

Windsor Symphony Orchestra Robert Franz, Music Director

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WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2024-2025 SEASON

A Note from Music Director Robert Franz

Welcome to the 2024-2025 season! I am happy to share with you a broad variety of music, and an even greater variety of guest artists who will perform alongside the talented Windsor Symphony Orchestra. Our mission is to connect people through music, and this season we'll do just that. You are our why—why we do what we do.

Amongst this year's thrilling virtuosos, we have **Blake Pouliot** on violin, **Thomas Mesa** on cello, and **Philip Chiu** on piano. We celebrate our friends right here in Windsor Essex with the talented **Broadway Bunch**, actor **Christopher Lawrence Menard**, and Abridged Opera founder **Erin Armstrong**, as she sings the lead role in Gluck's opera **The Legend of Orfeo**.

A world premiere by Syrian composer **Malek Jandali**, the Canadian debut of Chinese-American Pipa player **Changlu Wu** and a celebration of Black Composers, is our way of representing who we are as a community—one of the most diverse communities in Canada.

Your passion for our OnStage and Café Concert Series has been heard, and in response we have added a fifth concert. Two of these weeks will be led by our new Assistant Conductor **Geoffrey Larson**. Join me in welcoming Geoffrey into the WSO family.

We were honoured to be gifted the 2024 Pillars of our Community award by the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, and as we head into our 77^{th} season, we are dedicated to honouring that award and what it means to be a core part of Windsor Essex.

Thank you for being part of the WSO community. You are a vital part of who we are, and we wouldn't be here without you!

Sincerely,

Put my

Robert Franz, WSO Music Director

The WSO family in **your community.**

WINDSOR SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

A place for young musicians to develop essential lifelong skills and realize their full potential.





WINDSOR SYMPHONY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Strengthening community through orchestral music and performance.

WINDSOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHORUS

A choral ensemble under the direction of Chorus Master Dr. Bruce J.G. Kotowich, bringing life to the Capitol Theatre stage.





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A group of hard-working volunteers dedicated to supporting the orchestra by donating time at concerts and organizing fundraising events.

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Konstantin Popović Assistant Concertmaster

Bill & Rochelle TEPPERMAN MASTERWORKS

5 Concerts • Saturday Evenings • Sunday Matinees

The Masterworks Series features the best in the world of orchestral music, both well-known pieces and those pieces that deserve to be brought into the spotlight. This series showcases great composers of both historical and current significance, and sometimes may even mark the premiere of a new piece of music.

SERIES SPONSOR: Bill and Rochelle Tepperman



CONCERTO FOR ORCHESTRA

Feel the music in this concert featuring Hungarian composer, Béla Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra. Designed to showcase all the instruments of the orchestra, this work is a tour-de-force. Multiaward-winning Canadian violinist Blake Pouliot performs one of the most expressive works of its kind, Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor.



Saturday, September 21, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, September 22, 2024 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor Blake Pouliot, violin

Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E minor Bartók: Concerto for Orchestra

BILL AND ROCHELLE TEPPERMAN MASTERWORKS

BEETHOVEN 7

Filled with light and optimism, Symphony No. 7 is immediately recoanizable if you've seen the film, The King's Speech. Changlu Wu, who plays the pipa (a Chinese lute) graces the stage with a work written to celebrate the folk music of the Qilian mountains in China. This performance kicks off with Canadian-American compose Jared Miller's Ricochet - Reverb - Repeat, which takes inspiration from electronic samples.



Saturday, November 9, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, November 10, 2024 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor Changlu Wu, pipa (Chinese lute)

Miller: Ricochet – Reverb – Repeat Han: Qilian Rhapsody Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A major

LEGEND OF ORPHEUS

This performance of the Legend of Orpheus (Orfeo ed Euridice), set in an early 19th Century 'steampunk' style, is a timeless tale headlined by mezzo-soprano Erin Armstrong, playing the role of Orpheus. Joining the cast is the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus and students from the St. Clair College Music Theatre program. This semi-staged opera will provide you with all the dramatic highlights from one of the world's greatest operas.



Friday, January 24, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, January 26, 2025 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor Erin Armstrong, Orfeo, mezzo soprano Chelsea Van Pelt, Euridice, soprano Brianna DeSantis, Amore, soprano Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus Dr. Bruce J.G. Kotowich, Chorus Master St. Clair College Music Theatre Students

Gluck: Orfeo ed Euridice

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SYRIAN WORLD PREMIERE

This World Premiere of Syrian-American composer Malek Jandali's Symphony No. 5 integrates ancient Arabic melodies into Western classical orchestra in a unique form that preserves and presents the rich heritage of Jandali's homeland Syria. Cuban-American cellist Tommy Mesa performs Canadian composer Jocelyn Morlock's Lucid Dreams Cello Concerto. This piece will take you into the nocturnal world of the mind.

TCHAIKOVSKY

All Tchaikovsky! With soaring melodies, rich harmonies, and plenty of drama, a concert of Tchaikovsky's music takes you on an emotional roller coaster. Pianist Philip Chiu performs the soul stirring Piano Concerto No. 1. Followed by a work inspired by Ukrainian folk tunes, Ukrainian, this program is brimming with beauty and power.

This concert is in honour of Arthur Weingarden.



Saturday, March 22, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, March 23, 2025 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor Tommy Mesa, cello

Morlock: Lucid Dreams Cello Concerto Jandali: Symphony No. 5 (World Premiere)



Saturday, May 3, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, May 4, 2025 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor Philip Chiu, piano

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1 Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 2 (Ukrainian)

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Music makes our community better.

TOLDO POPS

5 Concerts Saturday Evenings • Sunday Matinees

The Pops Series features the most popular music from movies, Broadway, jazz, blues, folk, light classics, comedy, and more. The programming features both local talent and artists with international reputations.

SERIES SPONSOR: The Toldo Foundation

THE GOLDEN AGE OF FILM

Hollywood's Golden Years brought the world amazing films and music. The WSO celebrates the Windsor International Film Festival's 20th Anniversary with an unforgettable concert experience. Hear music from Casablanca, Frankenstein, Gone with the Wind, and Buster Keaton's film One Week. This concert will take you on a unique auditory journey, ranging from the romantic and dramatic to the eerie and energetic.



Saturday, October 19, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, October 20, 2024 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor

BHANGRA & BEYOND

The WSO welcomes Canadian conductor Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser back to the Capitol Theatre stage for a concert that embraces the power of music, rhythm, and dance, with Indian-inspired music. Bhangra and Beyond is a concert that celebrates the unique ways Indian culture has fused music and dance together.



Saturday, November 16, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, November 17, 2024 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, conductor Windsor Bhangra Club

HOLIDAY POPS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Join the WSO for this family-fun holiday tradition: Holiday Pops! This concert reminds us, There's No Place like Home for the Holidays. We'll be Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and remembering It's a Wonderful Life. Also on stage is actor and vocalist Christopher Lawrence Menard, the WSO Chorus, Music Moves Kids, and a special guest in a red suit!



Saturday, December 21, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, December 22, 2024 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor Christopher Lawrence Menard, vocalist WSO Chorus Music Moves Kids



THE BROADWAY BUNCH

Sara Fontaine, Kaitlyn Karns and Justin Raisbeck join the WSO in The Broadway Bunch. You'll hear Sondheim's Sunday in the Park with George, Menken's Suite from The Little Mermaid, Schwartz's For Good from Wicked, and so much more! If you love Broadway, you'll love The Broadway Bunch!



Saturday, February 8, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, February 9, 2025 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Robert Franz, conductor The Broadway Bunch: Sara Fontaine, Kaitlyn Karns, Justin Raisbeck

SARAH SLEAN: THE MUSIC OF JONI MITCHELL

The WSO celebrates Canadian singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell, from her folk roots to her jazz experiments. The compelling singersongwriter Sarah Slean joins the WSO to perform Mitchell's greatest hits!



Saturday, April 12, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Sunday, April 13, 2025 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

Geoffrey Larson, conductor Sarah Slean, vocalist

Music that makes you smile.

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ONSTAGE CONCERT SERIES

5 Concerts • Thursday Evenings Tickets include a complimentary cocktail

The OnStage Concert Series features performances that are curated evenings on a raw and stripped-down Capitol Theatre stage, with cabaret tables, food, event-tailored libations, and your Windsor Symphony Orchestra only an arm's-length away.

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5 Concerts • Friday Mornings Tickets include complimentary tea and coffee

The Café Concert Series features concerts in an intimate setting: you, your coffee, and the WSO. Programming is designed to showcase the core musicians of the WSO and often features our musicians as soloists.

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BUH-ROKE

Johann Sebastian Bach's thrilling First Orchestral Suite is one of his works purely for orchestra. This is paired with two works written by living composers from worldrenowned groups: Marjan Mozetich, from Toronto-based Tafelmusik; and Damien Geter from the Portland Baroque Orchestra. These composers pay homage to the great Bach by putting their own twist on his music.



Thursday, September 26, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Friday, September 27, 2024 11:00am, Capitol Theatre

Geter: Buh-roke Mozetich: Steps to Ecstasy Bach: Suite No. 1 in C major for Orchestra

Robert Franz, conductor

ONSTAGE AND CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES

FLAVOURS OF VIENNA

Viennese composer Robert Fuchs was inspired by the music of the "Waltz King" — Johann Strauss Jr. In this concert, you'll hear Fuchs' Serenade No. 3 flanked by Strauss' most beloved waltzes, the rhythmic Emperor Waltz and the showstopping Blue Danube.

Geoffery Larson, conductor

CELEBRATING BLACK COMPOSERS

The WSO celebrates Black composers, performing Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Four Novelettes. He was a British composer of mixedrace heritage, a descendant of an African-American soldier. A late 19th Century Romantic powerhouse, Coleridge-Taylor wrote in the style of Dvořák. Adolphus Hailstork's work, Sonata da Chiesa (Church Sonata), represents his African, Native-American, and European roots.

Geoffrey Larson, conductor



Thursday, November 21, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Friday, November 22, 2024 11:00am, Capitol Theatre

Strauss Jr.: Kaiser-Walzer (Emperor Waltz) Fuchs: Serenade No. 3 in E minor for String Orchestra Strauss Jr.: An der schönen blauen Donau (Blue Danube)



Thursday, February 13, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Friday, February 14, 2025 11:00am, Capitol Theatre

Hailstork: Sonata da Chiesa Coleridge-Taylor: Four Novelettes



SCHUBERT 6

The WSO performs Schubert's Symphony No. 6. Well-known for his songs and chamber music, Schubert is a master of contrast and using little tricks to mix up melodies. Ontario composer, John Burge, wrote his Port Milford Suite for the Music at Port Milford Summer School String Orchestra. Burge combines his passion for writing music for young people with his fondness for beautiful melodies.

Robert Franz, conductor



Thursday, March 6, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Friday, March 7, 2025 11:00am, Capitol Theatre

John Burge: Port Milford Suite Schubert: Symphony No. 6

MOZART

This unique presentation of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante features our principal oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn musicians. With a clear view of all the soloists, the audience will feel like they are in the centre of the action. Opening with Mozart's Symphony No. 16, written when he was only 16 years old, this exploration of Mozart's music will captivate you.

Robert Franz, conductor Graham Mackenzie, oboe Graham Lord, clarinet Thomas Roy-Rochette, bassoon Iris Krizmanic, french horn



Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre Friday, April 25, 2025 11:00am, Capitol Theatre

Mozart: Symphony No. 16 in C major **Mozart:** Sinfonia concertante in E-flat major

Want the **best seat** in the house? Join us **on stage!**

HANDEL'S

Thursday, December 5, 2024

7:30pm Our Lady of Assumption Church 2735 University Ave. W., Windsor

Friday, December 6, 2024

7:30pm Leamington United Church 9 John St., Leamington

Saturday, December 7, 2024

7:30pm St. Matthew's Anglican Church 1600 Norfolk St., Windsor

Sunday, December 8, 2024

7:30pm St. Anne's Parish 12233 Tecumseh Rd. E., Tecumseh

Robert Franz, conductor

Chelsea Van Pelt, soprano • Korin Thomas-Smith, baritone Windsor Classic Chorale Bruce J.G. Kotowich, chorus master

Join us for what's become a beloved holiday tradition: Handel's Messiah. Maestro Robert Franz leads a program of highlights from Handel's Messiah, a grand celebration of the season that will leave you singing, "Hallelujah!"

CONCERT SPONSOR:

The Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan

Partial funding for the Our Lady of Assumption Church performance has been provided by the The Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan.

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WSO ROCKS! The Music of

Friday, January 10, 2025 7:30pm, Chrysler Theatre

Featuring Jeans n' Classics Geoffrey Larson, conductor

The WSO shares the stage with Jeans n' Classics for an evening of music by one of the world's most successful pop groups: ABBA. Featuring four amazing vocalists and a rock band performing the iconic songs of ABBA in all their pop, rock, disco, and evocative ballad glory, with the orchestra... Mamma Mia!

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The WSO's Family Concerts are a great way to introduce children to a lifelong love of music. These concerts are 45-minutes and ideal for ages 2 to 12.

A themed craft is included at each concert.

With Maestro Geoffrey Larson & co-host Jan Radford

January 18 February 1 March 1 April 5

The Capitol Theatre • 10:00am & 11:30am

MAESTRO GEOFFREY LARSON

ALL TICKETS \$5!

CO-HOST JAN RADFORD

Windsor Symphony Youth Orchestra

HOLIDAY CONCERT Sunday, December 1, 2024 7:00pm, Capitol Theatre

SPRING CONCERT Sunday, April 27, 2025 7:00pm, Capitol Theatre The Windsor Symphony Youth Orchestra gives young musicians a place to develop their talent and realize their full potential through performing orchestral music at a high caliber. The group is made up of musicians under the age of 22. The WSYO develops essential lifelong skills and habits.

Windsor Symphony Community Orchestra

The Windsor Symphony Community Orchestra exists to provide community members of the Windsor Essex and greater Detroit area an opportunity to regularly perform orchestral music. The WSCO strengthens community by creating lifelong memories, friendships, and engaging with new collaborative partners.

HOLIDAY CONCERT Tuesday, December 17, 2024 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre

SPRING CONCERT Saturday, April 26, 2025 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre

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BIG ORCHESTRA

Features timeless classical music from some of the Greats: Bartok, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky.

- Concerto for Orchestra
- Beethoven 7
- Tchaikovsky

AMAZING VOICES

Featuring stunning vocalists: soprano Erin Armstrong; members of The Broadway Bunch: Sara Fontaine, Kaitlyn Karns, and Justin Raisbeck; as well as Canadian vocal star Sarah Slean.

- Legend of Orpheus
- The Broadway Bunch
- The Music of Joni Mitchel

SENSATIONAL SOLOISTS

Featuring virtuosos on center stage: Blake Pouliot, violin; Tommy Mesa, cello; Philip Chiu, piano.

> You'll Love This!

- Concerto for Orchestra
- Syrian World Premiere
- Tchaikovsky

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Music and composers from around the world. Classic Beethoven, a taste of the unique Bhangra music from South Asia, and a Syrian world premiere.

- Beethoven 7
- Bhangra and Beyond
- Syrian World Premiere

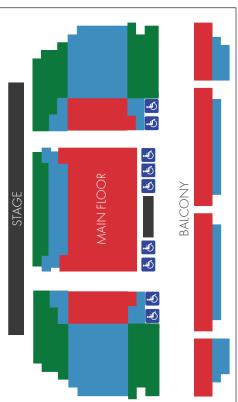
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Capitol Theatre Seating Map





All prices listed include HST, and a \$2.00 Heritage Preservation Fee per ticket. Student: Age 17 and under, or with a valid student card. Senior: Age 65+ | Youth: Age 12 and under.

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WSO 2024-2025 SEASON



Concerto for Orchestra

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Bhangra and Beyond November 16, 2024 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre November 17, 2024 at 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre



Flavours of Vienna November 21, 2024 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre November 22, 2024 at 11:00am, Capitol Theatre



Handel's Messiah December 5 to 8, 2024 Windsor, Leamington, Tecumseh

Holiday Pops

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WSO ROCKS: The Music of ABBA January 10, 2025 at 7:30pm, Chrysler Theatre



Family Concert: The Book with no Pictures January 18, 2025 at 10:00am & 11:30am, Capitol Theatre



Legend of Orpheus January 24, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre January 26, 2025 at 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre





Family Concert: Carnival of the Animals February 1, 2025 at 10:00am & 11:30am, Capitol Theatre



The Broadway Bunch February 8, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre February 9, 2025 at 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre



Celebrating Black Composers February 13, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre February 14, 2025 at 11:00am, Capitol Theatre



Family Concert: Irish Music March 1, 2025 at 10:00am & 11:30am, Capitol Theatre



Schubert 6 March 6, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre March 7, 2025 at 11:00am, Capitol Theatre



Syrian World Premiere March 22, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre March 23, 2025 at 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre



Family Concert: Dr. Seuss' Gertrude McFuzz April 5, 2025 at 10:00am & 11:30am, Capitol Theatre



Sarah Slean: The Music of Joni Mitchell April 12, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre April 13, 2025 at 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre



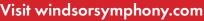
Mozart April 24, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre April 25, 2025 at 11:00am, Capitol Theatre



Tchaikovsky May 3, 2025 at 7:30pm, Capitol Theatre May 4, 2025 at 2:30pm, Capitol Theatre

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