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## *TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL*

*Two Weeks until the Opening!*

The fourth annual **Toronto Summer Music Festival (TSMF)** is almost upon us and tickets are going fast! The opening night, featuring Grammy and Juno Award-winning violinist **James Ehnes** and Leeds International Competition winner, pianist **Jon Kimura Parker**, together for the first time, at the historic and spectacularly refurbished Carlu Concert Hall on **July 21**, is sure to be one of the highlights.

Only two nights later, on **July 23**, the legendary pianist **Menahem Pressler** will bring some of his frequent collaborators to Toronto again, after their extraordinary concert at the Festival last year. Pressler will be joined by **Alexander Kerr**, former concertmaster of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, **Lawrence Dutton**, violist of the Emerson String Quartet, and **Paul Watkins**, cellist with London's Nash Ensemble. They will perform two remarkable Piano Quartets in E Flat Major – one by Mozart and the other by Dvorák. Among countless achievements and awards, Pressler, who is a founding member of the *Beaux Arts Trio*, was recently awarded the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from The Edison Foundation. The Edison Award is the oldest and most prestigious music award in the Netherlands. The evening will be preceded by a pre-concert lecture by Dr. Marcia Beach titled "Chamber Music and the Art of Musical Conversation".

On Saturday, **July 25**, the great Japanese cellist **Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi** will appear in Toronto with friends **Yasuko Ohtani**, concertmaster of the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, and violist **Yoshiko Kawamoto**, formerly of the Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony. Together, they will perform Schubert's String Trio in B Flat Major, Martinu's String Trio No. 2, and Mozart's Divertimento in E Flat Major, K. 563. Tsutsumi, who made his debut as a cellist when he was only 12 years old with the Tokyo Philharmonic, is one of the founding members of Quartet Canada. Dr. Robin Elliott will give a pre-concert lecture titled "The Best Things in Life are Three".

Pre-eminent Canadian duo pianists (James) **Anagnoson & (Leslie) Kinton**, who recently sold out a concert at The Royal Conservatory, will perform with the Festival on Tuesday, **July 28**. The programme will include Lutoslawski's Variations on a Theme of Paganini, Stravinsky's *Petrouchka*, Martinu's Three Czech Dances, and the only work Mozart wrote for two pianos – Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major, K. 448. Pre-concert lecturer for this evening will be the popular former CBC personality Keith Horner.

**Leipzig String Quartet** will make their annual pilgrimage to the **TSM** on Thursday, **July 30**, this time with the renowned clarinetist **Karl Leister**, the former principal clarinetist of the Berlin Philharmonic. Together they will perform Brahms' supremely beautiful and melancholic Clarinet Quintet in B Minor. The rest of the programme will be comprised of Haydn's Quartet in B Flat Major and Mendelssohn's Quartet in F Minor. "The Mendelssohn Legacy: Bicentennial Reflections" pre-concert lecture will be delivered by Dr. Robin Elliot.

The **Penderecki String Quartet**, one of Canada's most illustrious ensembles, will present the last July concert of the Festival on Friday, **July 31**. In this special concert the Quartet will perform visionary works from the **Toronto Summer Music** workshop for composers. Prominent Juno Award-winning composer **Christos Hatzis**, who is serving as the workshop mentor, will also deliver the pre-concert lecture titled "Music in a Time of Strife".

More extraordinary concerts are coming up in August, including **Anton Kuerti**, **Ian Swensen** and **Mayumi Seiler**, **Cecilia** and **Tokai String Quartets**, **Patrick Gallois** and **Cecilia Löfstrand**, **Gryphon Trio** and **Monica Whicher**, and **Opera Extravaganza!**

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July 21 – August 13, 2009

**James Ehnes & Jon Kimura Parker:** Tuesday, July 21 at 8pm \*

**Pressler & Friends:** Thursday, July 23 at 8pm \*\*

**Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi & Friends:** Saturday, July 25 at 8pm \*\*

**Anagnoson & Kinton:** Tuesday, July 28 at 8pm \*

**Leipzig String Quartet with Karl Leister:** Thursday, July 30 at 8pm \*\*\*

**Penderecki String Quartet:** Friday, July 31 at 8pm \*\*

**Anton Kuerti:** Saturday, August 1 at 8pm \*\*\*

**Swensen & Seiler:** Tuesday, August 4 at 8pm \*

**Cecilia String Quartet & Tokai String Quartet:** Thursday, August 6 at 8pm \*\*

**Gallois & Löffstrand:** Saturday, August 8 at 8pm \*\*

**Gryphon Trio with Monica Whicher:** Tuesday, August 11 at 8pm \*\*

**Opera Extravaganza:** Thursday, August 13 at 7:30pm \*\*\*

Festival passes (\$120 - \$300) and single tickets (\$20 - \$75) are available online [www.torontosummertime.com](http://www.torontosummertime.com) or by calling 416.597.7840

**Pre-concert lectures are free** and take place at 6:45 pm the night of the concert in Room 330, Edward Johnson Building

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