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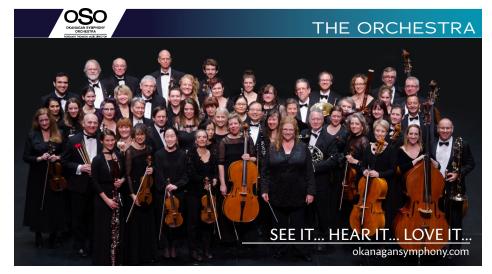
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are the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, the third-largest professional orchestra in BC. We have shared live music experiences with residents and visitors to the Okanagan for over 60 years. Over the last 15 years, through the leadership of Music Director Rosemary Thomson, the OSO has become a highly dedicated, professional ensemble.

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ROSEMARY THOMSON
Music Director / OSYO Co-Conductor

A HIGHLY SKILLED MUSICIAN experienced in conducting a wide variety of repertoire with an innovative audience presentation, Rosemary Thomson is currently in her fifteenth season as Music Director of the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra. Under her leadership, the orchestra has blossomed and OSO audiences have grown to unprecedented levels. She has also led the OSO in creating multiple community engagement programs throughout the valley. In 2020, Rosemary also took on the role of Artistic Director for Opera Kelowna. She often shares her passion for music throughout the valley as a guest host, instructor, and writer in schools, colleges, service clubs and through various media channels.

A graduate of the University of Toronto and the Banff Centre for the Arts, Ms. Thomson came to the Okanagan from the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, where she was Resident Conductor and Chorus Master. For four seasons she was Assistant Conductor to Richard Bradshaw for the Canadian Opera Company. She also served as Conductor in Residence for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, where she was mentored by Maestro Bramwell Tovey. For fourteen seasons she conducted Toronto's new music ensemble Continuum, with whom she toured Canada and Europe and recorded several CDs of music by Canadian composers.

Ms. Thomson has been active as a guest conductor and has led a number of Canadian orchestras including those of Calgary, Edmonton, Kingston, National Arts Centre, Regina, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg. Operatically, she has been on the faculty for Opera Nuova (Edmonton) for



15 seasons and has guest conducted Highlands Opera (Haliburton, Ontario), Opera Garden (Aberdeen, Scotland) and UBC Opera. She also conducted the world premiere of Yvette Nolan and Dean Burry's opera Shanawdithit for Tapestry Opera in Toronto, for which she received a Dora nomination for Music Direction in 2020. Ms. Thomson will make her Vancouver Opera debut in April 2022.

Ms. Thomson serves as a Regional Director for the Canadian Music Centre and is on the National Advocacy team for Orchestras Canada. Her work has been recognized with the Honour in the Arts Award through the Kelowna Civic and Community recognition program as well as the Okanagan Arts Awards in the Music category. In 2021 she received the Provincial Community Spirit award through the BC Spirit Foundation. Through her work with Opera Kelowna, Rosemary has recently been named as one of two national mentors for the Women in Musical Leadership initiative, a new program run by Tapestry Opera, Pacific Opera Victoria and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Ms. Thomson is the subject of a new documentary film titled Shiny Objects: The Conductor with ADHD, which is currently being shown at film festivals around the world.

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GUEST ARTISTS



"Some PEOPLE CRAVE BASEBALL... I find this unfathomable, but I can easily understand why a person could get excited about playing the bassoon." — Frank Zappa

Karmen Doucette found the bassoon at age 14 — though it would be more accurate to say that the bassoon found her. Having studied piano from a young age, when Karmen entered junior high, it was a natural progression for her to join the school band. She chose the flute, assuming that it would catapult her to the school's social elite ranks. (Spoiler alert: it didn't!) At the end of her second year in band, when a new bassoon arrived in the school band program, Karmen jumped at the chance to switch and never looked back.

Since completing a music degree at the University of British Columbia and the Artist



Diploma program at the Vancouver Academy, Lauris Davis has been freelancing throughout BC. Lauris has performed with the Modern Baroque Opera Company, the Canada West Chamber Orchestra, the Vancouver Island Symphony, the West Coast Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Chamber Players, the Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra, the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra, the Plastic Acid Orchestra, the Erato Ensemble, the Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the goddesses (Vancouver performances), Video Games Live Orchestra (Vancouver performance), and the Kitchen Sink Pocket Orchestra. She is currently in her tenth season as Principal Oboe with the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra.

Pursuing music in university, Karmen stayed in Calgary to complete her undergraduate degree and then moved to Texas to do her M.Mus. at Baylor University. She returned to Canada for two back-to-back residencies at the Banff Centre before moving to Toronto, where she further honed her orchestral and chamber music skills at the Glenn Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music. In 2005, she returned to Calgary where she was an active freelance orchestral and chamber musician for many years.

Karmen has performed with Calgary Philharmonic, Kamloops Symphony, Calgary Opera, Opera Kelowna, Waco Symphony, Lyric Opera of Waco, Sudbury Symphony, and Red Deer Symphony. In 2010, she was invited to fill in as principal bassoon with the Okanagan Symphony, a position which she won in 2011. Karmen has since relocated to the Okanagan and has built a home and community that she holds very dear. She continues to explore chamber and solo opportunities, in addition to teaching a new generation of up-and-coming young bassoonists.

Audrey Patterson began playing the trumpet at the age of 8. Spending



years studying in Lethbridge, Calgary, Windsor, Detroit, and Vancouver allowed her opportunities to perform with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, National Youth Orchestra of Canada, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Opera Orchestra, as well as the Windsor, Lethbridge, Prince George and Kamloops symphonies. Music has allowed her to perform throughout Canada, The Netherlands, Japan, and Hong Kong.

Audrey was 24 when she won the Principal Trumpet position with the OSO and is currently in her 20th season.

Her passion for performing is matched only by her love of hockey, and her 6-year-old son, Braxton.



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Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Soirées musicales, Op. 9 (after Rossini)

- i. March
- ii. Canzonetta
- iii. Tirolese
- iv. Bolero
- v. Tarantella

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Quiet City

Aura Pon * (b. 1981)

Romp & Repose

- i. Energetically
- ii. Leisurely, with relish

INTERMISSION

Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936)

Trittico Botticelliano

- i. La Primavera (Spring)
- ii. L'Adorazione dei Magi (The Adoration of the Magi)
- iii. La Nascita di Venere (The Birth of Venus)

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

Tombeau de Couperin

- i. Prélude
- ii. Forlane
- iii. Menuet
- iv. Rigaudon

Canadian composer or arranger

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Soirées musicales, Op. 9

Benjamin Britten (Lord Britten of Aldeburgh) b. Lowestoft, England / November 22, 1913;

d. Aldeburgh, England / December 4, 1976

THE COMPOSITIONS BY Britten, Respighi and Ravel that you will hear at this concert all reflect their creators' interest in older music.

Britten began writing music for the General Post Office film unit in 1935. One of his first assignments bore the inspiring title Banking for the Millions. He was instructed to score it in "14 small sections about 8–20 seconds each," based on Rossini piano pieces. Once he had hunted down the little-known compositions in music shops, he produced his arrangements (for chamber ensemble and boys choir) in ten days. The following year he selected five of them and re-scored them for full orchestra under the title Soirées musicales (Musical Evenings). The suite was premièred on a BBC broadcast in January 1937.

Many of Rossini's originals are sly parodies of clichéd musical forms. Britten shared this skill, as shown in such works as the Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge and the Simple Symphony. In Soirées musicales, he sharpens Rossini's jibes to an even finer point through his witty adaptations and scoring. The suite opens with a brisk, cheeky March, based on the Soldiers' Dance from the opera William Tell. Next comes a sweet, mock-sentimental Canzonetta, then a Tirolese that gleefully sends up Alpine folk dances, complete with yodelling. Bolero is a sultry, low-key Spanish number, spangled with castanets. The suite concludes with a galloping, boisterous Tarantella. Britten composed a second Rossini suite, Matinées musicales, in 1941.

Quiet City

Aaron Copland

b. Brooklyn, New York, USA / November 14, 1900; d. Peekskill, New York, USA / December 2, 1990

COPLAND'S WORKS MAY be divided into two main categories. The first and more popular uses or evokes American folk music. Prime examples are the ballets Appalachian Spring, Billy the Kid, and Rodeo, and the score for the 1949 film "The Red Pony." His more cosmo-

politan side is represented by his symphonies, chamber music and such orchestral works as *Connotations and Inscape.*

Quiet City (1940) belongs to this latter side. It is a concert version of incidental music that he composed for a stage play by Irwin Shaw. It expressed the characters' fear and restlessness. Gabriel Mellon, a half-Jewish middle-aged businessman, has renounced his faith, changed his name and married a rich socialite. His alter-ego, his high-strung brother David Melinkoff, awakens Gabriel's social and religious conscience and artistic aspirations through his trumpet playing. Although Gabriel turns against his better self at the end, the music rings out with a promise of hope. Copland scored this evocative suite for trumpet, English horn and string orchestra.

Romp and Repose

Aura Pon

b. Calgary, Alberta / February 15, 1981

AURA PON IS AN OBOIST, composer, and music technology researcher based in Calgary. She holds a PhD in Music with a specialization in Computational Media Design from the University of Calgary with a thesis entitled "Designing for the Mindbody in Technology-Mediated Music-Making." She operates a Deep Listening practice certified by the Centre for Deep Listening and conducts practitioner-research with her listening think tank Sintonia Studio. Her compositions, which include instrumental chamber music, electroacoustic music, and intermedia, have been performed in Canada, United States, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Russia, and Japan by artists such as Quartetto Gelato, Rubbing Stone Ensemble, Kensington Sinfonia, Blythwood Winds, Vox Tactum, Colin Maier, Michael Hope, and Marco Fusi. Her music appears on two commercial recordings by Canadian oboe soloist Colin Maier. When not musicking, she enjoys serving as a Naval Reserve Officer, homeschooling her two young sons, camping, and paddleboarding.

The composer has provided the following note: "Romp and Repose was composed in 2010-2011 for its première by bassoonist Kelly Wood

PROGRAM NOTES



and the Symphony of the Kootenays in February 2011 in Cranbrook, BC. The music showcases the lyrical voice of the bassoon, with a sprinkling of jazz and blues idioms in acknowledgment of Kelly's diverse background as a iazz saxophonist and classical bassoonist. It is dedicated to Kelly's cat Sam and the composer's cat Zippurr who passed away during the project, and while it would be oversimplifying to say the music became about the once frisky feline friends, the composer did take some inspiration from the quirky capricious essence of kitty spirit as an homage to them. Hence the two contrasting energies, which cats master so well, denoted by the title, Romp and Repose. It was subsequently performed by other bassoonists, including Michael Hope with the Kensington Sinfonia and Jonathan Gresl with the CalArts Orchestra."

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Trittico Botticelliano

Ottorino Respighi

b. Bologna, Italy / July 9, 1879;

d. Rome, Italy / April 18, 1936

RESPIGHI MADE HIS MARK as a concert composer, more successfully than any of his fellow Italians. Studies with Russian master Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov assisted in the development of a colourful and atmospheric style, one mingling Romanticism and Impressionism.

He regularly dipped into volumes of old works and produced charming arrangements of what he found there. In the *Trittico Botticelliano* (Botticelli Triptych, 1927) he adopted a similarly "antique" style, but most of the themes are original.

It offers vivid reactions to paintings by Sandro Botticelli (1445–1510), one of the finest Italian artists of the Renaissance. Spring, the first piece, is a joyous, dancing celebration of the season. During the serene meditation of

The Adoration of the Magi, Respighi quoted the medieval Christmas hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. The Birth of Venus portrays the goddess of love, standing on a shell as she rises daintily yet majestically from the sea.

In 1928, Respighi undertook his second concert tour of America. On an astonishing evening in New York, he performed as soloist in the première of his *Toccata* for piano and orchestra with the Philharmonic, then took the subway to the Metropolitan Opera in time to take his bows following the second act of his opera *The Sunken Bell*. The opera performance received 53 curtain calls!

Le Tombeau de Couperin

Maurice Ravel

b. Ciboure, France / March 7, 1875;

d. Paris, France / December 28, 1937

LIKE MANY COMPOSERS of his generation, such as Igor Stravinsky and Ottorino Respighi, Ravel felt a genuine connection with the music of the past. His favourite earlier style was the elegant, refined approach adopted by his fellow Frenchmen during a particularly glorious period in the country's music: the eighteenth century.

This delectable suite is his most direct act of homage to that Baroque era. The very name reflects Baroque practice: numerous composers of that time created such tombeaux or memorial tributes to fellow artists. In the title, Ravel chose to honor the celebrated composer and virtuoso harpsichordist François Couperin (1668-1733), who had himself created tombeaux for Jean-Baptiste Lully and Arcangelo Corelli. Ravel, however, stated that he conceived the suite as a salute to the entire period, rather than to any specific figure. It contains a further, contemporary element of tribute: each movement bears a dedication to a friend who died in the "Great War." He began the original version for piano in 1914, set it aside when the war began, and completed it in 1917. When he transcribed the suite for orchestra in 1919, he deleted two movements and altered the sequence of the remaining ones.

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