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INTIMATE ARTISTRY



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Welcome to Off Centre Music Salon's 18th Season: a year of hearty meals and delightful desserts... *musically!* When we first founded *Off Centre* in 1994, it was to create a holistic musical and artistic experience for our performers and our audience - a chance to play and hear vocal, chamber and solo repertoire in an atmosphere that evokes a 19th century European salon. From our first concerts at Euromusic in Markham to our current venue - CBC's intimate and acoustically superior Glenn Gould Studio - via a few memorable seasons held at Toronto's historic Arts and Letters Club, *Off Centre* has kept its promise to our city's Sunday afternoon concert-goers. That is: to combine music with her sister arts, as was done in the age of Schubert, to programme an innovative blend of traditional repertoire alongside rarely performed musical, poetic, literary and visual gems, and finally, to create a world in which the concert becomes a feast for all five senses. Along the way, we have also managed to form a delightfully "off centre" family of artists and patrons that join us, season after season, for our increasingly adventurous journeys through musical gastronomy.

Our first hearty meal of the season takes us to our beloved Schubert's table - on the menu is the composer's crowning achievement: his last piano Sonata in B flat major, alongside a "few-of-our-favourite-things" selection of *lieder* for dessert. Next is the biggest treat of all - our second American Salon, honouring magical New York City, with legendary Jimmy Roberts (pianist/composer) as our tour-guide. As philosopher Walter Benjamin once said, "Taking food alone tends to make one hard and coarse" - let's avoid such a fate by celebrating fruitful friendships among composers with an all-star cast featuring Russell Braun. As the digestif to end our filling musical year, we celebrate Philanthropists in Music, including *Off Centre's* own generous supporters.

Our guest artists include internationally acclaimed musicians performing alongside rising stars on the Canadian scene. Distinguished Canadian critics, filmmakers and actors from Soulpepper Theatre provide dramatic performances that compliment our musical offerings. Our hosts will offer witty and erudite narratives to introduce each concert and its themes. This year, let us tempt you with our delicious musical offerings - savour a musical experience that will transport you to an era when music was a form of intimate conversation as well as entertainment.

Join us for our 2012-2013 season and become a member of Off Centre Music Salon's extended family!

Inna Perkis and Boris Zarankin



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Sunday, October 14, 2012

18TH ANNUAL SCHUBERTIAD

It is no surprise that the first "hearty meal" of our 18th season should be devoted to our beloved Schubert! Robert Schumann once described Schubert's magical ability to create great works of "heavenly length," and indeed his final piano Sonata (in B flat major) is just that - full of expansion, musical space and breath. Pianist **Boris Zarankin's** interpretation of this sprawling work has been praised for its power to "cause time to slow down and [even...] stand still as his fingers indulge the composer's creative ramblings." To sweeten your palate, for dessert we offer an array of favourite lieder performed by soprano **Allison Angelo** and tenor **Lawrence Wiliford**.

This concert is sponsored by the BMO FINANCIAL GROUP and the IAN IHNATOWYCZ FAMILY FOUNDATION

Sunday November 18, 2012

AMERICAN SALON:

Syncopated City - The Magic of New York

Last season, in an unprecedented twist of fate, we set our sights on sunny Italy and ended up in "The Big Apple": New York, New York. Our inaugural American Salon left us all wanting more - especially more of composer/pianist **Jimmy Roberts!** This year, Jimmy is joined by Met sensation tenor **John Easterlin**, sopranos **Sarah Halmarson** and **Ilana Zarankin**, baritone **Vasil Garvanliev** and violinist **Marie Bérard** in a programme of Sondheim, Gershwin, and Berstein, among others!

This concert is sponsored by ANNA AND LESLIE DAN & KATALIN SCHAFER

Sunday January 27, 2013

GERMAN SALON:

Composers Can Be Friends Too!

A couple of years ago we watched composers face off in our musical heavyweight championships - it was a very exciting match to watch but we thought this year our German Salon ought to be devoted to the more peaceful relationships between our favourite composers. With the help of Canadian superstar baritone **Russell Braun**, Off Centre newcomer mezzo soprano **Rihab Chaieb**, pianists **Carolyn Maule**, **Elina Kelebeev**, **Inna Perkis** and **Boris Zarankin**, we will be delving into the fruitful musical worlds born of the lasting friendships of Schumann and Brahms, Wolf and Mahler, and finally, Haydn and Mozart. Join us... "this could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

This concert is sponsored by ROGER MOORE & CROWE SOBERMAN

Sunday April 28, 2013

CELEBRATING PHILANTHROPISTS IN MUSIC (Part I)

Imagine Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky as nothing more than a lowly harmony teacher. Imagine Ludwig van Beethoven as a gigging pianist struggling to make ends meet. These chilling scenarios would have left the world starved of some of the greatest music we know. For as long as artists have created, philanthropists have stood in the shadows behind them. The list of these complex relationships goes far beyond Tchaikovsky and Mme von Meck and Beethoven and the Lichnowsky family - there is Stravinsky and Diaghilev, Ravel, Poulenc and Mme de Polignac, and many more. Join us as we delve into these fruitful

collaborations and celebrate Off Centre's own generous philanthropists... programme featuring bass baritone **Giles Tomkins**, mezzo soprano **Lara Segal**, violinist **Jacques Israelievitch**, accordionist **Joseph Macerollo** and pianists **Inna Perkis** and **Boris Zarankin**.

This concert is sponsored by JACKIE AND HORATIO KEMENY & TAKETO MURATA

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On the day of the concert, any remaining tickets will go on sale at 1:00 pm. in the lobby of Glenn Gould Studio.



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