# Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall Celebrate the Season and Look Ahead to 2016 with New Concerts Announced

**ROY THOMSON** 

New Concerts Announced Including: Boston Symphony Orchestra, Berliner Philharmoniker, Matt Andersen,

An East Coast Christmas, Oh Susanna, Buddy Guy, and more



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The music in this video is a sample of "I Want" by Canadian artist Alejandra Ribera

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**Monday, November 2, 2015** // **Toronto, ON** – Celebration comes in many forms, and the concerts and events presented by Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall this holiday season and beyond represent the many ways Torontonians like to have fun. With a combination of long-standing traditions, twists on the familiar and altogether new experiences, this season has something for everyone.

Roy Thomson Hall's **Free Noon Hour Choir & Organ Concert Series** continues with the **Orpheus Choir of Toronto:** 'Tis **The Season**, and long-standing holiday celebrations are welcomed back: **Salute to Vienna** celebrates its 21<sup>st</sup> year, while the **Toronto Children's Chorus** returns 300 voices strong with its children's, alumni and Youth choirs. The **TSO**'s *Messiah*, the biggest *Messiah* in town, and **Tafelmusik**'s spirited *Sing Along Messiah*, which have each had longtime homes in Roy Thomson Hall and Massey Hall respectively, are complimented this year by **Against The Grain's** (AtG) edgy yet faithful version of Handel's masterpiece, presented by Massey Hall for a four-show run at the Harbourfront Centre Theatre. **Bravissimo! Opera's Greatest Hits**, co-presented with Attila Glatz Concert Productions, returns once again on New Year's Eve, while the **New Year's Eve Comedy Extravaganza** celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year of sending the year off with laughs, hosted this year by **Shaun Majumder**, of CBC's *This Hour as 22 Minutes*.

Not-yet-traditional but still much-loved holiday celebrations come in the form of **An East Coast Christmas**, hosted by **David Myles** and featuring special guests including pop-duo **Fortunate Ones** and **Damhnait Doyle and Stuart Cameron** of the **Heartbroken**, which brings the Atlantic tradition of an east coast kitchen party to the shore of Lake Ontario. Meanwhile, Massey Hall welcomes Canadian singer-songwriter **Oh Susanna**, who will perform a few Christmas songs, as well as some of her tunes as part of her special evening at The Great Hall, with very special guests **Colleen Brown**, **Sarah Harmer**, **Ben Kunder**, **Andy Maize** and **Jane Siberry**.

The festivities continue well into the New Year as Massey Hall partners with Toronto Caribbean Carnival to celebrate the world's biggest bash, Carnival, with globalFEST On The Road: Creole Carnival, which heats up Massey Hall with three amazing artists: Emeline Michel, the reigning Queen of Haitian songs, combining gospel, jazz and pop; Casuarina, Rio's innovative samba masters; and Brushy One String who channels dancehall and delta blues into a unique and soulful sound. To get into the Carnival mood, in partnership with Lula Music and Arts Centre Samba Squad and friends explore Mardi Gras celebrations at Lula Lounge, and Massey Hall presents Hall Party: Carnival, which will transform The Great Hall with Brazilian, Colombian and Caribbean celebrations featuring, respectively, Mar Aberto SoundSystem, Lido Pimienta and DJ Shy alongside many others.

Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall are also pleased to announce several new concerts to look forward to in 2016. Blues takes centre stage at Massey Hall with the return of the JUNO Award-nominated singer-songwriter and guitarist **Matt Andersen**, multiple Grammy Award-winning and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee **Buddy Guy**, and blues-rock titan **George Thorogood & The Destroyers**.

In 2016-17 Roy Thomson Hall will also welcome the world's top conductors who will bring the highest standards of playing to Toronto, with the **Berliner Philharmoniker**, led by Sir Simon Rattle for one of his final appearances with the orchestra before his tenure ends in 2018, and the **Boston Symphony Orchestra** led by Andris Nelsons and accompanied by pianist Emanuel Ax.

Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall are proud to continue their support of Canadian talent, presenting some of the country's brightest songwriters and performers at Winter Garden Theatre, Harbourfront Centre Theatre, and The Rivoli including, <u>Corb Lund</u>, <u>Donovan Woods</u>, **Frazey Ford and JP Hoe**. <u>Torn From the Pages</u> returns to Harbourfront Centre Theatre with host **Dave Bidini**, to delve into the latest novel of Governor General Literary-Award winner Nino Ricci, *Sleep*, with guests **Tony Dekker**, **Oh Susanna**, **Nobu Adilman**, **Corin Raymond**, **Lucas Silveira** and **Michael Winter** premiering new work inspired by the novel.

The popular live concert and concert film series *Live at Massey Hall* enters its third season with multiple JUNO Award-winning songwriter **Bahamas** with special guest **The Weather Station;** the first and ninth recipients of the Polaris Music Prize **Tanya Tagaq** and **Owen Pallett** as they take the stage to celebrate the award's tenth anniversary; and Grammy Award-winning pianist, composer, producer, Guinness World Record-holder and rapper **Chilly Gonzales & Kaiser Quartett** with special guest **Alejandra Riberba**, whose song "I Want" is featured in our **2015-16 Winter Trailer**. The series continues to bring incredible concerts by Canada's next generation of musical greats to life. Films are available online at **liveatmasseyhall.com**, including concerts by **The Rural Alberta Advantage**, **Timber Timbre**, **Hayden**, **Dan Mangan + Blacksmith**, **Constantines**, and **Shad**, with more set for release in the coming weeks featuring **Lisa Leblanc**, **Sloan** and **Spirit of the West**.

Massey Hall continues its legacy of presenting the world's top jazz artists with an <u>exciting lineup</u> that illustrates how the genre is constantly evolving, including **Emilie-Claire Barlow**, who makes her Massey Hall headline debut complete with an orchestra; **Le Terrible Orchestre de Belleville** with composer **Benoît Charest** accompany the classic animated jazz odyssey, *The Triplets of Belleville*, live at Roy Thomson Hall; and Tokyo-based hard-rock-jazz-dance trio **Mouse on the Keys** performs at the Rivoli.

<u>Classic Albums Live</u> brings its roster of A-list musicians from across the country to re-create Led Zeppelin I (Led Zeppelin), Help! (The Beatles), Animals (Pink Floyd), and The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (David Bowie), note for note, cut for cut.

<u>National Geographic Live</u>! returns to Roy Thomson Hall for a fifth season with National Geographic's boldest and brightest. Each of the explorers will share the awe-inspiring stories and images of their quests to unearth, explore and document the world's wonders, beginning in November with photographer **Brian Skerry**'s Ocean Wild: The Light Beneath the Seas. More information on the **National Geographic Live**! series can be found <u>here</u>.

For 17 years, Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall's Arts and Education Outreach Program, <u>Share the Music</u>, has been providing youth of all backgrounds with the opportunity to witness the world's finest artists in concert at Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall and attend pre-concert demonstrations and workshops with local musicians. With the help of sponsors and donors, the doors to a world of music and entertainment are opened, often for the first time – and perhaps for life.

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November				
JP Hoe with special guest NEFE	Sat Nov 7	9:00 PM	RIV	\$15, 19+
Torn from the Pages: Nino Ricci	Thu Nov 12	8:00 PM	HCT	\$19.50 - \$29.50
Hosted by Dave Bidini				
Featuring Nobu Adilman, Tony Dekker, Oh Susanna, Corin				
Raymond, Lucas Silveira and Michael Winter	<b>E</b> ( ), ( )			
Donovan Woods	Fri Nov 13	8:00 PM	HCT	\$19.50 - \$29.50
National Geographic Live: Brian Skerry, Photographer	Sun Nov 15	2:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
Ocean Wild: Beneath the Seas		0.00 DM	DTU	
National Geographic Live: Brian Skerry, Photographer Ocean Wild: Beneath the Seas	Mon Nov 16	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox	Mon Nov 16	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 -\$59.50
National Geographic Live: Brian Skerry, Photographer	Tue Nov 17	8:00 PM 8:00 PM	RTH	\$29.50 -\$59.50 \$19.50 - \$79.50
Ocean Wild: Beneath the Seas		0.00 FIVI	КІП	\$19.00 - \$79.00
Classic Albums Live: Led Zeppelin, Led Zeppelin I	Sat Nov 21	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 - \$59.50
Live at Massey Hall: Bahamas	Fri Nov 27	8:00 PM	MH	\$18.94 - \$29.50 -
with special guest The Weather Station		0.001 10		SOLD OUT
Paco Peña	Fri Nov 27	8:00 PM	RTH	\$44.50 - \$74.50
Women's Blues Revue	Sat Nov 28	8:00 PM	MH	\$25 - \$55
Featuring Rita Chiarelli, Cécile Doo-Kingué, Angelique Francis, Terra	00000000			+=0 +00
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December				
Live at Massey Hall: Tanya Tagaq & Owen Pallett	Tue Dec 1	8:00 PM	MH	\$18.94 - \$29.50
An Evening with Oh Susanna	Wed Dec 2	8:00 PM	TGH	\$25
Free Noon Hour Concert: Orpheus Choir of Toronto	Wed Dec 16	12:00 PM	RTH	FREE
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AtG's Messiah	Wed Dec 16	8:00 PM	HCT	\$25 - \$79.50
AtG's Messiah	Thu Dec 17	8:00 PM	HCT	\$25 - \$79.50
AtG's Messiah	Fri Dec 18	8:00 PM	HCT	\$25 - \$79.50
Toronto Children's Chorus: A Chorus Christmas	Sat Dec 19	2:00 PM	RTH	\$35.50 - \$45.50
AtG's Messiah	Sat Dec 19	2:00 PM	HCT	\$25 - \$79.50
An East Coast Christmas	Sat Dec 19	8:00 PM	JMT	\$25 - \$55
Hosted by David Myles				
Bravissimo! Opera's Greatest Hits	Thu Dec 31	7:00 PM	RTH	\$55 - \$145
New Year's Eve Comedy Extravaganza	Thu Dec 31	7:30 PM	MH	\$39.50 - \$69.50
Hosted by Shaun Majumder				
January				
Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert	Fri Jan 1	2:30 PM	RTH	\$65 - \$155
The Band of the Royal Marines	Sun Jan 31	7:00 PM	RTH	\$49.50 - \$79.50
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 February
 Mouse on the Keys
 Thu Feb 4
 9:00 PM
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 \$20, 19+

Live at Massey Hall: Chilly Gonzales & Kaiser Quartett with special guest Alejandra Ribera	Fri Feb 5	8:00 PM	MH	\$18.94 - \$29.50
Hall Party: Carnival	Fri Feb 5	8:00 PM	TGH	\$25
Emilie-Claire Barlow with orchestra	Wed Feb 10	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 - \$69.50
The Triplets of Belleville	Thu Feb 11	8:00 PM	RTH	\$39.50 - \$59.50
Frazey Ford	Wed Feb 17	8:00 PM	HCT	\$19.50 - \$29.50
Classic Albums Live: The Beatles Help!	Fri Feb 19	8:00 PM	RTH	\$29.50 - \$59.50
Corb Lund	Sat Feb 20	8:00 PM	WG	\$29.50 - \$49.50 \$29.50 - \$49.50
	Tue Feb 23	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 - \$49.50 \$19.50 - \$69.50
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National Geographic Live: Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, Mountaineer	Sun Feb 28	2:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
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National Geographic Live: Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, Mountaineer K2: Danger and Desire on the Savage Mountain	Mon Feb 29	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
March				
National Geographic Live: Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, Mountaineer	Tue Mar 1	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
K2: Danger and Desire on the Savage Mountain				
Matt Andersen	Sat Mar 5	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 – \$59.50
Vienna Mozart Orchestra	Sun Mar 13	2:00 PM	RTH	\$49.50 - \$125.00
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Orpheus Chamber Orchestra	Sun Mar 20	3:00 PM	RTH	\$39.50 - \$129.50
Pinchas Zukerman, violin				
April				
National Geographic Live: Bob Poole, Wildlife Filmmaker Gorongosa Reborn A Cameraman's Journal	Sun Apr 3	2:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
National Geographic Live: Bob Poole, Wildlife Filmmaker Gorongosa Reborn A Cameraman's Journal	Mon Apr 4	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
National Geographic Live: Bob Poole, Wildlife Filmmaker Gorongosa Reborn A Cameraman's Journal	Tue Apr 5	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
Steve Reich at 80	Thu Apr 14	8:00 PM	MH	\$22.00 - \$67.50
Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd, Animals	Fri Apr 15	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 - \$59.50
Michael Kaeshammer with special guest Bobby Bazini	Sat Apr 16	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 - \$59.50
Randy Bachman	Thu Apr 21	8:00 PM	MH	\$39.50 - \$79.50
Buddy Guy	Fri Apr 22	8:00 PM	MH	\$49.50 - \$79.50
SFJAZZ Collective: Originals & the Music of Michael Jackson	Sat Apr 23	8:00 PM	MH	\$39.50 - \$69.50
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May National Geographic Live: Nizar Ibrahim, Paleontologist	Sun May 1	2:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
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National Geographic Live: Nizar Ibrahim, Paleontologist Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous	Mon May 2	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
National Geographic Live: Nizar Ibrahim, Paleontologist Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous	Tue May 3	8:00 PM	RTH	\$19.50 - \$79.50
George Thorogood & The Destroyers	Fri May 6	8:00 PM	MH	\$49.50 - \$99.50
Free Noon Hour Concert: Toronto Mass Choir	Fri May 13	12:00 PM	RTH	FREE
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Classic Albums Live: David Bowie, The rise and fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars	Sat May 28	8:00 PM	MH	\$29.50 - \$59.50
November 2016				
Berliner Philharmoniker Sir Simon Rattle, Chief Conductor	Tue Nov 15	8:00 PM	RTH	\$75 - \$250
Berliner Philharmoniker	Wed Nov 16	8:00 PM	RTH	\$75 - \$250
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January 2017 Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert	Fri Jan 1	2:30 PM	RTH	\$65 - \$155
March 2017 Boston Symphony Orchestra Andris Nelsons, Conductor Emanuel Ax, Patio	Sun Mar 5	3:00 PM	RTH	\$69.50 – 169.50

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