

# nso

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**bradley  
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director

2021 | 2022 concert season

2021-22

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# *now then... where were we?*

Welcome to the 2021/22 season of the Niagara Symphony Orchestra! We have missed you greatly, and it is with incredible excitement that we can finally return to the concert hall for a new year of varied programming, spectacular guest artists, and passionate performances by your orchestra. Canadian talent takes centre stage in all our series, featuring contemporary classical works by Canadian composers Kevin Lau and Roydon Tse, whom you have embraced, and new composers Kelly-Marie Murphy and Dinuk Wijeratne, whom we know you will come to love. Legendary Canadian guest artists such as cellist Joseph Johnson, violinist Mark Fewer, and vocalists Sarah Slean and Steven Page each lend their unique voices to Masterworks, POPS!, and Rock programmes.

Our concert offerings this season have diversified to accommodate the musical tastes of our ever-expanding region. We are thrilled to not only welcome back our loyal patrons, but also invite new audiences to experience this wonderful orchestra live in the stunning acoustics of FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre's Partridge Hall. In addition to our Masterworks and POPS! concerts we are delighted to introduce a new Rock Series which pairs the music of iconic rock 'n roll bands with the grandeur of the full symphony orchestra for an unforgettable concert experience.

Our commitment to partnering with other organizations in the area remains strong, and we are proud to feature the Laura Secord Secondary School Choir in our holiday celebration, and Chorus Niagara joins us in a powerful Ode to Joy to close the season. I look forward to seeing you all in the concert hall once again, so please join me as I invite you to share your love of the NSO! Please enjoy a new year of music-making at its finest.

*Brad*

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## nso musicians

### FLUTE

Doug Miller **P**  
Patricia Dydnansky

### PICCOLO

Julia Morley

### OBOE

Graham Mackenzie **P**  
Karen Ages

### CLARINET

Zoltan Kalman **P**

### BASSOON

Nicolas Richard **P**  
Cathi MacDonnell

### FRENCH HORN

Austin Hitchcock **P**  
Janice Fralick  
Iris Krizmanic  
Curtis Vander Hyden

### TRUMPET

Ira Zingraff **P**  
Brian Roberts

### TROMBONE

Steve Fralick **P**  
Dave Sisler

### BASS TROMBONE

James Zimmermann

### TUBA

Brent Adams **P**

### HARP

Deborah Braun **P**

### PERCUSSION

Laura Thomas **P**  
Mike Phelan  
Julian Jeun

### VIOLIN 1

Valerie Sylvester **P**  
*Concertmaster*  
Xiaoling Li  
*Associate Concertmaster*  
Dianne Humann  
Jihye Kee  
Gail Poulsen  
Michael van Dongen  
Natalie Wong

### VIOLIN 2

Charlene Nagel **P**  
Vera Alekseeva  
David Braun  
Mary Beth Doherty  
Erika Janzen  
Charna Matsushige  
Jadwiga Pomorski  
Orsolya Szalados

### VIOLA

Marlene Dankiw-Bath **P**  
Caitlin Boyle  
Liam Calhoun  
Sarah de Niverville  
Pierre Gagnon  
Andrée Simard

### CELLO

Gordon Cleland **P**  
Sonya Nanos Hodgson  
Mark Russom

### BASS

Brian Baty **P**  
Neal Evans  
Fil Stasiak



**P** denotes Principal



## MASTERWORKS 1

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

# all Tchaikovsky

Bradley Thachuk, conductor  
David Fung, piano

Tchaikovsky *Piano Concerto No. 1*

Tchaikovsky *Romeo & Juliet*

Tchaikovsky *1812 Overture*

The boom of war cannons and the tragedy of forbidden love - Tchaikovsky captures the passion and pain of history in his beloved scores. Superstar pianist David Fung lends his unique voice to Tchaikovsky's first piano concerto as the NSO embraces the spirit of 19th century Russian music.

## MASTERWORKS 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

# invisible cities



Bradley Thachuk, conductor  
TorQ Percussion Quartet, percussion

Glinka

*Ruslan and Lyudmila: Overture*

Dinuk Wijeratne

*Invisible Cities* **WORLD PREMIERE-ORCHESTRA VERSION**  
Concerto for Percussion Quartet and Orchestra

Rimsky-Korsakov

*Scheherazade*

Folk tales, legends, and imaginary travelogues are brought to life through a kaleidoscope of bright colours and unforgettable melodies. The NSO features TorQ Percussion Quartet in the premiere of Canadian composer Dinuk Wijeratne's newly orchestrated *Invisible Cities*. Glinka's *Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* will transport audiences on epic journeys through faraway lands.

### MASTERWORKS 3

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022  
PARTRIDGE HALL

2:30PM

# enigma variations

Bradley Thachuk, conductor  
Joseph Johnson, cello

Kelly-Marie Murphy *Murmuration*

Shostakovich *Cello Concerto No. 1*

Elgar *Enigma Variations*  
**AUDIENCE CHOICE**

As voted by you! The NSO presents the winner of our "Name Your Tune!" contest – Elgar's immortal tribute to his friends, the *Enigma Variations*. TSO principal cellist, Joseph Johnson, makes his NSO debut with Shostakovich's frenzied and virtuosic first cello concerto, and the NSO swirls and surges in Canadian composer Kelly-Marie Murphy's evocative *Murmuration*.



### MASTERWORKS 4

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022  
PARTRIDGE HALL

2:30PM

# fewer plays vivaldi

Bradley Thachuk, conductor  
Mark Fewer, leader & violin

Vivaldi *The Four Seasons*

Kevin Lau *Le Petit Prince:  
Concert Suite No. 2*  
**WORLD PREMIERE**

Respighi *The Pines of Rome*

Canadian violinist Mark Fewer leads the NSO strings in Vivaldi's beloved depiction of pastoral Italy through the calm and fury of the passing seasons. The journey continues as the full orchestra takes the stage for Respighi's tribute to Rome's iconic towering pines. The world premiere of Kevin Lau's *Concert Suite No. 2* from his ballet, *Le Petit Prince*, offers a tantalizing taste of the timeless French fable.







## POPS! 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021 7:30PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

# holiday favourites

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*

*Kaylee Harwood, vocalist*

*Sayer Roberts, vocalist*

*Laura Secord S.S. Choir,*

*Katryna Sacco, Director*

Celebrate the holidays with the familiar sounds of the most enchanting season! The NSO's festive concert tradition returns with holly and mistletoe, sweet sugar plums, and vocalists Kaylee Harwood and Sayer Roberts. Regardless of where you're from, come home for the holidays with the NSO!

## MASTERWORKS 5

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

2:30PM

PARTRIDGE HALL

# beethoven's ninth

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*

*Marie-Josée Lord, soprano*

*Stephanie Tritchew, mezzo-soprano*

*Matthew Dalen, tenor*

*Christopher Dunham, baritone*

*Chorus Niagara, Robert Cooper,  
artistic director*

Roydon Tse

*Vicious Cycle*

Wagner

*Tristan und Isolde: Prelude and "Liebestod"*

Beethoven

*Symphony No.9, "Choral"*

The NSO concludes the 2021/2022 season with Beethoven's 9th Symphony: a triumphant response to the challenging times at hand. This transcendent work captures the passion and spirit of humanity as the NSO welcomes Chorus Niagara and soloists Marie-Josée Lord, Stephanie Tritchew, Matthew Dalen, and Christopher Dunham for an *Ode to Joy*!





## POPS! 2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 7:30PM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

# sarah sings joni mitchell

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Sarah Slean, vocalist*

Joni Mitchell's iconic blend of blues, rock, and jazz has made her one of Canada's most beloved folk musicians. Songstress Sarah Slean makes a welcome return, bringing her unique take on the very best of Joni's songbook, layering familiar gems with her own perspective and superlative voice.



## POPS! 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 7:30PM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 2:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL



# Brass Transit the music of chicago

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Brass Transit*

Chicago's signature blend of horns and classic 70's rock launched them up the charts and into the hearts of music lovers everywhere. Legendary Chicago tribute band, Brass Transit, embody the legacy of one of the most influential bands of all time as they join the NSO to present an exciting concert filled with favourites like: *Saturday In The Park*, *25 or 6 To 4*, and *You're The Inspiration*.

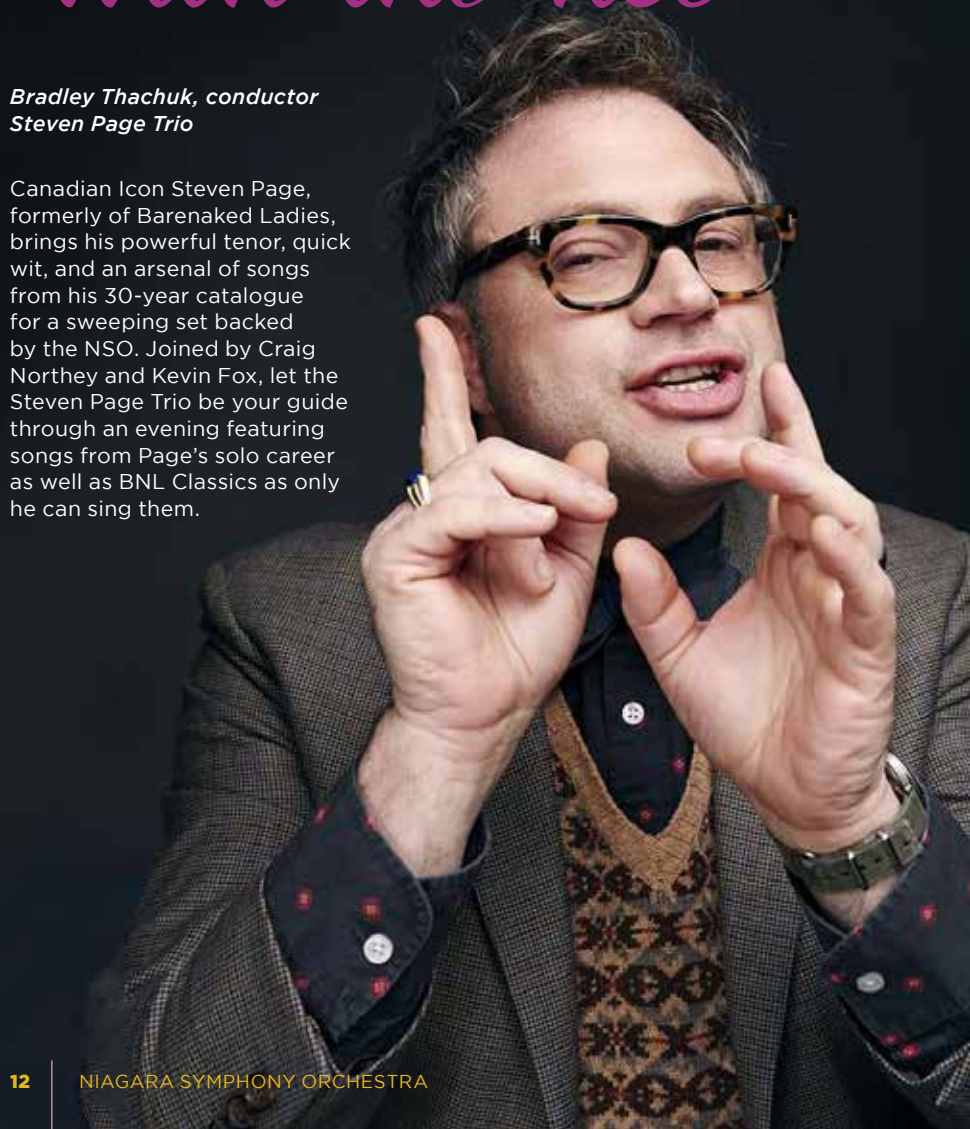
## ROCK 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021 7:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

# steven page with the nso

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Steven Page Trio*

Canadian Icon Steven Page, formerly of Barenaked Ladies, brings his powerful tenor, quick wit, and an arsenal of songs from his 30-year catalogue for a sweeping set backed by the NSO. Joined by Craig Northey and Kevin Fox, let the Steven Page Trio be your guide through an evening featuring songs from Page's solo career as well as BNL Classics as only he can sing them.



## ROCK 2

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 7:30PM  
PARTRIDGE HALL

# deep purple rising

A SYMPHONIC TRIBUTE TO  
THE LEGACY OF DEEP PURPLE

*Bradley Thachuk, conductor*  
*Joe Retta, vocalist*

From *Hush* and *Smoke on the Water* to Whitesnake's *Here I Go Again*, Deep Purple and the bands formed from its former members have delivered music fans some of their most beloved hits and anthems. Legendary rock vocalist Joe Retta (Trans-Siberian Orchestra, The Sweet, Dio Disciples, Heaven & Earth) fronts a full band and symphony orchestra presenting your favourites from Deep Purple, Whitesnake and Rainbow in a way you've never heard them before.





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## dates to remember

*Aug 18, 2021*

### SEASON TICKET RENEWALS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Season tickets will be available online with best available seating or over the phone with select seating. Due to capacity restrictions at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, some seating options may not be available.

*Aug 26, 2021*

### NEW SEASON TICKET PACKAGES AND SINGLE TICKETS

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Please use the City of St. Catharines multi-level, covered Garden Park/Carlisle parking garage as the primary parking facility for all NSO concerts. For pickup and drop off only, please use the accessible drop off point located on Carlisle Street.

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**\*NOTE:** For Pops! concerts with more than one time, please indicate your desired performance e.g. P1 Sat eve, P2 Sun mat

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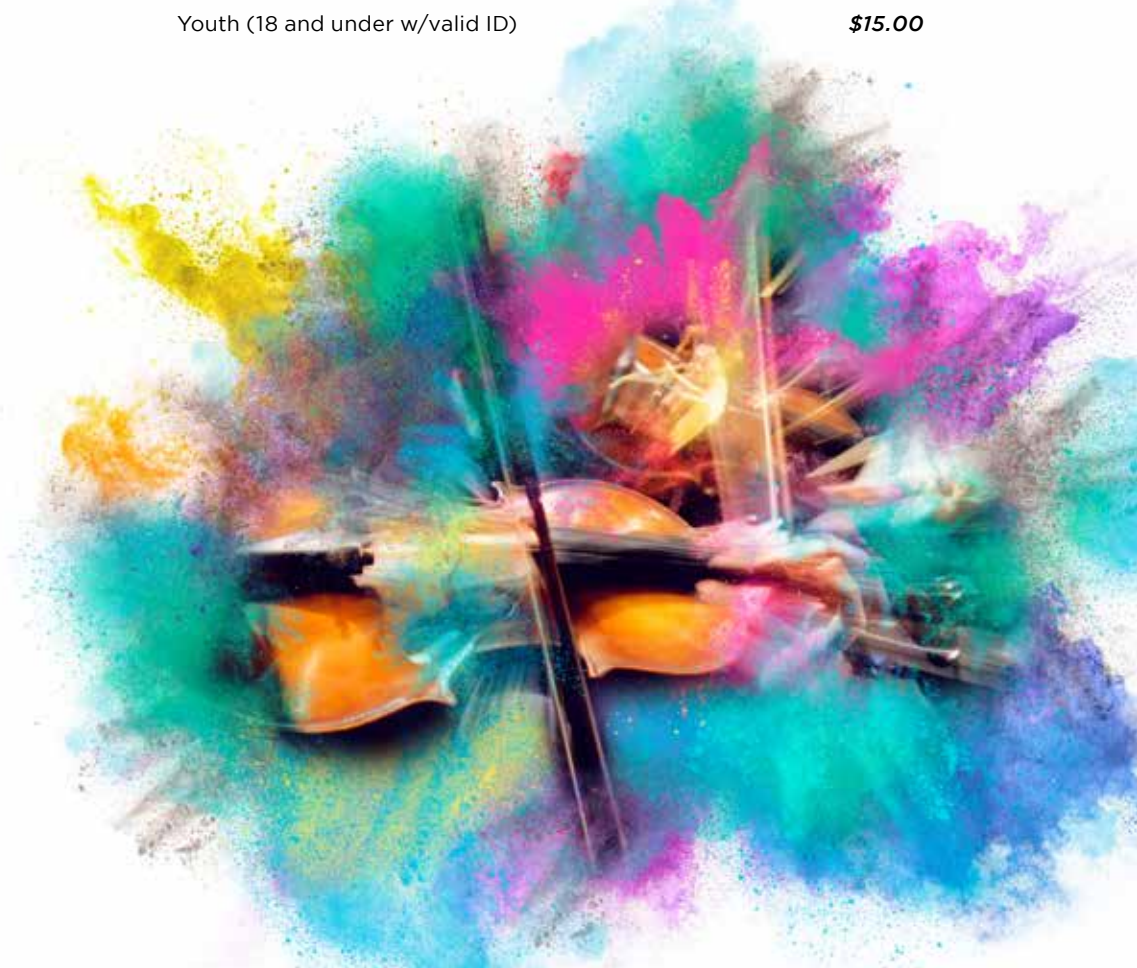
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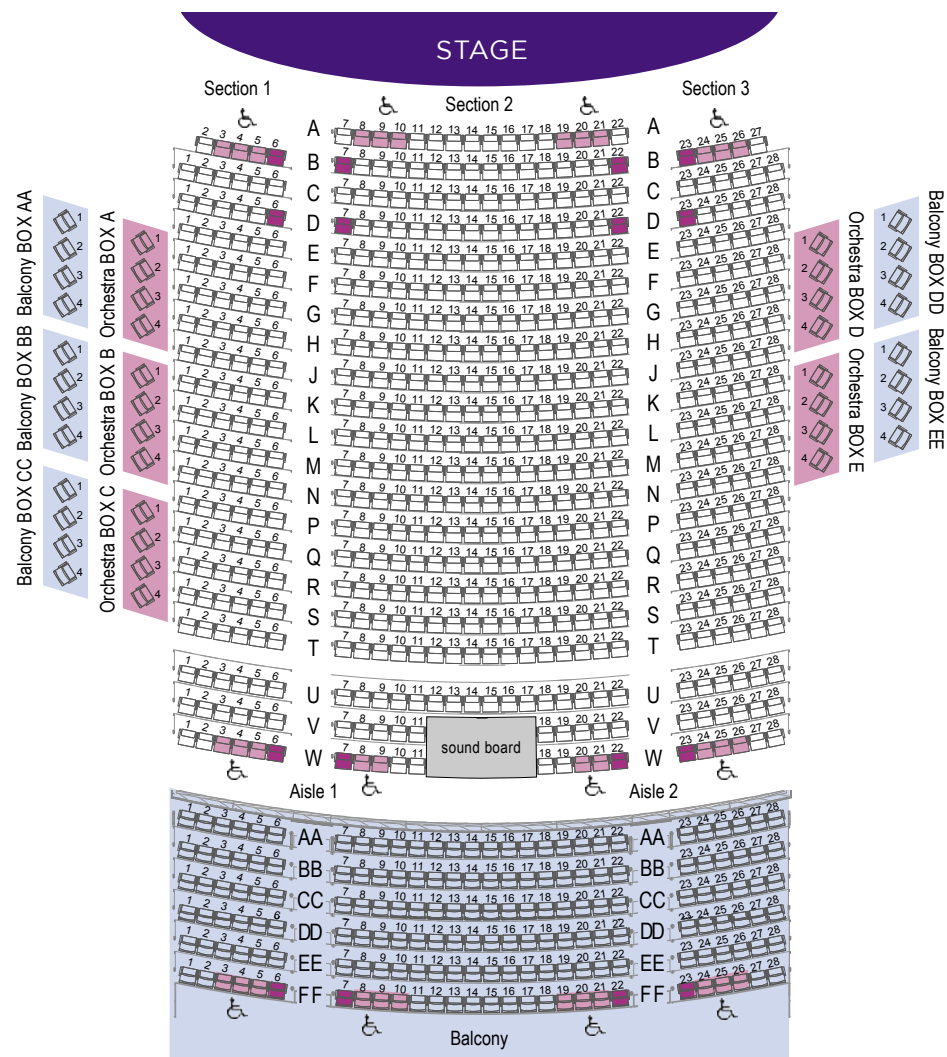
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## 2021-2022 *season at a glance*

### *masterworks series*

M1	ALL TCHAIKOVSKY	Sunday, November 28, 2021, 2:30PM
M2	INVISIBLE CITIES	Sunday, January 16, 2022, 2:30PM
M3	ENIGMA VARIATIONS	Sunday, March 20, 2022, 2:30PM
M4	FEWER PLAYS VIVALDI	Sunday, May 1, 2022, 2:30PM
M5	BEETHOVEN'S NINTH	Sunday, June 19, 2022, 2:30PM

### *pops! series*

P1	HOLIDAY FAVOURITES	Saturday, December 18, 2021, 7:30PM Sunday, December 19, 2021, 2:30PM
P2	SARAH SINGS JONI MITCHELL	Saturday, February 19, 2022, 7:30PM Sunday, February 20, 2022, 2:30PM
P3	BRASS TRANSIT THE MUSIC OF CHICAGO	Saturday, April 16, 2022, 7:30PM Sunday, April 17, 2022, 2:30PM

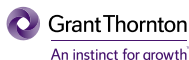
### *rock series*

R1	STEVEN PAGE WITH THE NSO	Thursday, October 28, 2021, 7:30PM
R2	DEEP PURPLE RISING	Thursday, March 10, 2022, 7:30PM



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