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## Regina Symphony Orchestra launches 2021-2022 concert season

**REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN:** The Regina Symphony Orchestra (RSO) is back this fall for the 113<sup>th</sup> concert season. The 21/22 season features old favourites, new options, different venues and lower prices. The announcement of the 21/22 concert season is first step to the return to live performance, after the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Things are going to look a little different at the RSO, and I’m truly glad to invite you to join us as we take this opportunity to reinvent ourselves”, says Gordon Gerrard, Music Director for the RSO. “Last fall, public health restrictions forced us to find ways to make music for you on a smaller scale. We’ve decided to keep some of our programming at the magnificent Holy Rosary Cathedral, and are looking forward to our return to Conexus Arts Centre. I’m particularly excited about this season and to share it with our amazing Regina audiences this fall”.

The RSO returns to the Conexus Arts Centre to kick off The Classics series, formerly the Masterworks, on September 25<sup>th</sup> with the romantic and monumental *Romeo & Juliet*. The series will also feature a multi-media experience of *Adizokan* on November 27<sup>th</sup>, and the soaring *For Earth and Sky* featuring guest conductor Tania Miller on March 12, 2022. The Classics Series will come to an end on May 14, 2022 with the spectacular *Thus Spake Zarathustra*.

The 21/22 Pops Series will kick off with home-grown, country music star Jess Moskaluke making her orchestral debut on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Jeans n’ Classics rock the stage on January 15, 2022 with a tribute to Pink Floyd’s iconic *The Wall* and *Dark Side of the Moon* albums. Another Canadian music star pays tribute to a music icon when singer-song writer Sarah Slean performs the music of Joni Mitchell on February 12, 2022. The Pops season wraps up with flair with drag superstar Thorgy Thor and her Thorchestra on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Conexus Arts Centre will also host the return of the popular RSO Holiday Concert on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with festive fun for the whole family, and the joyous sounds of Beethoven’s *Ninth Symphony* on January 22, 2022. Both of these concerts are part of the Specials Series, available as single tickets with discounts offered to season ticket holders.

The iconic Holy Rosary Cathedral is now a permanent home for the Regina Symphony, and will be the backdrop for three concert series, including the brand-new, three concert Baroque series. Experience the dramatic energy of the Baroque creative period with matinee and evening performances on October 9<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Chamber at the Cathedral Series starts on September 18<sup>th</sup> followed by performances on December 4<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Classics at the Cathedral Series starts on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with three performances of Mozart’s *Jupiter Symphony*, followed by a spotlight on the RSO on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The series also features another hometown star Erika Raum on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 before closing with a feature from the RSO’s own principal oboe Tamsin Johnston on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Regina Symphony Chamber Players will also return to the long-time home of RSO chamber music concerts, Government House, for three concerts starting October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, followed up on January 29<sup>th</sup> and April 23, 2022. Additional concerts and series will be announced in the fall.

Single and season subscriptions are available now for all series and specials performances. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.reginasymphony.com](http://www.reginasymphony.com), through the RSO Box Office by calling 306-586-9555 or the Conexus Arts Centre Box Office at 306-525-9999.

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## LIST OF CONCERTS BY SERIES

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### CHAMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Regina Symphony Chamber Players take centre stage in this series with a unique mix of classic and contemporary.

Saturdays at 2 PM & 7:30 PM

Holy Rosary Cathedral, 1325-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue

#### September 18, 2021

##### *BRAHMS' THEME OF HAYDN*

Experience the virtuosity of the Chamber Players with the Canadian debut of the reduction of Brahms Variations on a Theme of Haydn by Doron Toister. A new way to hear the loving tribute to Haydn.

#### December 4, 2021

##### *PROKOFIEV QUINTET*

Run away with the circus with the playful and radical *Quintet* by Prokofiev and the lively *Grand Septet* by Berwald, performed by the Regina Symphony Chamber Players.

#### March 5, 2022

##### *BEETHOVEN STRING QUARTET*

The Chamber Players close the season at the Cathedral with the majestic and emotional String Quartet No. 14. Considered by Beethoven as his best, this dynamic and celebratory masterwork is a crown jewel of chamber music.

### CLASSICS

Dynamic and energetic, this series features incredible works from the past and introduces inspiring contemporary music.

Saturdays at 7:30 PM

Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Drive

#### September 25, 2021

##### *ROMEO & JULIET OPENING NIGHT!*

Love meets tragedy, in a monumental opening night concert conducted by Maestro Gordon Gerrard. The heart-wrenching beauty of He's Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto parallels the tragic romance found in the ballet music of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet. Two Chinese- Canadians—composer Vincent Ho and violinist Kerson Leong—further electrify this program, as Ho's dream-like Dragon Realms bridges Eastern and Western musical styles, and Leong's virtuosity as soloist takes centre stage.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Kerson Leong, violin

#### November 27, 2021

##### *ADIZOKAN*

Be transported by Adizokan – a mix of dance, video, electro-acoustic and orchestra performed by Red Sky Performance featuring local dancers, throat-boxer Nelson Tagoona, and directed by Sandra Laronde.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Red Sky Performance



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**March 12, 2022**

*FOR EARTH AND SKY*

The natural world serves as the inspiration for this program of classic and contemporary works. The soaring final movement of the Sibelius Fifth Symphony pairs with the flowing homegrown pride of the Smetana's *The Moldau*. Gordon Wolfe, Principal Trombonist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra joins the RSO for the epic and lyrical *Sycalla* by Jordan Pal.

Tania Miller, conductor  
Gordon Wolfe, trombone

**May 14, 2022**

*THUS SPAKE ZARATHUSTRA SEASON FINALE!*

The sun will set on our 113th season with the spectacular Strauss masterpiece, *Also sprach Zarathustra*. A loud and fast program designed as a powerful end to the year. Janina Fialkowska will also be featured with the popular Greig concerto.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor  
Janina Fialkowska, piano

**CLASSICS AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Experience the elegance and variety of the classics, with an intimate experience in the beautiful cathedral.

**October 1 & 2, 2021**

*MOZART JUPITER SYMPHONY*

Blast off with this exciting programming featuring Mozart's final symphonic masterpiece, contrasted against the Prokofiev's youthful Symphony No. 1. Jonathan Craig Penner, homegrown cellist will be the featured soloist on the vibrant and invigorating Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor  
Jonathan Craig-Penner, cello

**November 5 & 6, 2021**

*KORNDORF & SCHUBERT*

Experience the majesty of Schubert's Great C Major Symphony and the airy joy of Korndorf's *The Smile of Maud Lewis*.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

**February 25 & 26, 2022**

*BRUCH & BEETHOVEN*

Erika Raum returns to the Queen City to perform the beloved Violin Concerto No 1 by Bruch. Holy Rosary Cathedral will be filled with the cheerful sound of Beethoven's Eight Symphony, last performed by the RSO in 1981.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor  
Erika Raum, violin

**April 8 & 9, 2022**

*MURPHY, HAYDN & DVOŘÁK*

The RSO's own Tamsin Johnston will take centre stage with the oboe concerto from Canadian composer Kelly-Marie Murphy. Guest conductor Adam Johnson will lead the orchestra through the vigorous Bear Symphony and lively Dvořák, arranged for strings only.

Adam Johnson, conductor  
Tamsin Johnston, oboe



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## BAROQUE – New for 21/22

Explore the flowing melodies and dramatic energy of this diverse, creative period.

Saturdays at 2 PM & 7:30 PM

Holy Rosary Cathedral, 3125-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### October 9, 2021

*HANDEL & PURCELL*

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Join the RSO on a trip to 17th and 18th century London to be immersed in the dramatic music of Handel, Purcell and Avison.

### February 5, 2022

*CORELLI & TELEMANN*

Share the magic of the baroque period with a collection of favourites curated by the Regina Symphony Chamber Players. Experience the stirring emotions and heartfelt excitement of selections by Handel, Corelli, Telemann and Purcell.

### March 26, 2022

*BAROCCO*

Edwin Huizinga, conductor & violin

The distinct style of Italian Baroque - Barocco - will delight you in this showcase of works by Corelli, Vivaldi & Boccherini. Conducted by self-described wandering minstrel Edwin Huizinga who will also perform as soloist on violin.

## POPS SERIES

Explore new music and inspiring guest artists, performing along with the full orchestra.

Saturdays at 7:30 PM

Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Drive

### October 16, 2021

*JESS MOSKALUKE OPENING NIGHT!*

Saskatchewan's own Jess Moskaluke continues to dazzle the country music world, with awards, chart topping albums and heartfelt lyrics. Hear Moskaluke's textured vocals and emotive sensibilities with the lush, beautiful sounds of the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Jess Moskaluke, vocalist

### January 15, 2022

*AN EVENING OF PINK FLOYD – THE WALL AND DARK SIDE OF THE MOON*

The legendary music of British rock band Pink Floyd comes to life with the signature flair of Jeans 'n' Classics. Leader singer Jean Meilleur, supported by the full Regina Symphony Orchestra, will perform groundbreaking selections from The Wall and The Dark Side of the Moon albums.

Lucas Waldin, conductor

Jeans n' Classics, band

### February 12, 2022

*SARAH SLEAN – THE MUSIC OF JONI MITCHELL*

Be swept away by singer-songwriter Sarah Slean as she pays homage to the great Joni Mitchell. Backed by the full orchestra and Maestro Gerrard, this concert is a made in Canada tribute to a music hero.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Sarah Slean, piano and vocalist



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**March 19, 2022**

*ORCHESTRAL ROCK ODYSSEY*

Rock and roll with the RSO and special guests, the Gary Cable Project. Enjoy a high energy performance of greatest hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s performed with orchestra and band of A-list musicians.

Lucas Waldin, conductor  
The Gary Cable Project, band

**May 7, 2022**

*THORGY AND THE THORCHESTRA*

Thorgy Thor, a star of RuPaul's Drag Race, comes to Queen City as the reigning "Queen of Classical." You'll laugh, you'll cry, and your heart will throb as Thorgy slays with song, dance, and hilarious shenanigans.

Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, conductor  
Thorgy Thor, violin, viola and cello

**CHAMBER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE**

**Experience the charm and artistry of the Regina Symphony Chamber Players in our most intimate venue.**

Saturdays at 2 PM & 7:30 PM  
Government House, 4607 Dewdney Avenue

**October 23, 2021**

*BRITTEN & BEETHOVEN*

Experience the youthful energy of Britten and Beethoven, with two of their early works, paired with the power and originality of Sibelius *En Saga*.

**January 29, 2022**

*NEW YEAR, NEW MUSIC*

Celebrate a new year with the annual showcase of contemporary music. This program is filled with the vitality of Canadian, American and female composers, performed skillfully by the Regina Symphony Chamber Players.

**April 23, 2022**

*SCHUBERT OCTET*

Spring into step with the melodic Schubert Octet – played with energy and emotion by the Regina Symphony Chamber Players. The stormy Tartini sonata and jaunty selection from Gaubert complete this bright spring program.

**SPECIALS**

The name says it all – these are one of a kind music experiences. Not a part of any subscription series. Details and venues vary for each concert.

**December 11, 2021**

*RSO HOLIDAY SPECIAL*

Conexus Arts Centre  
7:30 pm

Celebrate the season with a mix of holiday classics, familiar faces and holiday fun. Look for updates on special guests and programming soon!

Gordon Gerrard, conductor



**December 17 & 18, 2021**

7:30pm

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

Experience the holiday tradition with the power of Canzona baroque choir and soloists, in the beautiful surroundings.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Canzona, choir & soloists

**Saturday, Jan 22, 2022**

**BEETHOVEN 9**

Conexus Arts Centre

7:30 pm

A joyous start to the year with Beethoven's iconic Ninth Symphony performed by the RSO with 4 guest vocalists and a local choir, all under the Maestro Gerrard's baton.

Gordon Gerrard, conductor

Additional concerts to be announced. Visit [www.reginasymphony.com](http://www.reginasymphony.com) for more information.

**About the Regina Symphony Orchestra**

<https://reginasymphony.com>

Founded in 1908, the Regina Symphony Orchestra is a full-scale professional orchestra led by the innovative and exciting Music Director, Gordon Gerrard. The RSO creates compelling live orchestral music experiences that provide a platform for social, cultural and economic transformation across southern Saskatchewan. All RSO Musicians are members of the American Federation of Musicians.