

2016
2017

SPACE: THE FINAL FRONTIER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

Hear Gustav Holst's great voyage through the astrology of our solar system and Calgary's first live performance of the music from the latest Star Wars epic, *The Force Awakens*.

On the eve of Halloween, come as your favourite Star Trek or Star Wars character!

PROGRAMME

HOLST *The Planets*
STAR TREK Excerpts
WILLIAMS *Star Wars The Force Awakens*

PERFORMERS

ROLF BERTSCH conductor
SAVRIDI SINGERS

HOLIDAY MAGIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with this festive programme—from the baroque beauty of Corelli and Bach to seasonal gems like the *Nutcracker Suite*.

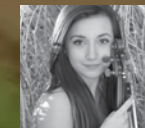
Experience the virtuosity of some of Calgary's best, including a number of Civic musicians!

PROGRAMME

CORELLI Christmas Concerto
VIVALDI *The Seasons: Winter*
BACH Brandenburg Concerto
Nos. 2 and 3
Solo & Orchestral Favourites

PERFORMERS

ROLF BERTSCH conductor
ISABELLA PERRON violin
JAY MICHALAK trumpet
SUE HAUKE flute
PAULA MIDORI NIECKAR oboe



Isabella Perron



Jay Michalak

CRAIG HUTCHENREUTHER &
KEIKO TAKAHASHI violins
CALGARY CIVIC SYMPHONY SOLOISTS

THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Join us and the combined forces of 300 performers for this powerful combination of the rarely heard Brahms *Alto Rhapsody* and Mahler's monumental and spiritually inspiring "*Resurrection*" *Symphony*.

PROGRAMME

BRAHMS *Alto Rhapsody*
MAHLER *Symphony No. 2*
"*The Resurrection*"

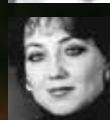
PERFORMERS

ROLF BERTSCH conductor
LAURA BRANDT soprano
HEATHER MEYERS
contralto

MOUNT ROYAL KANTOREI
CUM VINO CANTUS
UKRAINIAN MALE
CHORUS OF EDMONTON
members of THE UNIVERSITY
OF CALGARY and CALGARY
YOUTH ORCHESTRAS



Laura Brandt



Heather Meyers

RISING STARS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

For the 37th year, the Civic presents the brightest of Calgary's many young talents, the winners of the Calgary Concerto Competition. We also revisit last year's highly successful work by Allan Bell especially commissioned to mark our 40th anniversary season. Berlioz's ever-popular *Carnaval romain* brings the programme to an exciting close!



PROGRAMME

BELL *The Light of Adoration*
TBA Concertos
BERLIOZ *Carnaval romain*

PERFORMERS

ROLF BERTSCH conductor
WINNERS of the 2017 Calgary Concerto Competition (C3)

POPERA!

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

From the elegance and humour of Mozart, the hijinks of Offenbach, to the rhythms and drama of Bernstein's *West Side Story*, enjoy this return engagement of Cowtown Opera—back by popular demand!

PROGRAMME

Selections from
MOZART *Magic Flute*
MOZART *Così fan tutte*
OFFENBACH *Orpheus in the Underworld*
BERNSTEIN *West Side Story*

PERFORMERS

ROLF BERTSCH conductor
COWTOWN OPERA



COWTOWN OPERA COMPANY

Note: Program and artists subject to change without notice.

ALL CONCERTS begin at 2:30pm at ARTS COMMONS, JACK SINGER CONCERT HALL, with pre-concert chats at 1:45pm.

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OUT OF THIS WORLD

FROM THE MAESTRO

Last season, the Civic celebrated its 40th birthday and what an awesome year-long party we had! From the opening concert with Allan Bell's *Light of Adoration* and having Pinchas Zukerman and Amanda Forsyth with us; to the ever-brilliant Mayor Nenshi and the Calgary Girls Choir; to Canada's *Piano Hero*, Thomas Yu; to four fabulously talented winners of the C3; and finally to Beethoven's 9th. With the success of our 40th Anniversary behind us, we're looking ahead to new frontiers!

Our 2016-17 season is **OUT OF THIS WORLD!** In October, we present a space-based program featuring Holst's *The Planets* and Calgary's first live performance of music from *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Our second concert features two amazing virtuosos—Jay Michalak, trumpet, and one of the world's most gifted young violinists, Isabella Perron, as well as a number of Civic soloists. In February, we welcome celebrated contralto, Heather Meyers, for the rarely performed *Alto Rhapsody* by Brahms, and our first Mahler symphony, the "*Resurrection*". New frontiers, indeed!

In April, we present the winners of the C3 along with a revisiting of the *Light of Adoration* by Allan Bell, the work we commissioned for the opening of our 40th anniversary season. Often, new works are premiered—and rarely heard again. Not this time! Both the musicians and audience responded enthusiastically to this work, so we're doing a repeat performance!

Finally, we're thrilled to welcome back Cowtown Opera for another "*Popera*" program, this time featuring excerpts from grand opera and a trip through the amazing music and rhythms of *West Side Story*.

We look forward to your joining us on this journey—into our 41st season and **OUT OF THIS WORLD!**



ROLF BERTSCH
Artistic Director and Conductor

THE CALGARY CIVIC SYMPHONY

40 years ago, the late music director Kenneth Nielsen invited local retired professional musicians to form a volunteer-based community orchestra. This was the birth of the Calgary Civic Symphony. Today our Civic has grown to over 100 members who come from all walks of life.

We believe in the power of music to move and inspire which is why we volunteer our time to present our five amazing concerts every season.



The Civic also organizes, executes, and features winners of the Calgary Concerto Competition (C3) each year as an opportunity for young musicians to perform with the orchestra. And who would have imagined that our small orchestra of 40 years ago could now perform amazing works such as Mahler's *2nd Symphony* (see February concert) Our success is easy to see as our performances have moved entirely to the Arts Commons, Jack Singer Concert Hall to accommodate the rising number of music lovers like you!

Additionally, with the desire of creating exciting and inspiring projects and making new friends, the orchestra frequently collaborates with Calgary artists and organizations.

Music has a unique power to move all of us. Our mission is to continue sharing our passion of great orchestral music with you, our audience.

Welcome to THE CIVIC, an OUT OF THIS WORLD experience!

BECOME A MUSICAL STAR!

Invest in the Calgary Civic Symphony and become one of our Musical Stars! With your financial support we can continue to produce five affordable community concerts each year. Your tax-deductible donation is vital to our ongoing operation and future projects. You can also target your donation to a specific area of operations.



When you become a Musical Star, you ensure the livelihood of classical music in Calgary. Donations can be made to the "Calgary Civic Symphony" by Visa, Master Card, or cheque. Payment can be made online, by phone, or mail (see CONTACT THE CIVIC).

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