



Stratford Summer Music 2019 Programming Announced!

Stratford, ON – Mark Fewer, the new Artistic Director of Stratford Summer Music, has announced the programming for the music festival's 19th season. Spread over six weeks from July 15th to August 25th there will be nearly 100 events and performances featuring 250+ artists. This year's theme is focused on multi-genre musicians and versatility with a robust line-up that has something for everyone. Returning this year will be the newly branded '**Friday Night Live at Revival**' (formally the Cabaret Series), Illustrated Musical Lectures by **Robert Harris**, **Music for an Avon Morning**, **BargeMusic** and **Musical Brunches** at The Prune. Also, new series added this year include **Music and Health**, **Stratford Originals** and **Musical Families**. For 2019, we are excited to announce that we have collaborated with Stratford's **Herald Haus Brewing Co.** and they have made us a new beer, *Saison 19* for our 19th Season. Watch for **The HUB Stratford Guide to Stratford Summer Music** in June. Information about our season is also available on our website stratfordsummermusic.ca.

Mark Fewer, who started his position officially on October 1st, 2018, spoke about this season with great pride:

"It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 19th season of Stratford Summer Music! The staff, Board, and a large team of volunteers all work tirelessly to bring you a festival we can all be proud of. You will be seeing some familiar faces returning as well as some new initiatives that we are very excited to launch."

Select Highlights:

The Grand Illumination

Kicks off the beginning of the 19th Stratford Summer Music season. Everyone is welcome at Lower Queens Park for this exciting spectacle that will light up the sky alongside composer **Berthold Carrière's** *Music for a Midsummer's Night* on Monday, July 15th at 9:30 pm.

Laila Biali

Making her Stratford debut is Juno Award-winning jazz pianist, vocalist, songwriter and CBC Radio Host, **Laila Biali**. Biali has toured with Chris Botti, Paula Cole, Suzanne Vega and Sting. She has headlined festivals and venues spanning five continents including Carnegie Hall. Her accolades include SOCAN Composer of the Year and Keyboardist of the Year at Canada's National Jazz Awards, a JUNO nomination for her studio recording *Tracing Light*, and a spot on DownBeat Magazine's "Best Albums of the Year" list for her follow-up *Live in Concert*. Her latest project, a self-titled album released in January 2018, debuted at #1 on iTunes Canada and won Laila the top prize for Jazz in this year's Canadian Songwriting Competition. While she continues to earn high honours in the Jazz world, Laila's unique genre-bending sound is what sets her apart as she "masterfully mixes jazz and pop, bringing virtuosity and unpredictability to songs that are concise and catchy" (Washington Post). Do not miss this performance and VIP after-party, hosted by Pazzo Taverna & Pizzeria on Wednesday, July 31st at 7pm at The Avondale.

Ben Heppner and Toronto Mass Choir - O HAPPY DAY!

Stratford will have a real reason to rejoice this summer as acclaimed Canadian tenor **Ben Heppner** and the superb **Toronto Mass Choir** will be performing O HAPPY DAY, their celebration of traditional and contemporary gospel music. In addition to well-known gospel songs from both the black and white traditions, O HAPPY DAY features contemporary songs written especially for the Toronto Mass Choir as well as time-honoured spirituals and hymns including *Amazing Grace*;

His Eye is on the Sparrow and, of course, *O Happy Day*. You can raise the roof with us on Saturday, July 27th at 3 pm at The Avondale

Nat Cole: A King's Centennial

Paul Marinaro, vocals, **Ben Paterson**, piano, **Jim Doxas**, drums, **Mike Downes**, bass

Presented by **Céline Peterson**.

While there are many beautiful tributes to Cole's music that have taken place, Nat Cole: A King's Centennial honours the entire legacy of a man who spent his whole career defying the odds and paving the way for countless musicians. The excellence that **Nat "King" Cole** demonstrated lives within the hearts and souls of the musicians taking the stage for this show and it is a privilege to be able to share the music with the audience. Catch this *unforgettable* performance on Monday, August 5th at 7pm at The Avondale.

Manitoba Chamber Orchestra with special guest Simone Dinnerstein

Simone Dinnerstein returns to Stratford to perform the **Philip Glass Piano Concerto No. 3** with the **Manitoba Chamber Orchestra (MCO)** conducted by music director, **Anne Manson**. Premiered in Canada in January of 2018, this concerto will be paired with *Bach's keyboard concerto in G minor, BWV 1058*. **Antonin Dvorak's American String Quartet**, arranged for a string orchestra, and a new double violin concerto by **Vivian Fung** will be included in the program. No stranger to the music of Philip Glass, the MCO was approached by special invitation to form part of a group of select orchestras commissioning this significant new work, written for Simone Dinnerstein, in celebration of Mr. Glass's 80th birthday. This performance will happen on Wednesday, July 17th at 7 pm at The Avondale.

Art of Time Ensemble, ...Hosted by Glenn Gould

Andrew Burashko, piano, **Steven Dann**, viola, **Mark Fewer**, violin, **Stephen Sitarski**, violin, **Thomas Wiebe**, cello

Led by Artistic Director, **Andrew Burashko**, **Art of Time Ensemble** transforms the way you experience music. Fusing high art and popular culture in concerts that juxtapose the best of each genre, Art of Time entertains as it enlightens and reveals the universal qualities that lie at the heart of all great music. **Glenn Gould** was known as both a musical genius and a great eccentric. His perspective is presented, via screenings of CBC's Glenn Gould on Television, as introductions to live performances of chamber music by **Dmitri Shostakovich** and **Ludwig van Beethoven**. Don't miss this delightful experience on Wednesday, August 21st at 7 pm at The Avondale.

Rémi Bolduc, Tribute to Dave Brubeck

Rémi Bolduc, alto saxophone, **François Bourassa**, piano, **Adrian Vedady**, double bass, **Dave Laing**, drums.

In 1950-60, very few American jazz artists had as much influence or popularity as **Dave Brubeck**. The **Rémi Bolduc Jazz Ensemble**, with special guest pianist **François Bourassa**, are proud to present a brand-new production: Tribute to Dave Brubeck, performing the music of Brubeck's celebrated band, also recognized thanks to the excellent saxophonist **Paul Desmond**. *Take Five*, *Blue Rondo à la Turk* and several other compositions from the album *Time Out* are included in the program – one of the most famous and best-selling albums in the history of Jazz. Join us for an enchanting afternoon on Sunday, August 25th, at 3 pm at The Avondale.

Friday Night Live at Revival

Don't miss these six exceptional Friday nights at Revival House with some amazing

performances, concerts start at 9pm. Dinner and Show packages will be available.

Friday Night Live at Revival Schedule:

Stephen Prutsman - *Jazz performance*

Friday, July 19th at 9pm

Stephen Prutsman has been described as one of the most innovative musicians of his time. Moving easily from classical to jazz to world music styles as a pianist, composer and conductor, Prutsman continues to explore and seek common ground and relationships in the music of all cultures and languages.

Conception Bay

Duane Andrews, Mark Fewer and INNERchamber, *Jazz and folk performance*

Friday, July 26th at 9pm

Duane Andrews' music is the product of a great ear, an adventurous spirit and a love of music that is beyond category. Playing a potent combination of swing jazz and jigs and reels together they bring it all back home.

Phil Dwyer Trio, *Jazz performance*

Friday, August 2nd at 9pm

On December 30, 2013, **Phil Dwyer** was appointed as a Member of the Order Of Canada. He was cited for "his contributions to jazz as a performer, composer and producer, and for increasing access to music education in his community." Joined by his son, **Ben Dwyer**, on bass with whom he shares a 'telepathic connection' with and **Jim Doxas**, on drums.

Jodi Proznick Trio with Heather Bambrick, *Jazz performance*

Friday, August 9th at 9pm

Newfoundland's **Heather Bambrick** (vocals) and British Columbia's **Jodi Proznick** (bass) combine forces in a highly anticipated show that goes from coast-to-coast.

Bohemians of Brooklyn

Tom Allen: narration, trombone, voice, **Lori Gemmell:** harp, guitar, voice, **Bryce Kulak:** piano, voice, **Patricia O'Callaghan:** voice, percussion

Friday, August 16th at 9pm

A potent mix of cabaret, social history, very juicy gossip, glorious music and all parts fun. Step inside 7 Middagh Street in Brooklyn, NY, where, in the early 1940's, an amazing collection of artists lived under the same roof.

Rhapsody in Blue and Brazilian Jazz with **John Novacek, James Campbell, Graham Campbell and INNERchamber**

Friday, August 23rd at 9pm

Gershwin's classic Rhapsody in Blue in a unique setting and with superstars to boot! Paired with a set of arrangements by guitarist Graham Campbell of Brazilian Jazz favourites.

Stratford Original Concerts

Cannabis Cantata, A Musical 'Pot' Pourri

It used to be illegal; now it seems to be required. A new work 'of substance' by Peter Tiefenbach has been commissioned by Stratford Summer Music and Ottawa Chamberfest. Soprano **Mireille Asselin**, tenor **Matthew Dalen** and baritone **Adam Harris** explore the new

landscape of legal weed in Canada through music by **J.S. Bach** with a libretto reimaged by Peter Tiefenbach on Thursday, August 1st at 7 pm at Factory 163.

The Brothers Creegan, A Great Gathering

Two of the original members of the **Barenaked Ladies** bring their family duo to Stratford Summer Music, with extra special guests **Tom Allen, Robert Carli** and **Mark Fewer**. An uplifting night of music making and a **Stratford Original** production you won't hear anywhere else. There will be a VIP package that includes reserved front-rows seating and an after-performance party with the musicians. This one-of-a-kind Performance and VIP after-party hosted by Windsor Hospitality will take place on Wednesday, July 24th at 7 pm at The Avondale.

Music and Health

Leslie Ting, SPECULATION: How Absence Can Change an Experience

While her mother slowly loses her vision, optometrist **Leslie Ting** makes a career change to pursue her dream of becoming a professional musician. After her mother dies suddenly, Leslie, now a violinist listens to the silence to discover what she never saw before. SPECULATION is a theatrical concert with an immersive visual design based on the experience of vision loss. A monologue interwoven with live performances of **Beethoven** and **John Cage** tells a mother-daughter story of loss and listening. This theatrical performance will be held Thursday, July 18th at 7pm at Factory 163.

Musical Families

The Dann Family

Ever wonder what **Mozart** would be composing if he were alive today? Of course we can't know for certain what the master's music would sound like but, in this new series, we look at how music works its way through generations of the same family. This year we feature Canada's Dann Family. Patriarch **Steven Dann** is one of the world's greatest living violists, having brought his music across the globe dozens of times over. Elder son **Nico Dann** puts his musical energies into being a Jazz drummer, while younger son **Lucas Dann** also finds musical expression through Jazz at the piano. Daughter **Robin Dann** sings in the Polaris Prize-nominated Alternative group **Bernice**. Join us for two days of exploring music through the generations.

Dates to see the Dann Family play:

Lucas Dann:

Harmen Fraanje & Lucas Dann, *piano duo jazz performance*

Wednesday, August 7th at 3 pm

Factory 163

Robin Dann:

Bernice, *experimental pop performance*

Robin Dann, voice; **Felicity Williams**, voice; **Philippe Melanson**, e-drums; **Thom Gill**, synths; **Dan Fortin**, bass / synth bass

Wednesday, August 7th at 7 pm

Factory 163

Steven Dann:

Steven Dann and Friends, *chamber music performance*

Steven Dann, viola, **Clark Schaufele**, piano, **Drew Comstock**, cello, **Mark Fewer**, violin

Thursday, August 8th at 3pm

Factory 163



Nico Dann:

Nico Dann Trio, *Jazz performance*

Nico Dann, drums, **Karen Ng**, alto sax, **Rob Clifton**, bass

Thursday, August 8th at 7pm

Factory 163

Please visit stratfordsummermusic.ca for a full schedule of performances and to purchase tickets. Or call: (519) 271-2101, ext. 5. Or visit the Box Office at our ***new address***: 19 Waterloo Street, South (parking at Water Street entrance).

Tickets will be on sale to the general public on **April 15th, 2019**.

Please note: An announcement featuring all free programming details will be released later next month.

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About Stratford Summer Music:

Stratford Summer Music is an annual, multi-week music festival featuring indoor and outdoor venues throughout downtown Stratford. With an artistic vision to produce, to the highest standards possible, a program of diverse and exciting musical performances by Canadian and international artists while providing the widest possible range of musical genres on its stages, Stratford Summer Music offers audiences a standard of musical excellence and experiences difficult to find outside large urban centres. In 2018, more than 70,000 people enjoyed the music festival's ticketed or free concerts and events.

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