

The
JEFFERY
Concerts

Arthur Rowe
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

*Celebrating the Extraordinary Legacy of Gordon Jeffery
~ 30 Years ~*



2017/2018



Gordon Jeffery

A Tribute to his Musical Legacy

*Welcome to the
30th Anniversary season
of The Jeffery Concerts —
eight captivating concerts,
each showcasing some
of the world’s finest classical
musicians and paying
glowing tribute to
an extraordinary
music-lover and benefactor.
This is truly a season
to remember — join us!*

ARTHUR ROWE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

A lawyer from the founding family of the London Life Insurance Company, Gordon Jeffery was an active organist, conductor, and a passionate collector of exceptional historic instruments and rare musical scores.

An avid student of Baroque and Classical performance practice he enabled past and present Londoners to experience decades of live concerts given by world-renowned artists in his restored former London Town Hall of 1882.

In 1987 provisions in his will continued Mr. Jeffery’s mission to provide chamber music to our community’s cultural life, by his naming a Trust to establish the “Aeolian” (later “Jeffery”) Concerts.

Substantial assistance was later provided for a new concert venue, the Wolf Performance Hall in London’s Public Library.

The Gordon Jeffery Music Foundation strives to continue supporting excellence in live performances and music education in our community. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary legacy!

Celebration

Sunday, October 1 | 2:30 pm

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church 280 St. James Street, London, ON

In addition to practicing law, Gordon Jeffery acquired a deep devotion to the organ.

As a recitalist he performed both in Canada and Europe, organized the London School of Church Music and in collaboration with the master organ builder Gabriel Kney, provided London audiences with an opportunity to experience the nobility of the great European instruments Gordon Jeffery had played and heard.

This privilege will be recalled in a recital on the Gabriel Kney Organ in London's St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church as part of the 30th season of the Jeffery Concerts. Our special guest artists will be presenting a concert of works by J.S. Bach, Purcell, Telemann, Mulet, Messiaen, and Cabena.

Jan Overduin
ORGAN



Barrie Cabena
ORGAN



Shawn Spicer
TRUMPET



Back

Gordon Jeffery introduces baroque music to London



Please stay and mingle at a dessert reception immediately following the concert.

iLoveBaroque

Friday, November 3 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

Short Stories and Voices of Eternity Ensemble Caprice



Five musicians, eight short anecdotes, nine roses, two centuries of wonderful music from five countries by composers like Bach, Vivaldi, Purcell; all creating a program full of drama, tenderness, joy, humour and melancholy.

"The artists' physical involvement and infectious enjoyment, conveyed through rhythms and expression, were what music should always be about." WASHINGTON POST

ensemblecaprice.com

The Strad Sings

Saturday, November 25 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

Andréa Tyniec VIOLIN

Arthur Rowe PIANO



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BEETHOVEN: Violin Sonata No. 9, Op. 47 in A major "Kreutzer"

SCHUMANN: Violin Sonata No. 2, Op. 121 in D minor

Performing on the 'Baumgartner' Stradivarius violin, formerly owned by Gordon Jeffery, Andréa Tyniec, acclaimed for her "exceptional musicality and intensity," (LA PRESSE), has performed as a soloist internationally and across Canada. She will be joined by Arthur Rowe in an evening sure to impress.

"Simply stunning." THE WHOLENOTE

andreatyniec.ca

Love Triangle

Saturday, January 13 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

Gryphon Trio



HAYDN: Piano Trio No. 45 in E-flat major, Hob. XV:29

WIJERATNE: Love Triangle

BEETHOVEN: Piano Trio No. 7 in B-flat major, Op. 97 "Archduke"

Celebrating a milestone 25th anniversary, the Gryphon Trio continues to impress international audiences and press with performances which "bring out the kind of delicacy and sensuous beauty that's often overlooked" (BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE).

gryphontrio.com

Stories from Russia

Friday, February 2 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

Calidore String Quartet

TCHAIKOVSKY: Quartet in D major, Op. 11 "Accordion"

JANÁČEK: String Quartet No. 1 "Kreutzer Sonata"

BEETHOVEN: Quartet in F major, Op. 59, No. 1 "Razumovsky"



The Calidore String Quartet has been described by Gramophone as "the epitome of confidence and finesse," and praised by the Los Angeles Times for its balance of "intellect and expression." Recent successes include the 2017 Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Award and winning the \$100,000 grand prize at the inaugural M-Prize International Chamber Music Competition, the largest prize for chamber music in the world.

calidorestringquartet.com

Flying High

Saturday, March 10 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

Rolston String Quartet

Arthur Rowe

PIANO



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HAYDN: String Quartet in C major, Hob.III:39 "The Bird"

DEBUSSY: String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10

SCHUMANN: Piano Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44

This is your opportunity to hear the first-prize laureates of the 2016 prestigious Banff International String Quartet Competition. The RSQ has become Canada's newest ensemble attracting attention on the international stage.

*"...highly sensitive, delicately transparent.
A musical sound treasure."* SÜDWEST PRESSE

rolstonstringquartet.com

Classical Evolution

Friday, April 20 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

CMS Chamber Music Society
of Lincoln Center

Gilles Vonsattel

PIANO

Tommaso Lonquich

CLARINET

Ida Kavafian & Erin Keefe

VIOLIN

Yura Lee

VIOLA

Nicholas Canellakis

CELLO



MOZART: Trio for Clarinet, Viola, and Piano in E-flat major, KV 498 "Kegelstatt"

WEBER: Quintet for Clarinet and Strings in B-flat major, Op. 34

BRAHMS: Quintet for Piano and Strings in F minor, Op. 34

This sublime program strings together three seminal works from the chamber music repertoire that together provide a snapshot of the evolution of classicism in music.

chambermusicsociety.org

Souvenir de Florence

Friday, May 18 | 8 pm

Wolf Performance Hall

Cecilia String Quartet

Sharon Wei

VIOLA

Thomas Wiebe

CELLO



HAYDN: Quartet in D major, Hob.III:63 "The Lark"

MENDELSSOHN: String Quartet in D major, Op. 44, No. 1

TCHAIKOVSKY: String Sextet in D minor, Op. 70
"Souvenir de Florence"

Hailed for its "powerful" (CHICAGO SUN-TIMES) and "dauntingly perfect" (BERLINER ZEITUNG) performances, the Cecilia String Quartet will once again grace our stage. They will be joined by well-known London-based musicians Sharon Wei and Thomas Wiebe in Tchaikovsky's exhilarating "Souvenir de Florence".

"...the quartet soared and thrilled, filling the hall with the most exquisite sounds." CALGARY HERALD

Join us in a post-concert reception celebrating the conclusion of our 2017-18 season.

ceciliastringquartet.com

A Commitment to Education

In his lifetime Gordon Jeffery was committed to enriching the musical education of students in London, often anonymously assisting promising young musicians. Throughout his life and through his estate, he generously provided deserving students with instruments, performing opportunities, financial help for overseas study and access to his extensive music library.

Further to Gordon Jeffery's philanthropy, three world-famous violins—two by Stradivari, and a third by Guarneri del Gesu—were willed by him to Western University's Don Wright Faculty of Music after being loaned in his lifetime to outstanding young Canadian violinists. His huge library of rare scores, choral, orchestral and organ music may be found at the music faculties of Western, Wilfrid Laurier and Windsor, while two rare 18th-century keyboard instruments, a harpsichord and a famous restored organ, are now regularly enjoyed in Montreal and Quebec City.

Gordon Jeffery's legacy continues through the Gordon Jeffery Music Foundation's support of the London Youth Symphony's mentorship program in which the young players receive regular coaching from senior university students.

Learn more about the LYS and its season at londonyouthsymphony.org.
If you are interested in helping us support this worthwhile fund please contact us at jefferyconcerts@gmail.com.



London Youth Symphony



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Doors open 30 minutes prior to concert time.

Concert locations and start times vary this season –

please take note:

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 2:30 pm

280 St. James Street, London (Oct 1)

Wolf Performance Hall, London Public Library, 8 pm

CitiPlaza, 251 Dundas St. London

(Nov 3, Nov 25, Jan 13, Feb 2, Mar 10, Apr 20, May 18)

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