

Syrinx Concert Series 2015-2016 Season

**Celebrating Canadian
Musicians**

Featured Canadian Composers

December 6, 2015 **Claude Vivier**
(1948- 83) Vivier was adopted at the age of 3 by a poor French-Canadian family. From the age of thirteen, he attended boarding schools run by the Marist Brothers. At the age of eighteen, Vivier was asked to leave the novitiate. His earliest works date from this period. In 1971, following study with Gilles Tremblay, he began a period of three years' study in Europe, first with Gottfried Michael Koenig in Utrecht, and then in Cologne with Karlheinz Stockhausen. In 1974, he returned to Montreal. He was living in Paris when he was murdered in March 1983.

January 10, 2016 **Peter Tiefenbach**
(b.1960) Peter Tiefenbach enjoys a multifaceted career as a performer, composer, and broadcaster. A familiar presence on CBC Radio, Peter is the former host of the Radio Two program The Arts Tonight. Among his commissions are works for violinist Mark Fewer and pianist Jean Marchand, the Elora Festival Singers, trumpeter Stuart Laughton, and the Toronto Children's Chorus. Other projects include a composition for the Saskatoon Children's Chorus (for the World Children's Choir Festival in Hong Kong) and for the Canadian Brass.

February 7, 2016 **Jean Lesage**
(b.1958) Lesage studied at the Montreal Conservatory of Music. His works have been performed in Canada, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, England, Italy and Austria. Very active on the Montreal music scene, Jean Lesage was the head of programming for the Société des Concerts Alternatifs du Québec (SCAQ). He was also the host of the Société Radio-Canada (SRC) radio program Musique actuelle, 1987-1995. Jean Lesage has been teaching composition at McGill University since 1999. He is an Associate Composer of the Canadian Music Centre.

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March 6, 2016 **Ulrich Menzefricke**
(b.1950) Ulrich Menzefricke was born and raised in Gütersloh, Germany. From 1978 until retiring in 2013, he was Professor of Statistics and Operations Management at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. Piano study has always been a very important part of Menzefricke's life. Eventually his passion for music led him to composition. Menzefricke began composing in 2010, and his output in this brief period has been considerable and innovative as he continues to experiment in different modes and styles.

April 3, 2016 **Omar Daniel**
(b.1960) Omar Daniel has composed extensively in solo, chamber, electronic and orchestral idioms, and was the 1997 recipient of the Jules Léger Award for New Chamber Music. Other composition awards include the 2007 K.M. Hunter Arts Award, the SOCAN National Competition for Young Composers and the CBC National Radio Competition for Young Composers. Omar Daniel currently holds the position of Associate Professor at the Department of Music Research and Composition at the University of Western Ontario.

May 1, 2016 **David Myska**
(b.1955) Myska's compositions include electroacoustic works, chamber, vocal, and orchestral music, and documentary film scores. His compositions have been performed in New York's Carnegie Hall, Brooklyn's floating Barge Music, Canada's Museum of Nature in Ottawa, and LA's Walt Disney Hall and Japan America Theater, among other venues. He has received awards, commissions, and honors from the Fromm Music Foundation. The Los Angeles Times reported that "Myska's electronic music creates a collage which is a style and language all its own."

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to another season of chamber music. As always we will be featuring Canadian compositions along with a diverse selection of great 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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Sunday, December 6, 2015 3pm

Peter Longworth, piano
Sheila Jaffe, violin

*Jaffe "widely appreciated for her versatility, skill and openness"
Longworth "one of the most sought after pianists of his generation"*



Mozart
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Sunday, February 7, 2016 3pm

Ilya Poletaev, piano
Axel Strauss, violin

*International award winning musicians, Poletaev is
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Schubert: *Duo for violin and Piano*
Enescu: *Sonata for violin and piano*
Lesage*: *Rhapsodie for violin and piano*
Beethoven: *Sonata for violin and piano*

Sunday, April 3, 2016 3pm

Ensemble Made In Canada:
Angela Park, piano; Sharon Wei, viola
Elissa Lee, violin; Rachel Mercer, cello

"Rapidly gaining recognition as Canada's premier piano quartet..."



Beethoven: *Piano Quartet #2 in D+*
Schumann: *Piano Quartet*
Omar Daniel*: *Piano Quartet*

Sunday, January 10, 2016 3pm

Leo Erice, piano
James Campbell, clarinet
Leslie Fagan, soprano

*Three of Canada's pre-eminent artists ... Erice, Campbell and Fagan
have impressed audiences and critics around the world.*



Schubert: *Shepherd on the Rock*
Schubert: *Sonata for piano in B flat*
Tiefenbach*: *Songs for Children*
Brahms: *Clarinet and piano sonata*

Sunday, March 6, 2016 3pm

Narmina Efendiyeva, piano
Lisa Tahara, piano

*A special concert with 4 hands duets and solo pieces. These young
pianists are establishing themselves as the ones to watch.*



Chopin: *Scherzo #3 C-*
Mendelssohn: *Variations Serieuses*
Dvorak, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Piazzolla, Ullrich Menzefricke*

Sunday, May 1, 2016 3pm

Scott St. John, violin
Solomiya Ivakhiv, violin
Douglas McNabney, viola
Sharon Wei, viola
Tom Wiebe, cello

Five outstanding artists come together for this special performance.



Brahms: *Viola Quintet #1*
Dvorak: *Viola Quintet "The American"*
Myska*: *Viola Quintet*

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