



Music, Puppetry, Dance and Play in “World in a Weekend ...in Winter”

Stratford, ON – **Mark Fewer** of Stratford Summer Music and **Eileen Smith** of SpringWorks~PuppetWorks! have teamed up to bring the joy of art in the dark of winter. “We wanted to bring Stratford and area residents great events year-round, so we’re offering performances in the heart of winter to keep everyone’s souls warm!” says Fewer.

The duo announced four events happening January 13th and 14th with tickets that range from free to \$30 for a whole family to attend a performance. First up, the companies are collaborating to bring **Side by Side: Winter Bach** at the Avondale on January 13th. An exploration through music and dance of living in the shadow and the light of a father and his son, Side by Side: Winter Bach features members of the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** joined by young musicians from the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Music in performances of music by J.S. and C.P.E. Bach. Opening with C.P.E.’s youthful and zesty String Symphony, the TSO’s principal cellist **Joseph Johnson** then performs the iconic Cello Concerto in A Minor. To finish, Choreographer **Nicola Pantin** with established dancers **Tyler Gledhill** and **Ryan Lee**, and three glorious mentees from Jörgen Dance, shed light on J.S. Bach’s Third Orchestral Suite.

On January 14th, **Quijote** recounts the unbelievable adventures of Don Quijote and his friendly squire Sancho Panza. Imagination, humor, friendship, and the search for glory await in a world of extravagant shadows... Montreal based puppetry company **Ombres Folles** explores the intersections of clown, puppetry, shadow, and object theatre in this 60-minute show for ages 8 and up.

Also at Factory163 on January 14th, intermediate/advanced dancers, 15 and up, can expand their craft by joining a one of a kind masterclass in modern dance led by Nicola Pantin. The mastersclass culminates with a short presentation with the emerging artists from Ballet Jörgen and a Q & A. Participants and observers can get more details and book their places on SpringWorks or the WiaW websites.

Meanwhile on January 13th and 14th everyone can enjoy a dance party with ***Shake les Costumes et Shake la Catin***. Giant dancing, luminescent puppet creatures will gyrate, spin and invite you to join in, every half hour from 5pm to 10pm for free on Market Square.

Smith summarizes “the collaboration of our companies, the beautiful music, magical puppets, and glorious dance give us opportunities to come together to play, to delight in artistry and warm our hearts while it snows”.

The details:

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

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