

Dear Friends,

As always, this season Syrinx will be presenting Canadian and International artists, performing works by Canadian Composers included within programs of more familiar and standard repertoire. I think you will enjoy this year's programs, and feel proud to support the endeavours of our wonderful musicians. I look forward to seeing you at the concerts!

With warm regards,

Dorothy Glick Artistic Director

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Featured Canadian Composers

December 11, 2016 Talivaldis Kenins (1919 - 2008) Latvian Canadian composer Kenins is the author of many works of chamber music as well as eight symphonies, twelve concertos, three cantatas, an oratorio, choral works and a number of educational pieces. Invested with the Champollion Silver Medal (Grenoble), created Officer of the National Three-Star Order of the Republic of Latvia, named Professor Emeritus by the University of Toronto after 32 years of distinguished teaching, appointed an Honorary Professor by the Music Academy of Latvia,

February 5, 2017 Walter Buczynski (1933-) Buczynski is the winner of countless grants and awards. He was the president of the Canadian League of Composers 1974-5. In 1977 Buczynski decided to curtail his pianistic career because of the demands of teaching and composing. A very prolific composer, Buczynski has been repeatedly commissioned by prominent Canadian artists such as Kubálek, William Aide, Joseph Macerollo, and the Purcell String Quartet, and organizations such as NMC, ARRAYMUSIC, the Montreal International Music Competition, and the CBC.

March 5, 2017 Jacques Héту (1938- 2010) Héту gave priority to poetry, emotion and to coherent discourse; he won the composition prize of the Festival du Québec, the prestigious Prix d'Europe and a Canada Council award. He was awarded many prestigious commissions including those from Montreal Symphony Orchestra and the Winspear Center for Music in Edmonton. In 1990, Pinchas Zukerman invited Jacques Héту to tour with Ottawa's National Arts Centre Orchestra to Germany, Denmark and Great Britain. Héту was made a member of the Royal Society of Canada (1989) and Officer of the Order of Canada (2001).

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April 23, 2017 Srul Irving Glick (1934-2002) Glick is one of Canada's most prominent and prolific composers having written in most major forms including chamber, oratorio, orchestral, vocal and choral. He received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees at the U. of T. and continued his studies with such masters as Darius Milhaud, Louis Saguer and Max Deutsch. Glick joined the CBC in 1962 where he worked as a music producer until 1986. His involvement at the CBC in the field of production, recordings and programming won him seven Grand Prix du Disque and a Juno Award. Glick was choir director and Composer in Residence with Beth Tikvah Synagogue (1969-2002) where he composed the majority of his liturgical music. In 2000, Glick received the Yuval Award, from The Cantor's Assembly of America, for his "lifelong commitment to the composition of music that captures the heart and touches the soul." In 1992, in honour of Canada's 125th Anniversary of Confederation, Mr. Glick received a Governor General's medal "for his contribution to Canadian culture". In 1994, Glick was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada for his "outstanding achievement, service to Canada and to humanity at large"

May 28, 2017 Jean Coulthard (1935- 2000) At various times, Coulthard worked with Aaron Copland, Darius Milhaud, Arnold Schoenberg, and Béla Bartók. Initially her work was dismissed within the male dominated world of classical composition, but she eventually became internationally well-known and connected, and by the end of the century was recognized as one of the most significant female composers. Coulthard was a member of the Order of Canada (1978), holder of honorary doctorates from two universities, and decorated many times in competitions between 1948 and her death in 2000.

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