Emilie-Claire Barlow*, *The Amazing 80's* with Jeans 'n Classics and finishes with Canada's most in demand tribute band, *The Practically Hip*.

I invite you to join us as we celebrate the new stars of the orchestra and opera world and be the ones to say "I heard them first!"

Musicalement vôtre

Alain



Alain Trudel, Artistic Director

Brott Music Festival/National Academy Orchestra of Canada/BrottOpera

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The Box Office is open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. On the day of the event, the Box Office closes at 3:00pm, online sales continue until curtain.

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Cameras & Cell Phones

All photography and recording is prohibited during Brott Music Festival concerts. We kindly ask you put your devices on silent or mute prior to the start of the concert.

Accessibility

Please contact our Box Office should you require accessible seating.



Spotify links have been added for your listening pleasure

2023 SEASON AT A GLANCE

Sun. June 25th	Vivaldi Four Seasons & Canadian Four Seasons L.R. Wilson Concert Hall (McMaster University)
Thurs. June 29th	Carmina Burana The Great Hall Boris Brott, FirstOntario Concert Hall
Thurs. July 6th	PopOpera L.R. Wilson Concert Hall (McMaster University)
Thurs & Fri July 13th & 14th	La Traviata Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre
Wed. July 19th	Amazing 80's with Jeans 'n Classics LIUNA Station
Thurs. July 20th	A Clear Day - Emilie-Claire Barlow LIUNA Station
Fri. July 21st	Practically Hip LIUNA Station
Sun. July 23rd	A Note for Every Grape Sue-Ann Staff Estate Winery
Thurs. July 27th	Symphonie Fantastique! L.R. Wilson Concert Hall (McMaster University)
Thurs. August 3rd	Jesus Christ Superstar The Great Hall Boris Brott, FirstOntario Concert Hall
Thurs. August 17th	Scheherazade Burlington Performing Arts Centre
Sat. December 9th	Christmas Concert Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre

Locations



FirstOntario Concert Hall
1 Summers Lane, Hamilton



Burlington Performing Arts Centre
440 Locust St., Burlington



L.R. Wilson Concert Hall,
McMaster University
1280 Main St. West, Hamilton



First Presbyterian Church
200 Maple St., Collingwood



Charles W. Stockey Centre
2 Bay St., Parry Sound



Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre
357 Wilson St. E., Ancaster



Sue-Ann Staff Estate Winery
3210 Staff Ave, Jordan Station



Liuna Station
360 James St. North, Hamilton

Vivaldi Four Seasons

Canadian Four Seasons

SUN JUNE 25TH, 2:30 PM

L.R. Wilson Hall, McMaster University

Alain Trudel, Conductor

Joseph Lanza, **Soloist**

Jonathan Crow, **Soloist**

Alain Trudel and the National Academy Orchestra with soloist Jonathan Crow, Concertmaster for The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, captivates in the Ontario Premiere of Cameron Wilson's *Canadian Seasons*. Hear what *Springtime in the Maritimes*, *Summer in the Prairies*, *Autumn in Gatineau Park* and *Winter in Nunavut* sound like. Musical beauty matched with fascinating readings from Indigenous community members.

Soloist Joseph Lanza, Concertmaster for London Symphonia, with two National Academy Orchestra musicians, lead us through Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

Ticket purchases include entrance to both concerts, and an Indigenous cultural experience.

Tickets

\$59 Reg | \$54 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)
(incl. HST & fees)



Vivaldi Four Seasons



Carmina Burana

THURS JUNE 29TH, 7:30PM

The Great Hall Boris Brott, FirstOntario Concert Hall

Alain Trudel, Conductor

Bach Elgar Choir, Alexander Cann, Director

Nathan Keoughan **Baritone**

Catherine St-Arnaud **Soprano**

Anotine Bélanger **Tenor**

Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* opens our festival and is arguably the most frequently performed choral work of the 21st century. *Carmina Burana* features a collection of songs and poems discovered in the 13th century. Orff set them to music with each telling their own story, featuring drunken feasting, debauchery, romantic love and the power of luck and fate. Maestro Alain Trudel and the National Academy Orchestra also perform the world premiere of Barbara Assiginaak's, *Kikzootaadwak Suite*.

Assiginaak, Barbara: *Kikzootaadwak Suite*, *World Premiere*

Orff, Carl: *Carmina Burana*



Carmina Burana:
O Fortuna

Tickets

\$59 Reg | \$54 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)
(incl. HST & fees)



PopOpera

THURS JULY 6th, 7:30pm

L.R. Wilson Concert Hall (McMaster University)

Alain Trudel, Conductor

An evening of your favourite PopOpera arias, ensembles, orchestral overtures and more. A showcase of pure talent from our BrottOpera cast and National Academy Orchestra.

Purchase our opera package and join us July 13th and 14th when this magnificent cast perform Verdi's *La Traviata*.

Tickets

\$59 Reg | \$54 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)
(incl. HST & fees)



La Traviata

THURS JULY 13TH, 7:30PM

FRI JULY 14TH, 7:30PM

Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre

Alain Trudel, Conductor

La Traviata is a romantic tragedy on which the famous *Moulin Rouge* and *Pretty Woman* were inspired. *La Traviata* tells the tale of a prostitute dying of tuberculosis who catches the eye of the young, Alfredo. The two fall in love and flee off to a country cottage to live out their days, until they are met with an ultimatum from Alfredo's father. Our love story slowly crumbles as the two encounter jealousy, rage and humiliation. Verdi pushed the limits with *Traviata* by publicly showcasing tuberculosis, a disease that was overtaking cities with no treatment. Join us to see if love will conquer all.

Join us for a pre-concert chat with Opera Canada's reviewer, Dawn Martens at 6:30 in the Voortman Studio Theatre.



La Traviata:
Dell'invito trascoras è già

Tickets

\$59 Reg | \$54 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)
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Fabulous 80's

Featuring Jeans 'n Classics

WED JULY 19TH, 7:30PM

LIUNA Station

Martin MacDonald, *Conductor*

We know you will be at our fabulous 80's concert with special guests Jeans 'n Classics. In an era of electronic dance and new wave music the 80's brought our favourites such as *Under Pressure*, *Whip It*, *Take on Me*, *Love Shack*, and more. Join us for a trip down memory lane with music sure to get you grooving.



A Ha: Take on Me

Devo: Whip It

Blondie: One Way or Another

Tickets

\$64 Reg | \$59 Sr | \$40 Stu

(incl. HST & fees)



A Clear Day

THURS JULY 20TH, 7:30PM

LIUNA Station

Alain Trudel, *Conductor*

Emilie-Claire Barlow, *Soloist*

Two-time Juno-Award winner and six-time nominee, Canadian singer, arranger, Emilie-Claire Barlow is joined by Maestro Alain Trudel and the National Academy Orchestra as she performs a mixture of jazz, folk and rock in dazzling orchestral arrangements. Catch this rising star who has performed in Montreal, Tokyo, and Massey Hall.



A Clear Day

Tickets

\$64 Reg | \$59 Sr | \$40 Stu

(incl. HST & fees)



Practically Hip

FRI JULY 21ST, 7:30PM

LIUNA Station

Charles Cozens, *Conductor*

A Tragically Hip tribute concert like no other! Singer and Practically Hip front man, Dean Hughes channels the high intensity of Gord Downie in all your Hip favourites. Featuring *Bobcaygeon*, *Wheat Kings*, *Fiddler's Green*, *Poets*, *Ahead by a Century* and more.

Described as Tragically Hip superfans, the Practically Hip brings electric moves and phenomenal energy. Don't miss this exceptional collaboration between the NAO and Canada's most in demand tribute band.



This is the Tragically Hip

Tickets

\$64 Reg | \$59 Sr | \$40 Stu

(incl. HST & fees)



A Note for Every Grape

SUN JULY 23RD, 3PM

Sue-Ann Staff Estate Winery

Alain Trudel, Conductor

Chamber Ensembles from the National Academy Orchestra

Warm rays of sunshine, crisp delectable wines, and the bubbly sounds of music, all while being surrounded by the beautiful and relaxing views of Sue-Ann Staff Estate Winery. A Sunday afternoon of hand-picked music by our National Academy Orchestra musicians, paired with wine of Sue-Ann's choosing. The afternoon finishes with the upbeat and brassy sounds of Goff Richard's "An Homage to the Noble Grape."



Homeage to the Noble Grape
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Tickets

\$127 Food and Wine included

(incl. HST & fees)



Symphonie Fantastique!

THURS JULY 27TH, 7:30PM

L.R. Wilson Hall, McMaster University

Élisabeth Pion, *Piano*

Alain Trudel, *Conductor*



Élisabeth Pion
Pianist

Symphonie Fantastique's five-part symphony was created by Berlioz to win over an Irish actress. This symphony tells a strange and dark story, provoked by the different emotions Berlioz felt. It shows his love through the flirtatious flutes, anger and execution with the drums, a beautiful and elegant ball with the harp and finally the dark sounds of a funeral through the tuba and bassoon. Symphonie Fantastique is full of twists and turns, poison, deception, love, and trickery. The evening will also feature Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G* with Élisabeth Pion making her Ontario debut. Élisabeth Pion is known internationally as a soloist, chamber musician, and artistic collaborator.

Vivier, C: Orion

Ravel, M: *Piano Concerto in G (Elisabeth Pion)*

Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*

Ravel, M: *Bolero*

Tickets

\$59 Reg | \$54 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)

(incl. HST & fees)



Symphonies Fantastique
4th Movement



Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice

Jesus Christ Superstar

THURS AUG 3RD, 7:30PM

The Great Hall Boris Brott, FirstOntario Concert Hall

Alain Trudel, Conductor

Lou Zamproгна, **Director**

From the creators of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, the incomparable Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice collaborated to compose Jesus Christ Superstar. This magnificent rock opera mixes with 1970's rock, gospel, folk and funk with a twist of modern colloquialisms and energetic choreography. Jesus Christ Superstar focuses on the fractured relationship between Judas and Jesus, the people of Israel and the leadership of Rome. Don't miss this one-night only performance of the Tony and Emmy-Award winning musical. Director Lou Zamproгна and collaborator Tom Oliver, bring this dramatic song cycle to life with a talented cast of singers.

Tickets



Jesus Christ Superstar

\$69 Reg | \$64 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)
(incl. HST & fees)



Scheherazade

THURS AUG 17TH, 7:30PM

Burlington Performing Arts Centre

Kerson Leong, Violin

Alain Trudel, Conductor



Kerson Leong
Violinist

A bedtime story with a twist, Scherezade tells the tale of an Arabian King who seeks revenge on all women for the betrayal and infidelity of his wife. One day he meets the young and beautiful Scheherazade. She is determined to win him over by telling him a different bedtime story every night ending with "I will finish it tomorrow" thus sparing her life another day. The King falls in love with her and makes her his Queen. Rimsky-Korsakov was inspired to write this work from 1001 Arabian nights. Maestro Alain Trudel and the National Academy Orchestra also perform Ichmouratov's *The Bewitched Canoe*, a popular French-Canadian tale of coureurs des bois (woodsman) who make a deal with the devil. As well as Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto* performed by one of Canada's greatest violinists, Kerson Leong.

Ichmouratov, A: *The Bewitched Canoe*

Tchaikovsky, P: *Violin Concerto* (Kerson Leong)

Rimsky-Korsakov, N: *Scheherazade*

Tickets



Scherazade
2nd Movement

\$59 Reg | \$54 Sr | \$25 Stu | \$10 Children (12 and under)
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TICKET INFORMATION

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Online: www.brottmusic.com

In Person: At the door, one hour before concert
(subject to availability)

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Every Grape July 23rd**

Mini Festival

GROUP RATES

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National Academy Orchestra RunOuts 2023

This summer, your favourite National Academy Orchestra of Canada musicians will also perform out of town as they guest star at the Festival of the Sound in Parry Sound and the Collingwood Music Festival.

Collingwood Festival

SAT JULY 8TH, 7:00PM

Alain Trudel, *Conductor*

Our National Academy Orchestra will be joined by Jeremy Dutcher, classically-trained Canadian Indigenous tenor, pianist and composer.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.collingwoodfestival.com, calling (705) 416-1317 or purchasing in person the day of the event.

Festival of the Sound

SAT AUG 5TH, 7:30PM

Charles W. Stockey Centre, Parry Sound

James Campbell, *Clarinetist*

Alain Trudel, *Conductor*

Maestro Trudel and the NAO join world class clarinetist and Director of the Parry Sound festival, James Campbell to perform *Dreaming of the Masters* by Allain Gillilan. The NAO will also perform *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland and Tchaikovsky's *6th Symphony*. Purchase your tickets by visiting www.festivalofthesound.ca or calling (795) 746 2410

Brott Music, created in 1987, now encompasses the Brott Music Festival, The National Academy Orchestra of Canada, Brott Education and BrottOpera. It is the largest orchestral festival in Canada.

Our beloved Maestro Boris was passionate about the musical education of children, young people and emerging artists. His life was devoted to spreading the joy of music, with the incredible gifts of wellness and happiness it brought to everyone he encountered.

The staff and Board of Brott Music will continue Boris' legacy, with the diversity of compositions, the variety of genres, the professional training programs and the extraordinarily high calibre of every musical performance.

We are grateful for the donations in Boris' memory and to the Department of Canadian Heritage, Canadian Arts Training Fund, Canada Council, The Ontario Arts Council and the City of Hamilton. Also to businesses and foundations who have been so supportive and to you, our friends of the Festival.

We ask that you continue to support us and to always keep Boris in our hearts and his music in our City.

Thank you
From all of us at Brott Music.





Christmas Concert

Experience the magic of Christmas and let yourself be moved by the all your family friendly favourites such as, Leroy Anderson's, *A Christmas Festival*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, *You're a Mean One Mister Grinch*, Tchaikovsky's, *Nutcracker* and a classical favourite, John Ritters, *A Christmas Overture*. Join us for our first annual christmas cheer concert and celebrate this joyful holiday together.

December 9th, 3 & 7pm
Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre

TICKETS
\$55 Reg | \$50 Sr | \$25 Stu

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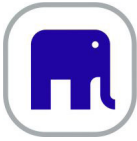
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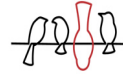
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-  **Two** Saturday BrottOpera Master Classes at L.R. Wilson Hall (stay tuned for more information)



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