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AT-A-GLANCE: CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY'S FREE DIGITAL FALL PROGRAMMING

In Concert: Russell Braun and Tamara Wilson with the COC Orchestra

Available for online viewing beginning Saturday, September 25, 2021

Performed in Italian, German, and French; with English subtitles

The curtain rises after more than a year and a half at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts as two of opera's biggest stars, Russell Braun and Tamara Wilson, reunite with COC Music Director Johannes Debus and the COC Orchestra for a concert of opera's most thrilling and famous moments.

Featuring

Russell Braun	Baritone
Tamara Wilson	Soprano
Johannes Debus	Conductor

With the COC Orchestra

Gianni Schicchi, by Giacomo Puccini

Available for online viewing beginning Saturday, October 30, 2021

Performed in Italian; with English subtitles

Staged by accomplished British director Amy Lane, rising South Korean soprano Hera Hyesang Park stars alongside baritone Roland Wood in one of the funniest and most accessible operas ever written. The single-act opera keeps the action coming, while newcomers and long-time fans alike will savour Puccini's soprano show-stopper, "O mio babbino caro".

Featuring

Gianni Schicchi	Roland Wood
Lauretta	Hera Hyesang Park
Rinuccio	Andrew Haji
Gherardo	David Curry
Nella	Midori Marsh
Betto di Signa	Vartan Gabrielian
Simone	Thomas Goerz
Marco	Jonah Spungin
La Ciesca	Jamie Groote
M. Spinelloccio	Doug MacNaughton
Ser Amantio di Nicolao	Peter Barrett
Pinellino	Justin Welsh
Guccio	Alex Halliday
Conductor	Jader Bignamini
Director	Amy Lane
Set & Costume Designer	Antony McDonald
Lighting Designer	Charlie Morgan Jones

**Video Designer
With the COC Orchestra**

Alexander Gunnarsson

**Free Concert Series in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre: City Sessions, Presented by TD Bank Group
Beginning October 2021**

Short, digital performances will be shared to COC's social media, continuing the spirit of the company's popular and long-standing concert series. *City Sessions* support Toronto's cultural ecosystem with much-needed performance opportunities and provide a globally inspired, locally focused array of artists with a platform to share music and stories that resonate with them.

Full programming and scheduling details will follow at coc.ca/2122.

Espiral, by OKAN

Available for online viewing beginning Saturday, November 13, 2021

Performed in English and Spanish; with English subtitles

Women-led music group OKAN performs selections from *Espiral*, their 2021 JUNO award-winning album that fuses a multiplicity of musical genres and emerges from the multicultural mosaic of Toronto. The concert, exploring love, courage, and immigration, is a celebration of the larger scope of vibrant and diverse programming typically showcased in the COC's longstanding Free Concert Series in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, Presented by TD Bank Group.

Featuring

Elizabeth Rodriguez	Vocals, violin
Magdelys Savigne	Vocals, percussion
Jeremy Ledbetter	Piano
Roberto Mederos	Bass
Frank Nodarse	Drums

Requiem, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Available for online viewing beginning Saturday, November 27, 2021

Performed in Latin; with English subtitles

Toronto-based theatre collective Against the Grain reimagines Mozart's *Requiem*—a towering, otherworldly work—for today's world. As we emerge from a global pandemic, this multidisciplinary presentation invites us to reckon with the impact of COVID-19 together and find a way to heal together through the power and connection of Mozart's astonishingly moving work.

Featuring

Midori Marsh	Soprano
Marion Newman	Mezzo-soprano
Andrew Haji	Tenor
Vartan Gabrielian	Bass-baritone
Johannes Debus	Conductor
Sandra Horst	Price Family Chorus Master

With the COC Orchestra and COC Chorus

In Winter - featuring a world premiere composition by Ian Cusson
Available for online viewing beginning Saturday, December 18, 2021
Performed in English; with English subtitles

The COC Orchestra under Music Director Johannes Debus, the COC Chorus, and artists of the COC Ensemble Studio come together for a concert that explores and celebrates winter. Welcome a new season with Vivaldi's instantly recognizable and exhilarating "Inverno" section of the *Four Seasons*, classic songbook selections like "Deck the Halls," and an exciting new commission by composer Ian Cusson, who sets text by Métis writer Katherena Vermette, for solo, chorus, and orchestra in a meditative piece called "In Winter."

Featuring

Melody Courage	Soprano
COC Ensemble Studio	Jamie Groote, Soprano
	Charlotte Siegel, Soprano
	Midori Marsh, Soprano
	Matthew Cairns, Tenor
	Jonah Spungin, Baritone
	Alex Halliday, Bass-baritone
	Vartan Gabrielian, Bass-baritone
	Vladimir Soloviev, Pianist
	Frances Thielmann, Pianist
Johannes Debus	Conductor
Sandra Horst	Price Family Chorus Master

With the COC Orchestra and COC Chorus

Read the full press release [here](#).

For further cast and creative team information, please visit coc.ca/2122.

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