



Stratford Summer Music Heats Up January and February

Stratford, ON – **Mark Fewer**, Artistic Director of Stratford Summer Music (SSM), has announced concerts in January and February to bring the joy of music in the dark of winter. “We wanted to bring Stratford and area residents great concert events year-round, so for the first time we’re offering performances in the heart of winter to keep everyone’s musical souls warm!”

Fewer announced three events beginning with **HEAT**, starring Julie Nesrallah and Guy Few at Avondale United Church on January 16th. Mezzo-Soprano Nesrallah has been featured across Canada and the U.S. and is also the host of the CBC Radio Music program *Tempo*. Multiple award winner Guy Few joins Nesrallah on the piano as they perform a program that speaks to them personally and figuratively about the idea of “Heat”. It promises to be a passionate afternoon of classical music.

Next, Stratford Summer Music is thrilled to offer a special treat for families. INNERchamber and Shadow Puppet Theatre present **Widget** at Gallery Stratford on January 23rd at 1 pm and 3pm. The concert combines the “cycles” inherent in baroque music, including Vivaldi’s most famous cycle of all, with the wonderful world of shadow puppetry. The first half includes music from Italy, Scotland and Germany. The second half features the newest production to come from the wellspring of Shadow Puppet Theatre. “Widget” is a lonely robot in a concrete world. When he discovers a dear friend in Flower, desperately trying to poke its way out of the asphalt, Widget embarks on a four seasons adventure to protect Flower’s safety, while battling Sky Bee and the rain and snow elements Mother Nature has in store. Teaming up with SPT is the INNERchamber Ensemble on period instruments for excerpts from Vivaldi’s Four Seasons.

The third event in Stratford Summer Music’s winter series is the great Canadian Bluegrass Band the **Slocan Ramblers**, at Revival House on February 18th at 7:30pm. General Manager Kendra Fry says “This is the perfect Valentine’s gift; an outing at the gorgeous Revival House featuring the lightning-fast musicianship of Juno Nominated Slocan Ramblers. We can’t wait to raise the roof of Revival House this February!”

Also upcoming: In late January, Stratford Summer Music will present a “Best of Revival House 2021” livestream event for those who prefer to watch from home. Watch for future announcements of this event which will feature the highlights of our summer Revival House Friday Night Jazz Series.

The details:

HEAT, Julie Nesrallah and Guy Few at Avondale, January 16th 3pm

Tickets \$60/\$40

Widget, INNERchamber Ensemble and Shadow Puppet Theatre at Gallery Stratford, January 23rd
at 1pm and 3pm

Tickets \$10/\$20

Slocan Ramblers at Revival House, February 18th 7:30pm

Tickets \$60

All tickets at www.stratfordsummermusic.ca or 519-271-2101

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