

# STRATFORD SUMMER MUSIC

MARK FEWER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

## Press Release

Stratford Summer Music Announces Barge Music Performances for 2021, sponsored by TD Bank and supported by the City of Stratford

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Mark Fewer, Artistic Director of Stratford Summer Music (SSM), has announced the programming for Barge Music Performances sponsored by TD Bank for the summer of 2021. The signature music barge, The Stratford Belle, will be back on the Avon River every weekend in August this summer.

Starting at the York Street Visitor Centre, the floating barge will travel up and down the river to adhere to provincial guidelines around group gathering sizes, bringing music to all those within earshot. Artistic Director Mark Fewer notes that "it's a great year to enjoy all that downtown Stratford has to offer in an outdoor setting. Pick up some food from one of our local restaurants and join us by the water for a uniquely Stratford music experience!"

Each Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm, from August 5 until August 29, musicians will serenade moveable audiences with the variety of music that SSM has become famous for through the years.

Artists including Marcus Nance, Kevin Ramessar, Duane Andrews, Dayna Manning, Laura Chambers, Hannah Thomas and more!

### **Barge Music Schedule:**

AUGUST 6 & 7

1 pm

MARCUS NANCE & KEVIN RAMESSAR, Songs of the Troubadour: from John Dowland to Gordon Lightfoot, for bass-baritone and guitar.

4:30 pm

DUANE ANDREWS, Guitarist Duane Andrews melds his gypsy jazz style with the influence of Django Reinhardt, and takes us back to his Newfoundland roots.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

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AUGUST 13, 14 & 15

1 pm

VOCAL ACADEMY The young artists of SSM's sixth annual Vocal Academy sing excerpts from opera, oratorio and art song.

4:30 pm

HANNAH THOMAS, Stratford's young, up-and-coming vocalist sings her repertoire of musical theatre, pop and country music.

AUGUST 20, 21 & 22

1 pm

THE BOOKENDS, Stratford's Celtic band puts a modern spin on traditional jigs and reels with their own distinctive toe-tapping sound.

4:30 pm

THE FESTIVAL BRASS, A quintet of Stratford Festival musicians offer classical gems and popular film music, in a variety of styles.

AUGUST 27, 28 & 29

1 pm

DAYNA MANNING & LAURA CHAMBERS, The Juno-nominated singer/songwriter and the multi-genre flautist take you on a 1960's style Canadian folk journey.

4:30 pm

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**Information is subject to change. Please check our website, [stratfordsummermusic.ca](http://stratfordsummermusic.ca) for the most up-to-date schedule.**

Stratford Summer Music will announce more programming including events at Perth Museum, Revival House, Avondale Church and Gallery Stratford in the coming weeks.

*Stratford Summer Music stages an annual summer music festival of diverse musical experiences of superior quality, to celebrate music and to enhance the reputation of the Stratford region as an exceptional home for all the arts*

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