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**Fourth Annual
TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL
Highlights include opening night concert featuring
James Ehnes and Jon Kimura Parker**

For the second consecutive year the popular **Toronto Summer Music Festival** will open at the historic and spectacularly refurbished Carlu Concert Hall. On Tuesday, **July 21**, two extraordinary Canadian artists will appear together for the first time - Grammy and Juno Award-winning violinist **James Ehnes** and Leeds International Competition winner, pianist **Jon Kimura Parker**. The duo will perform Mozart's Sonata in G, Prokofiev's Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Kernis's Air, and Ravel's Sonata for Violin and Piano.

The rest of the festival will be as stellar as this very special opening. Imaginative Artistic Director **Agnes Grossmann** has once again planned her festival around a central theme. This year's theme, **Eternal Stars**, will reflect shining star artists as well as three star composers whose anniversaries are being celebrated this year - Joseph Haydn, Felix Mendelssohn and Bohuslav Martinu.

Festival favourites, such as legendary pianists **Menahem Pressler** and **Anton Kuerti**, violinist **Mayumi Seiler**, the **Gryphon Trio**, and the **Leipzig String Quartet**, return to Toronto again this year. They will be joined by other chamber music greats - popular Canadian duo pianists **James Anagnoson** and **Leslie Kinton**, French star flutist **Patrick Gallois** and Swedish pianist **Cecilia Lofstrand**, cellist **Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi** with violinist **Yasuko Ohtani** and violist **Yoshiko Kawamoto**, clarinetist **Karl Leister**, soprano **Monica Whicher**, and **Penderecki String Quartet**, **Cecilia String Quartet**, and **Tokai String Quartet**.

The **Festival** will close with **Opera Extravaganza** on Thursday, **August 13**, featuring some of the star alumni of the **TSM** Opera Studio, accompanied by the National Academy Orchestra, and conducted by Maestra **Agnes Grossmann**.

TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

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 & Lofstrand: Saturday, August 8 at 8pm **
Gryphon Trio with Monica Whicher: Tuesday, August 11 at 8pm **
Opera Extravaganza: Thursday, August 13 at 7:30pm ***



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Festival passes (\$120 - \$300) and single tickets (\$20 - \$75) are available online
www.torontosummermusic.com or by calling 416.597.7840

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