

STRATFORD SUMMER MUSIC

MARK FEWER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Mark Fewer, Artistic Director of Stratford Summer Music announced the 2022 concert season today in Stratford. It will run July 21st to August 14th and features 46 concerts in 7 venues around Stratford.

The season opens with ***Generations***; a star-studded gala performance hosted by Tom Allen with **Julie Nesrallah, Marcus Nance, Guy Few, Stéphane Tétreault, Philip Addis, Emily Hamper** and more! Opening weekend continues with **The Adrean Farrugia Trio** for an evening of jazz as part of our *Friday Night Live at Revival!* series and **Shane Cook and the Woodchippers** at Stratford Perth Museum.

Our second weekend includes **The Sweet Hots** with their vintage swing style along with Juno winners **Duo Concertante** presenting their latest project ***Ecology of Being***. Week two finishes off with the Vocal Academy Finale as our internationally recognized training program brings its' participants to the stage.

For the first time in SSM's history, the season includes a "festival within a festival" **World in a Weekend** August 4th to 7th programmed in conjunction with SpringWorks~PuppetWorks! Opening the World in a Weekend on August 4th is ***Sounding Thunder***, a concert event at the Avondale with over a dozen musicians and actors telling the life story of renowned Ojibwe sniper and decorated officer, Francis Pegahmagabow.

The World in a Weekend free events take over Veteran's Drive Park August 5th and 6th and include 6 barge concerts (sponsored by TD Bank), and the passionate, sophisticated and wild music of **Ladom Ensemble**. Recent Juno winning Afro-Cuban musicians **Okan** play the bandshell and the festival finishes with a ukulele play along event led by **Dayna Manning and her Folk Army**. All of this in a street festival atmosphere with puppet creation play areas, a puppet show from Iceland and stilt walkers to delight the senses and inspire imagination and play in collaboration with PuppetWorks! In the same weekend **Ladom Ensemble** will engage with young audiences with their kids' concert at Gallery Stratford, held outside with a limited audience for everyone's enjoyment. A full World in a Weekend Schedule with all concerts, puppet shows and play areas will be available in June.

The final weekend brings us back to Revival House with **Andrea Koziol and Bill Brennan with Andrew Downing** then travels us out for a morning walk at Stratford Perth Museum with members of SSM's new **Flex Ensemble**. At the Avondale we have ***Classical Superstars*** featuring 9 of Canada's greatest virtuoso musicians including SSM alumnus **Stewart Goodyear**, coming together for a one-time-only special performance that will be talked about for years! Goodyear will play Mussorgsky's ***Pictures at an Exhibition***.

Canada's musical diversity takes centre stage for our season finale with the incredible **KUNÉ - Canada's Global Orchestra** melding their combined cultural identities into one super-powered musical sound.

Full season information can be found at www.stratfordsummermusic.ca or by calling 519-271-2101 and tickets are on sale now!

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FAQ:

Stratford Summer Music Season July 21st- August 14th, 2022

Tickets at www.stratfordsummermusic.ca or 519.271.2101

Tickets range from free to \$75

Venues: The Avondale, Factory 163, Stratford-Perth Museum, Gallery Stratford, Revival House, MusicBarge, The Bandshell, Veteran's Drive

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Week One

Thursday, July 21 – Opening Night Gala – *Generations*, The Avondale

Friday, July 22 – Aaron Davis and Friends, Revival House

Saturday, July 23 – Shane Cook and the Woodchippers, Stratford-Perth Museum

Sunday, July 24 – Janina Fialkowska, The Avondale

Week Two

Friday, July 29 – Adrean Farrugia with Jessica Lalonde, Revival House

Saturday, July 30 – The Sweet Hots, Stratford-Perth Museum

Saturday, July 30 – Duo Concertante, *Ecology of Being*, The Avondale

Sunday, July 31 – *Widget* with INNERchamber and Shadow Puppet Theatre, Gallery Stratford

Sunday, July 31 – Vocal Academy Finale, The Avondale

Week Three

Thursday, August 4 – *Sounding Thunder*, The Avondale

Friday, August 5 – SSM Team All-Stars (jazz), Revival House

Saturday, August 6 – Socalled and the Thalea Quartet, *Yiddish Folk Songs and Live DJ*, Factory 163

Saturday, August 6 – Dayna Manning and her Folk Army, The Bandshell

Saturday, August 6 – Ladom Ensemble, The Bandshell

Sunday, August 7 – OKAN, The Bandshell

Sunday, August 7 – Ladom Ensemble – Gallery Stratford

Week Four

Friday, August 12 – Andrea Koziol and Bill Brennan with Andrew Downing, Revival House

Saturday, August 13 – Flex Ensemble, Stratford Perth Museum Trail

Saturday, August 13 – *Classical Superstars*, The Avondale

Sunday, August 14 – Chris McKhool's *Fiddlefire!*, Gallery Stratford

Sunday, August 14 – KUNE – Canada's World Orchestra, The Avondale

The MusicBarge, docked along the Avon River in close proximity to the Boathouse off of York Street, will have performances each weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11 am and 2:30 pm.