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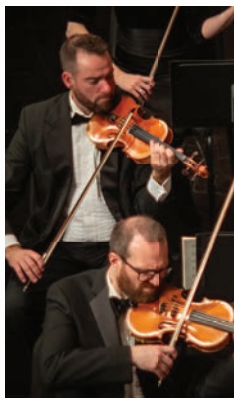
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2024 | 2025

INSIDE
Discover the beauty
of the Thunder Bay
Symphony Orchestra



**THUNDER BAY
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**



YOUR TBSO

The mission of the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra Association is to maintain and nurture, within a viable economic framework, a professional regional orchestra of artistic integrity and excellence that will educate, entertain, and enrich the participation of the widest possible audience.



DEAR FRIENDS,

The release of a new season is always the most joyous time for us at the symphony, because we get to unveil these amazing

plans we've been carefully concocting over the course of months and months to come up with the very best live music experiences you can imagine. I couldn't be more pleased to be FINALLY able to share with you the incredible music and unforgettable experiences we have in store, I honestly can't wait for these extraordinary concerts to take shape onstage, live, right in front of you.

Season 64 is a true journey, in every sense of the word. Come pilgrimage through the astonishing final symphonic travels of Mozart, and make your way through the unforgettable experience of Mahler's Resurrection symphony. Safari through our incredible pops offerings, from a night at the movies to all things country, and of course our beloved holiday pops! Trek alongside your amazing Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus in discovery of true choral jewels such as Christopher Tin's The Lost Birds, Duruflé's majestic Requiem, and the magnificent tradition of Handel's Messiah. To say nothing of our Special and Northern Lights series, filled to the brim with exciting and engaging special guests!

It's a trip around the musical world, but it's all about the talent, drive and artistry of the incredible musicians that make up your Thunder Bay Symphony. Let us be your tour guide, and I promise you won't believe your ears. Join us!

Yours in Music,

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Evan Mitchell

“SEASON 64
...is a true journey,
in every sense of
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“It's a trip around the musical world...”

MASTERWORKS

See the orchestra at its absolute finest. In 2024/25 Masterworks series, we are placing our orchestra firmly in the spotlight. Each concert is thoughtfully programmed to show off the incredible local talent we have here in our community. We are so proud of our musicians and we cannot wait for you to see them shine! We also invite you to join us before every Masterworks concert for our Dr. Donald Leishman Pre-Concert Talk.



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MOZART - TO JUPITER

October 18, 2024 | TBCA

Over the course of six weeks in 1788, Mozart wrote his final three symphonies, back-to-back-to-back. They are astonishing. All three of them tell a different tale, from joyous effervescence to dark uncertainty to absolutely rapturous joy in Mozart's crowning symphonic achievement, the Jupiter. Join your TBSO as we journey through arguably the greatest creative stretch ever in human history, as we present these three legendary symphonies in one evening. You have never heard Mozart like this.

Symphonies Nos. 39, 40, and 41 "Jupiter"

SYMPHONIC SPOTLIGHT

November 29, 2024 | TBCA

Consider this concert a "staycation" as we shine the spotlight on the TBSO's own amazing musicians as individuals, small ensembles, and the orchestra at large in a blockbuster concert not to be missed! Our lush string section showcases their beauty and virtuosity with Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances. The wind and brass shine in Gordon Jacob's heartwarming Old Wine in New Bottles. TBSO musicians Patrick Horn and E-Chen Hsu head to the front of the stage for Bruch's colourful and shimmering Double Concerto. And Mendelssohn's Italian symphony tears out of the gate and never stops, showcasing your TBSO in a display of fireworks you won't soon forget!

Respighi - Ancient Airs and Dances Suite no. 3

Jacob - Old Wine in New Bottles

Bruch - Concerto for Viola and Clarinet

Mendelssohn - Symphony no. 4 "Italian"

BIG TUNES

January 31, 2025 | TBCA

Who doesn't love a good melody? This concert puts singable, memorable melodies at the forefront, guaranteed to have you humming along far after the concert is finished. We present a true safari of amazing tunes, from the lush romantic melody of Mahler's legendary "Adagietto" to the lean, lithe and beautiful melodies from Haydn's "Clock" symphony. Rounding out the program is Ryan Trew's Symphony no. 1, a piece absolutely bursting with gorgeous, singing melodies from nearly every bar. If you like a good tune, this concert is absolutely for you.

Trew - Symphony No. 1

Mahler - Adagietto from Symphony No. 5

Haydn - Symphony No. 101 "The Clock"

RESURRECTION

May 2, 2025 | TBCA

It doesn't get any bigger, or more powerful than Mahler's titanic second symphony, the "Resurrection." Join us for the concert event of the year as we bring our Masterworks series to a close with one of the greatest works ever written for orchestra. Your Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus joins forces with no less than four local choral groups for an extraordinary, deeply moving and unforgettable performance. From the depths of despair to an astonishing climax of sheer life-affirming joy, Mahler's second symphony is something you have to experience live to truly believe.

Mahler - Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection Symphony"

THE CAPPY AND JIM COLQUHOUN VOICES SERIES

“ Music has the capacity to move us and to lift us up...”

Embark on a musical journey like no other with our captivating orchestral concert series, Voices. Immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of choral masterpieces brought to life by the Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus and the TBSO. From hauntingly serene hymns to majestic choral symphonies, each performance is a testament to the power of human voices in harmony. Join us for an unforgettable exploration of the profound connection between voices and orchestral arrangements and experience the magic of Voices in concert.

CARETAKERS

There is so much beauty and perfection in the world all around us that in these turbulent times it's more important than ever to stop and appreciate the wonder and quiet power of nature. This concert is an ode to the world at large, to the expanse of land, sea and sky. Burge's *At Water's Edge* and Mozetich's *Postcards from the Sky* are tributes to the exquisite designs of our planet. Your TBSO presents Christopher Tin's glorious Grammy-nominated "The Lost Birds" which is a stunning elegy, and a cautionary tale on the extinction of the passenger pigeon.

Pärt - Beatitudes

Burge - At Water's Edge

Mozetich - Postcards from the Sky

Tin - The Lost Birds

November 8, 2024
Hilldale Lutheran Church

MESSIAH

Handel's *Messiah* is more than just an incredible piece of music. It represents the very best of us, and kindles a precious sense of hope within everyone who listens. It is a privilege to perform this immortal work and to take part in one of Thunder Bay's greatest of all holiday traditions. Join us for an evening of joy, warmth, and above all, exquisite music as we come together to present this most celebrated piece. Rejoice Greatly!

Handel - Messiah

December 6 & 7, 2024
St. Paul's United Church

MELODY AND MAGIC

Music has the capacity to move us and to lift us up, but it can also captivate. The sheer magic and melody of Ravel's stunning ballet *Mother Goose* will bewitch you with wonder and amazement, its beauty is so intense that it's actually hard to believe. Your Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus then presents the unadulterated magnificence of Duruflé's celebrated *Requiem*, with one enchanting melody after another. This is a true pilgrimage through the beauty of musical expression and the majesty of the human voice.

Ravel - Mother Goose (Ballet)

Duruflé - Requiem

April 4, 2025
Hilldale Lutheran Church

This dynamic series turns up the volume on popular music. With concerts ranging from Country to Jazz and everything in between, we can't wait to welcome you to this dynamic series. We also can't wait to take select shows in this series out of the theatre and into a more dynamic venue! We want to bring you as close to the music as possible and put our orchestra and their talent on full display in a fun and engaging space.

POPPS

November 1 & 2, 2024
Italian Cultural Centre

DISNEY ADVENTURE

In a collaboration so nice, we're doing it twice, Be Our Guest for a symphonic Adventure through the Magical World of Disney with Badanai Theatre Co! From the circle of life in "The Lion King" to the tale as old as time in "Beauty and the Beast," experience a whole new world of gorgeous tunes that will have you exclaiming "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"! Get ready to Let It Go and enjoy this bibbidi-bobbidi-boo-tiful concert! We promise an unforgettable night where dreams really do come true!

November 22 & 23, 2024
Italian Cultural Centre

COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME HOME

Put your boots on and grab your hat, we're taking a trip through the dusty backroads. In this unforgettable evening, Experience the ultimate fusion of heartland charm and symphonic grandeur as the TBSO proves that great music knows no boundaries. We will transport you to the wide-open plains with sweeping orchestral sounds and into the backwoods with foot-stomping honky-tonk tunes. Don't miss this unique musical journey that celebrates the rich heritage and universal appeal of two unique musical genres.

December 21, 2024
TBCA

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Come Home for the Holidays and enjoy the warmth and magic of the season with the TBSO! This heartwarming evening is filled with beloved holiday classics and joyful pops arrangements. Let the orchestra whisk you away on a festive adventure, from the comfort of familiar carols to the excitement of contemporary favorites. Whether you're seeking nostalgic melodies or new seasonal surprises, this concert promises to delight audiences of all ages. Gather your loved ones and embrace the spirit of togetherness with a musical celebration that truly feels like coming home. Don't miss this magical holiday experience!

February 21 & 22, 2025
Italian Cultural Centre

JAZZ JOURNEY

Embark on a scintillating musical adventure with "Jazz Journey!" Prepare to be mesmerized as the orchestra takes you on a tour of the vibrant landscape of jazz, from its roots in the smoky clubs of New Orleans to the sleek sophistication of modern jazz fusion. Experience the infectious rhythms, sultry harmonies, and electrifying improvisations that define this iconic genre. With each note, we'll transport you through decades of jazz history, showcasing its enduring influence and timeless appeal. Join us for an evening of exhilarating performances and soulful melodies that will take you on a captivating voyage!

March 7 & 8, 2025
Italian Cultural Centre

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Step into the spotlight and join us for an epic cinematic experience at our tribute to Oscar season! Feel the thrill as iconic movie scores come to life, transporting you from Hogwarts to Middle-earth to Casablanca, and beyond. From the enchanting melodies of "Harry Potter" to the heroic themes of "Star Wars," immerse yourself in the magic of film through the power of live orchestral performance. Whether you're a fan of action, adventure, or romance, this concert has something for everyone. Don't miss your chance to relive your favorite movie moments with a symphonic twist that will leave you spellbound!

A TRIP TO BROADWAY WITH BADANAI

April 26, 2025
TBCA

Experience the electrifying energy of Broadway right in your own backyard with the TBSO and Badanai Theatre's production of "The Music Man"! Inspired by the grandeur of Kennedy Centre performances, this beloved musical comes to life with local flair and talent. Join us for a toe-tapping journey to River City, where charismatic con man Harold Hill charms his way into the hearts of townsfolk with his "76 Trombones" and infectious charm. With captivating performances, dazzling choreography, and unforgettable melodies, this production promises an evening of pure theatrical magic. Don't miss your chance to witness the magic of Broadway, featuring Badanai Theatre Co!

Be Our Guest for a Symphonic Adventure...





CANDLELIGHT

New to our lineup this season, we invite you to step into a world of enchantment and elegance with the TBSO's full orchestra candlelit experience. Immerse yourself in rich melodies, illuminated by the warm glow of flickering candles. With light snacks and beverage included in the ticket price, whether it's a romantic date night or an evening of personal indulgence, this beautiful series offers an unforgettable full orchestra candlelit experience. Join us for an evening where every note resonates with emotion and every moment is infused with magic.

AN EVENING WITH ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Join your TBSO on an intimate candlelit live experience through the library of the most beloved maestro of Broadway, Andrew Lloyd Webber! From Cats to Sunset Boulevard to Jesus Christ Superstar to the immortal Phantom of the Opera, you won't believe your ears as the hits keep coming in this amazing performance.

October 4, 2024
Urban Abbey

A CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS

Let the candles in the concert hall light the way for a beloved Christmas tradition, featuring the greatest Christmas Classics as well as singalongs galore and a few surprises along the way! Let the magic of the season wash over you in this very special performance.

December 13, 2024
Fort William Historical Park

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

Love is in the air this Valentine's day as the TBSO takes you on a majestic trip through some of the greatest love songs ever written. Not only is this candlelit concert a perfect date night, it will be an evening to remember as you're transported through the power of truly extraordinary music.

February 14, 2025
Urban Abbey



FAMILY

Ignite imaginations young and old with shows designed specifically for families. Delight in the magic of live music as our orchestra takes you on a captivating journey through beloved classics and whimsical modern tunes. From timeless symphonies to contemporary movie scores, every performance has something for everyone. Create lasting memories with your little ones as you embark on a musical adventure together. Join us for a joyous celebration of music, laughter, and family bonding as you experience the magic of orchestral concerts created for children of all ages.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Get ready for a hauntingly delightful experience at the TBSO's annual "Halloween Spooktacular" family concert! Join us for a spine-tingling evening filled with eerie melodies, enchanting orchestrations, and ghostly surprises. From classic horror movie themes to mystical soundscapes, our talented musicians will transport you to a world where witches roam, skeletons dance, and pumpkins come to life. Bring the whole family and immerse yourselves in the magic of Halloween like never before. Don your costumes, grab your trick-or-treat bags, and get ready for a musical journey that will send shivers down your spine and leave you spellbound!

October 26, 2024
Selkirk Auditorium (St. Patrick HS)

SAINT-GEORGES' SWORD & BOW

Embark on a breathtaking musical journey where history meets fantasy in "Timeless Melodies: The Legacy of Joseph Bologne". Join our main character, a spirited 13-year-old torn between their pop star dreams and their father's classical aspirations, as they encounter the legendary Chevalier de Saint-Georges. Transported to 18th century France, our protagonist becomes Saint-Georges' student, learning not just about music, but about resilience and triumph in the face of adversity. Through Saint-Georges' remarkable life, experience the power of excellence and the enduring quest for hope. This orchestral family concert celebrates the timeless legacy of a remarkable man and the indomitable spirit of chasing dreams..

February 8, 2025
Selkirk Auditorium (St. Patrick HS)

LIGHTS, CAMERA, MUSIC!

Step into the magical world of "Lights, Camera, Music!" Join us for an enchanting orchestral journey that brings your favorite movie soundtracks to life on stage. From the iconic themes of "Star Wars" to the heartwarming melodies of "Frozen," experience the power of music in cinema like never before. Delight in a family-friendly showcase that combines the nostalgia of beloved films with the brilliance of live orchestral performance. Get ready to be transported through time and space as our talented musicians take you on an unforgettable cinematic adventure. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience for the whole family!

March 1, 2025
Selkirk Auditorium (St. Patrick HS)





NORTHERN LIGHTS

Shining a light on local talent is the mission of this series! This season, our three-concert series takes that to heart. With three dynamic performers bringing you everything from intimate ballads to empowering anthems, each performance promises an authentic exploration of the power of music. Don't miss the chance to witness the magic of artistic collaboration firsthand.

PAULA DIGIUSEPPE

You're going to want to buckle up for this one because the incredible, incomparable, exuberant Paula DiGiuseppe is going to take us on a wild musical ride! With 25 years of singing, dancing, and performing under her belt, Paula brings a wealth of experience and talent to the stage. Thunder Bay's own shining star, Paula has graced local productions with her captivating presence, portraying iconic roles in beloved musicals like RENT and Cabaret. Now, she takes her rightful place alongside the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra for an evening of musical brilliance. Don't miss this chance to witness Paula's electrifying performance as she shares her passion and artistry with audiences in a symphonic spectacle like no other!

October 11, 2024
Da Vinci Centre

KATHERINE NEMEC

Join us for an unforgettable evening of musical magic featuring the incredible Katherine Nemeč, a local performer whose homegrown musical journey is as inspiring as her talent. From high school bands to starring roles in local theatre productions, Katherine's musical evolution culminates in a mesmerizing orchestral concert. Blending her singer-songwriter roots with classical training, Katherine's original compositions weave tales of love and loss with captivating complexity. With influences spanning pop, country, rock, and R&B, her soulful stylings promise to enchant audiences of all backgrounds. Don't miss this opportunity to experience Katherine's musical brilliance in a symphonic celebration of her artistry.

November 15, 2024
Da Vinci Centre

NATASHA FISHER

Experience the mesmerizing fusion of orchestra and Indigenous Alternative Pop with Natasha Fisher, an Anishinaabe singer/songwriter. From Thunder Bay to Toronto, Fisher weaves electronic, alternative, and pop sounds with powerful First Nations elements, creating a unique musical journey. Delve into her captivating melodies adorned with traditional drum samples and poignant lyrics, as she shares her healing journey through music. Fisher's performance is not just a concert but a testament to the transformative power of songwriting. Join us for an unforgettable evening of culture, community, and creativity with Natasha Fisher and the TBSO.

March 28, 2025
Da Vinci Centre



...an unforgettable musical experience to be preserved for generations."

SPECIAL

LIVE RECORDING WITH MATT SELICK

Experience the passion and virtuosity of flamenco guitar with Thunder Bay's own Matt Sellick in a live-recorded orchestral concert. Transcending borders, blending tradition with innovation, Sellick's spellbinding performances have earned him international acclaim. Join us for an evening of rhythmic intensity and emotive melodies as we showcase Matt's original compositions alongside stunning orchestral arrangements. Don't miss this rare opportunity to witness not only Matt's mastery as he takes the stage with the orchestra, but to be part of creating an unforgettable musical experience to be preserved for generations.

January 18, 2025
TBCA

NOONDAAGOTOON!

Experience the harmonious convergence of tradition and innovation with "Noondaagotoon!" – our annual exploration of the power of musical collaboration. Inspired by the spirit of truth and reconciliation, this concert celebrates unity, healing, and cultural exchange. Join us for a transformative evening of music that transcends boundaries and fosters understanding, as we honor Indigenous voices and traditions in an ongoing journey of solidarity and respect.

March 22, 2025



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