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Summer Music in the Garden celebrates 20 years of free concerts

June 27–September 15

TORONTO, ON (June 20, 2019) – Harbourfront Centre is delighted to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the scenic Toronto Music Garden, originally conceived by internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. This year’s exciting **Summer Music in the Garden** concert series features 18 free concerts of classical, traditional and world music including a performance of the piece that inspired the garden: Bach’s *G-Major Suite for solo cello*.

From June 27th to September 15th on Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 4pm, Torontonians can enjoy summer by the lake with live music at this magical setting.

Summer Music in the Garden Highlights:

- June 27, 7pm: The season opens with **The Madawaska Quartet** performing Haydn’s meditative *Quartet in F minor, Op. 20 No. 5*, and Shostakovich’s powerful tribute to the victims of conflict, the *String Quartet No. 3 in F Major*.
- June 30, 4pm: Montreal’s renowned **Les Voix humaines viol quartet** presents their delightful new take on Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons*, interspersed with some seasonal favourites.
- July 11, 7pm: **Tamar Ilana** and her trans-Mediterranean ensemble **Ventanas** present vibrant interpretations of ancient Mediterranean music, along with original compositions that reflect the ever-growing multiculturalism of our city.
- July 18, 7pm: Rising stars **Andréa Tyniec** (violin) and **Stéphane Tétreault** (cello) perform Zoltán Kodály’s *Duo for violin and cello, op. 7* (1914); Maurice Ravel’s *Sonate pour violon et violoncelle* (1922), and Reinhold Glière’s *Berceuse, Op. 39 no. 3* (1909).
- August 25, 4pm: Juno-nominated cellist **Elinor Frey** and baroque cello legend **Phoebe Carrai** present delightful duos by 18th-century composers and share a performance of Bach’s *Suite no. 1 in G Major for solo cello* – the Music Garden’s “theme song.”
- September 8, 4pm: Award-winning percussionist **Aiyun Huang** and critically-acclaimed violinist **Mark Fewer**’s wide-ranging program features instruments that are hit, pulled and pushed, including world premieres by composers **Michael Oesterle** and **John Hollenbeck**. Fewer will perform J.S. Bach’s famous *Chaconne* for solo violin; Huang takes a solo turn with Javier Alvarez’s *Temazcal* for two maracas and pre-recorded tape.
- **Garden Tours**: Learn about the garden’s fascinating history and design every Wednesday at 11am and Thursdays at 5:30pm prior to the 7pm concert.

Summer Music in the Garden is presented by TD Bank Group and made possible through the generosity of the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Economic Development and Culture Divisions, and a number of generous individual supporters led by our Chief Cheerleader Jim Fleck.

For more information about *Summer Music in the Garden* and full schedule of events, please visit harbourfrontcentre.com/summermusic or call 416-973-4000. For information about getting here, please visit harbourfrontcentre.com/gettinghere.

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ABOUT TORONTO MUSIC GARDEN

Conceived by internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and designed by Boston-based landscape architect Julie Moir Messervy, the Toronto Music Garden is a unique and inspired marriage of music and landscape. Each of its six sections – Prelude, Allemande, Courante, Sarabande, Menuett and Gigue – reflects the corresponding movement of J.S. Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G Major for unaccompanied cello* through flora and design. Since its opening in 1999, it has become a much-loved jewel of the City of Toronto's parks system.

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