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Edmonton Youth Orchestra Michael Massey, Conductor

South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra Alan Denike, Conductor





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PROGRAM

Russian Sailor's Dance from The Red Poppy, Op. 70 (1927)

Reinhold Glière (1875-1956)

Rudy Sternadel, Conductor

Selections from Faust (1859)

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Peer Gynt Suite No. 2, Op. 55 (1891)

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra Alan Denike, Conductor

Sheherazade, Op. 35 (1888)

Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

The Sea and Sinbad's Ship
The Legend of the Kalendar Prince
The Young Prince and The Young Princess
Festival at Baghdad. The Sea. Ship Breaks against
a Cliff Surmounted by a Bronze Horseman

Edmonton Youth Orchestra Michael Massey, Conductor

Symphony No. 1, Op. 26 (1900)

Alexander Scriabin (1972-1915)

Allegro drammatico Lento Vivace Allegro Mickander ochabili (1972-191)

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Calgary Youth Orchestra Edmond Agopian, Conductor











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CALGARY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Mount Royal Conservatory's Calgary Youth Orchestra (CYO) conducted a successful tour of Germany in August 2014 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Richard Strauss' birth and the 350th anniversary of CPE Bach's birth.

"Already with their first piece, the brilliantly played Reformation-Symphony by Mendelssohn for the opening, they had the audience on their side. Applause lasting for several minutes rewarded the young musicians." - Markische Allgemeine, Jüterbog, Germany, 2014

Under its music director Edmond Agopian, the CYO has also toured France, Spain, Portugal, Austria, the Czech Republic and New Zealand.

Considered the Conservatory's flagship instrumental ensemble, The CYO is recognized as one of the finest youth orchestras in the country. The ensemble has worked with such illustrious conductors as Mario Bernardi, Bramwell Tovey, Kasuyoshi Akiyama, Simon Streatfeild, Ivars Taurins, Jeanne Lamon, and Hans Graf, among others.

The CYO has performed in collaboration with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and with Jeunesse Classique Ballet at festivals throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan and on-stage at the 2008 JUNO Awards.

The CYO was honoured to perform for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Calgary in May 2005, as well as for the Council of the Federation in Banff in August 2005. In September 2009, in recognition of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama's visit to Calgary, the CYO performed at the Pengrowth Saddledome alongside members of the University of Calgary Orchestra.

The orchestra has commissioned works from a number of composers, most recently Canadian composers Michael van der Sloot, George Fenwick, Laurie Radford, and Trevor Mansell. The CYO has also presented the world premieres of works by Claude Debussy, completed and orchestrated by the renowned English musicologist Robert Orledge.

CYO's high artistic achievements have generated national and international reviews for it's performances and for it's recording titled *The Thrill of the Western*.

EDMOND AGOPIAN, CONDUCTOR

Edmond Agopian began his violin training in Constantza, Romania. After immigrating to Canada, he continued his studies at the University of Toronto (B.Mus.), the Juilliard School (M.Mus.) and the Masterplayers International Music Academy, Switzerland (Honours Diploma).

In 1991, Edmond relinquished his post at Acadia University to take up positions as Professor of Violin at the University of Calgary, Conductor of the U of C Orchestra and Artist-in-Residence at Mount Royal Conservatory. He was appointed Music Director of the Calgary Youth Orchestra in 2002.

In 2005, Edmond was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal "in recognition of outstanding achievement and service to the people and province of Alberta". At the University of Calgary, he was awarded the John Peter Lee Roberts Distinguished Professorship in Fine Arts. Edmond's students have won national and international awards and are members of every major orchestra in Canada, as well as many orchestras in the United States.

He has been on the faculty of the Morningside Music Bridge program at Mount Royal University Conservatory since its inception in 1996, and is the founder and artistic director of the University of Calgary summer chamber music festival, Contrasts. For thirteen years, he was the Music Director/Concertmaster of Calgary's professional string orchestra, the Kensington Sinfonia. Conducting work has included performances with the Shanghai Opera Orchestra, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Canadian Chamber Orchestra, and yearly engagements with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.

As a violinist, he has been regularly featured as soloist and chamber musician on regional and national CBC, French and English radio programs.

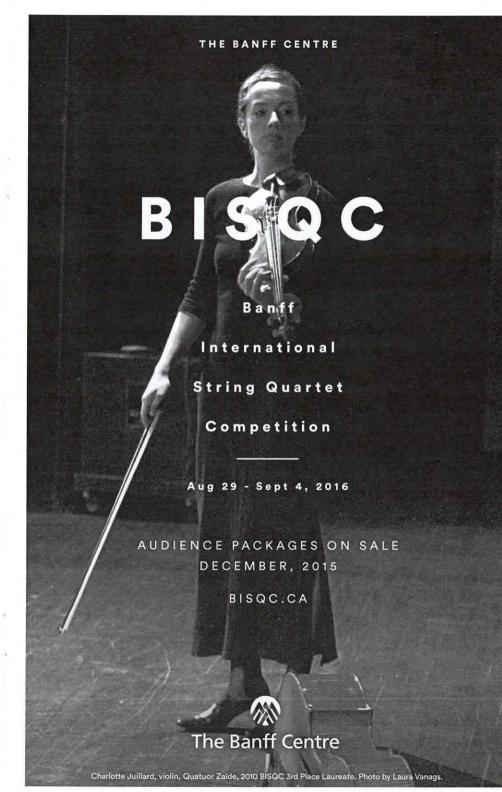
"His performance was a triumph both of technique and integration."

- The Toronto Star.

- "... he not only revealed the great charm of the work, but his own musical integrity as well" (Bruch, Violin Concerto in G Minor)

 The Halifax Chronicle Herald
- "...dramatic heart-felt playing with biting rhythmic emphasis. His pitch and tone were immaculate..." The Calgary Herald

A champion of Canadian music, he has premiered numerous Canadian compositions in Canada, the U.S. and Taiwan. As founder and first violinist of the U of C Quartet in Residence, he is in the process of presenting and recording Shostakovich's complete string quartet cycle — a first for Calgary.



VIOLIN I

Rebecca Weger * *
Joanne Peng
Resa Fiorante
Raney Amberson
Kayley Grant
Alexa Arnyek

VIOLIN II

Eleanor Hector * Emily Bardutz Solveig Hovdestad Jayden Chai Kara Seno

VIOLA

Meika Sonntag Tommy Amberson

CELLO

Jonathan Craig Penner *
Nathaniel Paquet
Lehman Kennedy
Caleb Fiorante
Michyla Nimchuk
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Billy Amberson
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BASS

Landon Kosteniuk * Leander McLean

FLUTE I

Louise Wang * Co-Principal Stephan Atkinson * Co-Principal

FLUTE II

Alaina Majewski Brooke Smith

OBOE I

Alannah Jorgensen *

CLARINET I

Madison Engen *

CLARINET II

Yongseong Jeon Margaret deCoste

BASSOON I

Taryn Luterbach

HORN I

Nicole Gebert *

HORN II

Erik Anderson

TRUMPET I

Keri Panchuk *

TRUMPET II

Gillian Engen Hope Van Vliet

TROMBONE I

Stephanie Flaman

TROMBONE II

Daniel LeBlanc

HARP

Jillaine Kennedy

PERCUSSION

Jasmine Tsui * Brennan Kowalski

VIOLIN 1

Jeanel Liang, Concertmaster (Scriabin) Angela Ryu, Concertmaster (Fenwick) Emily Au Irene Au Cyndora Chan Luke Chiang Lauren Clausen Sara Far Katrina Johnson Chris Kang Patricia Lee Yan Li Jenna Liu Melissa MacDonald David Mejia Joanna Nguyen Victoria Nguyen Jonah Park Elizabet Rajchel Talia Sinclair Dijun Zhang

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Cindy Chen
Solana Frebold
Kevin Kang
Caitlin Lam
Danielle Lefebvre
Kevin Lin
Ana Lucyshyn
Marja McKenna
Madeline Nysetvold
Iryna Peleschchyshyn
Christopher Poon
Simin Qiang

Georgia Radakovic Lan Tran May Yu Edwin Zhang Wendy Zhang Andrew Zhao

VIOLA

Christopher Aitken, Principal Bo Dewsnap Alexander Beggs Mahina Graham-Laidlaw Wren Liang Andrew MacDonald Megan Mazil Markus McKenna Matthew McKenna Andrew Scholz

CELLO

Joshua Lee, Principal
Solina Lee
Emil Agopian
Matthew Haddad
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TROMBONE

Peter Wang, Principal Dylan Martin +

BASS TROMBONE

Kevin Ponte +

TUBA

Cole Anderson

TIMPANI

Brianna Jones

PERCUSSION

Katherine Zhang

HARP

Brooke Morrison

+ denotes guest musician

ALAN DENIKE, MUSIC DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR

Alan Denike has been Principal Bassoon in the Regina Symphony Orchestra and the Regina Symphony Chamber Players since 1974. He holds a Bachelor of Music Degree and a Performer's Certificate in Bassoon Performance from the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, New York, and a Masters Degree in Conducting from the University of Regina in 1989.

Alan was born and raised in Victoria, British Columbia, in a musical home where his father was a well-known music educator and his mother a pianist. By age 17 he was playing bassoon professionally in the Victoria Symphony.

Since taking up the position of Music Director/Conductor with the South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra (SSYO) in 1989, he has helped the orchestra grow from 45 to as many as 80 musicians. He has guided the orchestra in festivals at Orlando (1991), Montreal (1995), Banff (1996 and 1998), Aberdeen, Scotland (2000), Chicago (2002), Ottawa

(2004), Vienna and Salzburg (2006), and Niagara Falls (2008). Since 2009, the SSYO has been regularly invited to the Youth Orchestra Symposium held in Banff. The SSYO has produced three CDs and toured Saskatchewan in 1997 to celebrate its 20th Anniversary.

In 2007, Alan was awarded the Arts Management Award from the City of Regina's Mayor's Arts and Business Awards.

Alan has conducted the Regina Symphony Orchestra on numerous occasions over the last 20 years. He is also currently conductor of the University of Regina Orchestra. Most recently, he has been engaged to conduct the RSO Family Series for the 2015-16 season.

Alan's wife, Janice is a well-respected planist and teacher. His hobbies include stamp collecting and golfing.

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra began in the fall of 1977 as a result of the leadership of Ernest Kassian. As a professor of music at the University of Regina, Ernest received a grant from the Saskatchewan Arts Board in 1976 to travel to Russia and the Ukraine, researching Youth Orchestra activity and gaining valuable experience conducting. Upon his return, Ernest began the SSYO. The orchestra expanded to 55 members by 1981 when it made its first major trip, travelling to Banff for the Canadian Festival of Youth Orchestras.

The SSYO entered a new era in 1989 when Alan Denike became Conductor and Music Director. Under his direction, the orchestra has grown from 45 to as many as 80 musicians. He has led the orchestra to Gold Medal performances in Festivals at Orlando (1991), Montreal (1995), and Chicago (2002). In 2000, the SSYO was selected as the host orchestra for the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland; in 2004, the SSYO participated in the Canadian Youth Orchestra Festival in Ottawa, and in 2006 the Orchestra travelled to Vienna, Austria for the International Youth Music Festival where they earned third place. In 2008, the SSYO was invited to be the host orchestra for the Niagara International Music Festival.

In 2001, the SSYO added the expertise of Rudolf Sternadel as Director's Assistant and Librarian. Currently the Head of the Child/Parent String Program at the Regina Conservatory of Performing Arts, Rudolf is also a member of the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

Membership in the SSYO is by audition, with the present roster including members from Moose Jaw, Emerald Park, Buena Vista, and Regina. Many SSYO members have gone on to join the Regina Symphony Orchestra, the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, and other professional orchestras across Canada.

EDMONTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Edmonton Youth Orchestra Association, formed in 1952, supports two nationally renowned symphony orchestras: The Intermediate Youth Orchestra, and The Senior Youth Orchestra. Through these two orchestras, the EYO's music program, one of the finest in Canada, provides the highest possible standard of orchestral training and experience to over 150 music students from ages 11 to 24.

The EYO experience has a profound and lasting impact on the lives of EYO "graduates". Some become music teachers, members of professional orchestras, or soloists. All are motivated students sharing a love of music. Our program includes regular weekly rehearsals from September through May, concert performances for each orchestra, weekend workshops, scholarships, and a concerto competition jointly sponsored by the EYO and the Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association. Players for both orchestras are selected by competitive auditions held each May.

MICHAEL MASSEY, CONDUCTOR

Michael Massey has been conductor of the Edmonton Youth Orchestra since 1977. He is a pianist with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and widely respected as a soloist, teacher, and accompanist. He appears as a freelance guest conductor locally and abroad. Michael has also conducted the Philharmonia Orchestra in London, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.

Michael was inducted to the Edmonton Cultural Hall of Fame at the Salute to Excellence Honour Awards ceremony at the Winspear Centre on June 11, 2002 and also received a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal on October 16, 2002 in recognition of his work.

VIOLINI

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Poplar Wang
Madison Godfrey
Jiwoo Jeong
Emi Gusdal
Daniel Park
Nathanial Fair
Ann Marie Bulman
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TRUMPET

Marlouie Saique* Michael Kaiser Anthony Woloszyn

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