





MESSAGE FROM REG MILLEY

BOARD CHAIR

Amidst economic uncertainty and a changing political landscape, the valuable work of the Arts District has remained at the heart of Edmonton. We are fortunate to live in a city passionate about arts and culture that understands continued growth in these sectors is essential to a prosperous community. As the Winspear | ESO grows closer in partnership to our neighbours in the downtown core, we discover innovative ways to support each other in our shared goal: to make our work relevant and accessible to all Edmontonians. With all the physical changes in our midst—Rogers Place arena, the renovation of Churchill Square, the impending construction of a new LRT line—we are reminded of how important it is to share knowledge across the whole arts community so we can continue to create imaginative and memorable experiences for our patrons.

Continued creative growth during a time of cutbacks would not be possible without the generous support we receive from government, businesses, and individuals. Nor would any new initiatives ever get off the ground without the dedication of our musicians, staff, and volunteers – all of whom are united by the belief that music is an essential part of a great life.

I wish to acknowledge the members of the Board who have served with me this year. A special thank you goes out to departing Directors, Cynthia Hansen, Carol Ann Kushlyk, and Susan Flook, for their dedication to the Board. This year, the Board also welcomed its first student intern. Daniel Roth - a University of Alberta Bachelor of Commerce student - joined the Board through the Faculty of Business to learn about the board leadership in not-for-profit organizations. This venture was a productive learning experience on both sides and we will be pleased to welcome a new student intern in 2016/2017.

I also extend my gratitude to past Board Chair Steven LePoole, who continues to work tirelessly as Chair of the Winspear Completion Committee. Every day we are closer to our goal of completing Francis Winspear's vision of a true centre for music, accessible to every member of the community and humming with music all day long, seven days a week. I would like to thank Bill Eddins and the ESO musicians for another inspiring season of live orchestral music and Annemarie Petrov and her team for their continued leadership in ensuring the growth and success of the organization. I look forward with great anticipation to all that is possible in the year ahead.

Reg Milley

Chair, Board of Directors



MESSAGE FROM ANNEMARIE PETROV

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As a cornerstone of our rapidly evolving city, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and Winspear Centre strives to make our work accessible to every member of the community. We believe that making and listening to music together forges strong relationships that will strengthen our city through good times and bad. We are not 'just' an orchestra and a concert hall – we are a hub that connects people to people through shared musical experiences.

I am fortunate to witness music's connective power every day when I come to work. I see it in the multi-generational family exploring the Instrument Petting Zoo at a Symphony for Kids concert. I hear it when 1,900 students start singing "O Canada" in unison at an Education concert. And I felt it as I stood in Churchill Square over Labour Day weekend a year ago, watching thousands of Edmontonians from all walks of life gather to enjoy great orchestral repertoire in Disney's *Fantasia* for Symphony in the City.

We know there is still a lot of work to do to make it possible for every person to have access to these transformative musical experiences. We are reaching out to Indigenous communities, paving the way toward better understanding each other's cultures through collective music-making. We are also committed to exploring music's potential for physical and mental healing, as we reach out to new partners in health and wellness. These projects are only the beginning of our outreach and community engagement potential through the Tommy Banks Institute for Musical Creativity.

As our community evolves, so must we. We began by restructuring, disassembling the department of Community Relations to form the Community Investment department focused on building and stewarding our relationships with business partners, arts organizations, and community groups. As we move forward with the Winspear Completion, we are exploring new marketing and communications strategies that will effectively convey to all Edmontonians who we are, what we do, and how they fit in.

Our sincere gratitude extends to the three orders of government who support us every year through the Edmonton Arts Council and the City of Edmonton, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and the Government of Alberta, and the Canada Council for the Arts and Canadian Heritage. We are also thankful for the contributions from foundations and support from our partners in the business and arts communities. Above all, we want to thank our patrons who demonstrate their trust in us by attending concerts and donating.

Thank you to Bill Eddins and the orchestra for another season of outstanding and diverse performances. You continue to amaze with your ability to switch seamlessly from a performance of Broadway classics to a Bruckner symphony, from an evening featuring the music of The Who to an entertaining Saturday afternoon concert for kids. I also wish to extend my thanks to our staff and volunteers who contribute their time to every aspect of our organization. I am privileged to work with a committed Leadership team and Board of Directors, whose wealth of expertise and innovative thinking keeps our work fresh and exciting. I look forward with great anticipation to what next year will bring.

Annemarie Petrov

Executive Director

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MESSAGE FROM BILL EDDINS

MUSIC DIRECTOR

The ESO's 2015/2016 season had an ambitious start with two back-to-back summer festivals – a first for our orchestra. After four sold-out concerts in Hawrelak Park for the 20th anniversary of Symphony Under the Sky, the orchestra packed up and moved everything to Churchill Square for our 2nd annual Symphony in the City, bringing Edmontonians of all ages out to experience live orchestral music through the magic of Disney's *Fantasia*.

Last season truly had something for everyone, from Beethoven's timeless Fifth Symphony to The Music of Pink Floyd. We were thrilled to join forces once again with our friends from Red Deer Symphony for an unprecedented performance of Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, featuring the Canadian premiere of a 2011 film created specifically to accompany this majestic musical promenade. Another highlight for me was John Corigliano's Pied Piper Fantasy. As I watched those young flute and percussion students follow flutist Carol Wincenc across the stage, pride shot through me to be part of an organization where our youngest citizens have opportunities to develop their musical talents alongside inspiring professional musicians.

I was happy to be back working with some old friends this season. Edmonton-born trumpeter Jens Lindemann brought his distinct melding of the jazz and Classical styles to trumpet works by Schoenfeld, Meechan, and our own Allan Gilliland – reminiscent of our performance together at Carnegie Hall four years ago. The ESO's past concertmaster, Martin Riseley, was warmly welcomed back to the Winspear stage to perform Bruch's *Violin Concerto No. 1* and our first Young Composer Project mentee, Darren Fung, returned to Edmonton

to conduct three performances of his film score to *The Great Human Odyssey*. No fewer than 12 ESO musicians took centre stage this season, demonstrating the richness of talent that we are so lucky to have within our orchestra.

Audiences for our Live at the Winspear concerts continue to grow every year, as we develop relationships with talented performers and community partners. You can read more about last season's programming in this report, including the new partnership established between the Winspear and the Edmonton Music Awards.

The ESO added more accessible events for families. In response to the growing popularity of our Education concerts, Symphony for Kids series, and Family Day weekend specials, the ESO presented two Candy Cane Family Christmas concerts, which were a huge hit. Beyond these great concert experiences, the Banks Institute continues to develop its programming, giving children and adults alike more opportunities for hands-on interaction with music.

The 2015/2016 season included some major hellos and goodbyes within the orchestra. At the start of the season we welcomed our new Principal Cellist, Rafael Hoekman, and double bassist, Rhonda Taft, played her last concert with the orchestra in June after over 50 years with the ESO. My thanks go out to my talented colleagues in the orchestra for their dedication and creative energy, to the staff for their tireless support, and to the Board for steering us to new heights as a music organization. I can't wait to spend the next year sharing even more great music with you.

Bill Eddins

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Music Director



ESO MUSICIAN ROSTER

Name	Position	Joined
Robert Uchida	Concertmaster	2013
Eric Buchmann	Associate Concertmaster	2006
Virginie Gagné	Assistant Concertmaster	2006
Aiyana Anderson-Howatt	Violin I	2001
Anna Kozak	Violin I	2001
Broderyck Olson	Violin I	1961
Joanna Ciapka-Sangster	Violin I	1901
Neda Yamach	Violin I	2011
Richard Caldwell	Violin I	1973
Laura Veeze	Violin I	2014
Susan Flook	Violin I	1987
Dianne New	Principal Violin II	1980
Aaron Au	Acting Assistant Principal Violin II	2015
Heather Bergen	Violin II	2015
Murray Vaasjo	Violin II	
Pauline Bronstein	Violin II	1992
Robert Hryciw	Violin II	1979
Tatiana Warszynski	Violin II	1975
Zoë Sellers	Violin II	1984
		1985
Stefan Jungkind	Principal Viola	1986
Charles Pilon	Assistant Principal Viola Viola	2005
Andrew Bacon	11010	1990
Jeanette Comeau	Viola	2015
Clayton Leung	Viola	2013
Rhonda Henshaw	Viola	2002
Rafael Hoekman	Principal Cello	2015
Ronda Metszies	Acting Assistant Principal Cello	2004
Derek Gomez	Cello	1983
Gillian Caldwell	Cello	1977
Victor Pipkin	Cello	1991
Jan Urke	Principal Bass	1980
John Taylor	Assistant Principal Bass	1983
Janice Quinn	Bass	1995
Rhonda Taft	Bass	1967
Rob Aldridge	Bass	2008
Elizabeth Koch	Principal Flute	1987
Shelley Younge	Assistant Principal Flute	1978
Lidia Khaner	Principal Oboe	1996
Paul Schieman	Assistant Principal Oboe	1979
Julianne Scott	Principal Clarinet	2009
David Quinn	Assistant Principal Clarinet	1989
William Harrison	Principal Bassoon	1976
Matthew Howatt	Acting Principal Bassoon	2015
Edith Stacey	Assistant Principal Bassoon	1996
Allene Hackleman	Principal Horn	2004
Donald Plumb	Assistant Principal Horn	1973
Gerald Onciul	Assistant Principal Horn	1977
Megan Evans	Assistant Principal Horn	2008
Robin Doyon	Principal Trumpet	2008
Frederic Payant	Assistant Principal Trumpet	2014
John McPherson	Principal Trombone	1979
Kathryn Macintosh	Assistant Principal Trombone	1983
Chris Taylor	Principal Bass Trombone	1975
Scott Whetham	Principal Tuba	1984
Barry Nemish	Principal Timpani	1974
Brian Jones	Principal Percussion	1968-71/75
Nora Bumanis	Principal Harp	1980







RHONDA TAFT

50 Years with the ESO

After 50 years with the ESO, double bassist Rhonda Taft performed her final concert with the orchestra at the end of the 2015/2016 season. In 1966, Rhonda auditioned and was awarded a position in the double bass section at the age of 15. "I have often said that I grew up in, as well as with the ESO," says Rhonda. "I have had a unique and wonderful career performing with the orchestra and making music in the beautiful Winspear Centre has been a joy. I look forward to listening to the musicians of the ESO as they move towards a future that I know will continue to be brilliant."



RAFAEL HOEKMAN

The ESO Welcomes a New Principal Cellist

At the beginning of the 2015/2016 season, the ESO welcomed a new Principal Cellist, Rafael Hoekman. Rafael has performed with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and, most recently, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. He was also a founding member of the Tokai String Quartet – a prizewinner at the 2007 Banff International String Quartet Competition. Rafael made the move from Calgary to Edmonton with his wife, Meran Currie-Roberts (who is also a cellist!), and their two children, Sam and Anastasia.



THE GREAT HUMAN ODYSSEY IN CONCERT

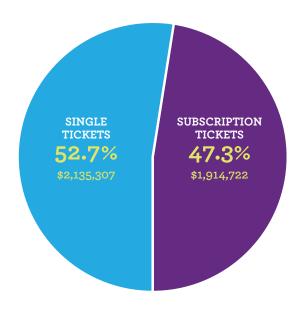


In February 2016, the ESO presented the much-anticipated premiere of *The Great Human Odyssey in Concert*. The ESO and Pro Coro Canada recorded the original soundtrack for *The Great Human Odyssey* – a three-part documentary series that appeared on the CBC's *The Nature of Things* – in December 2014. This series was a real Edmonton project, having been produced by Edmonton's Clearwater Documentary and featuring an epic soundtrack by the ESO's first Young Composer Project student, Darren Fung. For this live symphonic event, the audience was brought on a journey around the world and back in time with anthropologist and narrator, Dr. Niobe Thompson, to discover the miracle of our species.

"The symphony was nothing but amazing. The music gave me such chills. All I can say, is it was such a beautiful show." - An ESO Patron

A specially-edited version of the film was projected above the stage while the ESO and the University of Alberta Madrigal Singers performed the soundtrack to three nearly sold-out audiences on the Robbins Lighter Classics, Late Night with Bill Eddins, and Symphony for Kids series. Many patrons expressed that this performance was a unique experience and a season highlight.

ESO TICKET REVENUE



BLOCKBUSTER CONCERTS

The top five concerts with the highest attendance in 2015/2016 cover the full range of our programming, including our Christmas and Family Day specials, a Robbins Pops concert, a Masters program, and Symphony for Kids. ESO concerts have been well-attended this season, reaching an average of almost 90% of our capacity.

Concert	Attendance
We Wish You a Merry Christmas	1,725
Disney in Concert: Tale as Old as Time	1,722
Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 2	1,712
Hollywood: The Epics!	1,706
Fantasy Worlds & Forgotten Realms	1,670





BACK-TO-BACK FESTIVALS

SYMPHONY UNDER THE SKY

The final weekend in August saw the return of Symphony Under the Sky to Hawrelak Park for its 20th anniversary. Four sold-out concerts were indicative of just how much the festival was missed the year before. We were delighted to feature composers and guest artists of all ages, from around the world, across the country, and from here in Edmonton. Programming was representative of the variety of music that can be heard during the ESO's regular season, including music written for the concert hall, the opera stage, Hollywood films, Broadway shows, pop charts, and even the Olympics. Bob Bernhardt charmed the audience as usual, conducting his 10th ESO festival and, with clear blue skies and not a drop of rain, the weather could not have been more perfect.

SYMPHONY IN THE CITY

Following the previous year's inaugural success, ATB Symphony in the City returned to Churchill Square where approximately 18,000 people over two nights of Labour Day weekend braved inclement weather to enjoy Disney's Fantasia at no cost. Pre-concert activities brought Edmonton's Arts District together, with an Instrument Petting Zoo operated by Long & McQuade, Storytime with the Edmonton Public Library, Arts & Crafts with the Art Gallery of Alberta, Dress-Up with Clara's Closet (courtesy of Alberta Ballet), a performance by the Edmonton Opera, and a Lion Dance from the Hong De Cultural & Athletic Association. Welcoming Edmontonians into the heart of the Arts District and making live orchestral music accessible to families in our community



Whitney Leigh Sloan and Tyler Fitzgerald perform at Symphony Under the Sky.

are important parts of our mandate. ATB Symphony in the City is just one of many new initiatives that make it possible for people of all ages and all walks of life to interact with music and enjoy live orchestral performances with the ESO.

SYMPHONY UNDER THE SKY CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

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WORLD PREMIERES

NEW CANADIAN COMPOSITIONS

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DISTINCT CONCERT PROGRAMS

LOCAL PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

10

GUEST SOLOISTS

3

ESO SOLOISTS

55

67

WORKS PERFORMED

ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

10,197

ATTENDEES OVER 4 NIGHTS



TOMMY BANKS INSTITUTE FOR MUSICAL CREATIVITY

Connecting people to people through music is the driving intent of the Tommy Banks Institute for Musical Creativity. Our programs reach broadly into the community by providing a range of entry points for Edmontonians to participate in music. Our goal is to engage participants of all ages and with varying levels of musical experience in activities that inspire creativity and broaden the imagination, inviting participation as listeners, creators, and performers. Music day camps for children, orchestra "fantasy camps" for adults, corporate leadership workshops and customized programming for schools and families are some of the ways that we invite the public to participate. We are continuing to expand our programming through partnerships with music educators, Indigenous communities, and health and wellness organizations. We look forward to yet another year of creative growth ahead!

- Alison Kenny-Gardhouse, Director of Musical Creativity

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of Youth Programs	9	14	15
Number of Adult Programs	5	7	7
Total Programs	14	21	22
Number of Youth Served	23,918	24,713	28,345
Number of Adults Served	3074	3275	4277
Total Served	26,992	27,988	32,622
Youth Hours	37,267	51,314	67,539
Adult Hours	3,074	3,385	4,337
Total Hours	40,341	54,699	71,876



MUSICAL CREATIVITY PROGRAMS

CONDUCTING YOUR BUSINESS

In May, we welcomed 50 ATB staff members and 15 invited guests from the ESO's corporate and community partners to the Winspear Centre for a session led by conductor and presenter Rob Kapilow. During this engaging workshop, musicians of the ESO were guided through Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik as a means of illustrating how small details in a piece of music can transform it from "good" to "great". Participants were challenged to hear with new ears and consider how this thinking could be applied to their own professional development and team communication. Some even had the opportunity to conduct the orchestra! The afternoon proved illuminating for many, as the session was described by participants as "engaging", "innovative", and "refreshing".

WINSPEAR SOUND SCHOOL

This year, we welcomed four classes of students to spend a full week at the Winspear Centre, learning about sound and music through handson, inquiry-based activities. Each week was customized to the unique needs of the students. A Grade 3 class from Hillview School, who had been running their own school-based business, interviewed staff members in a variety of departments to learn about career opportunities and philanthropy. A Grade 6 class from Belgravia School visited CBC to learn how radio broadcasting works and played "Happy Birthday" for Assistant Stage Manager, Mike Patton, on handmade ocarinas. A Grade 3 class from McLeod School created their own paper version of the Winspear and a Grade 6 class from Kisipatnahk School in Maskwacis visited City Hall and rode the LRT, learning about Edmonton and their options for post-secondary studies or employment. All groups met ESO musicians, created and performed their own soundscapes, and left the Winspear Centre at the end of their week with a newfound knowledge of sound and appreciation for music.





YONA-SISTEMA RECEIVES \$1 MILLION TRANSFORMATIVE GIFT

LA BRUYÈRE FAMILY GIVES FOR SOCIAL GOOD

At the annual Road to Joy fundraising concert in June, we were thrilled to announce the donation of \$1 million by the La Bruyère family to the Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta Sistema (YONA- Sistema) program. The gift could not have come at a better time, as the three-year pilot project was coming to an end and we were was getting ready to increase the number of students served and kinds of instrument instruction provided for our fourth year. This transformative gift from the La Bruyère family ensures that the program will not only sustain its activities, but will continue to grow in the years ahead.

"I learned about the Sistema philosophy a few years before the ESO launched their Sistema-based program," says Marc de La Bruyère.

"What I most appreciated was that it was not simply a music instruction program for children, but a vehicle for social good that uses music."

His long-term vision for the program is to see it expand not only across the city, but also across Alberta, giving every child in the province the opportunity to participate. "My real hope is that kids who might otherwise not have the opportunities to fulfill their own potential will have the tools to do that. I can see graduates of this program going off and doing great things in any number of fields."

Half of the \$1-million gift will go towards program operations over the next five years while the other half is being held in the ESO's newly established endowment fund for YONA-Sistema. As the program continues to grow, continued support is needed and the La Bruyère family hopes that their gift will inspire others to pledge their support. To recognize their commitment to the sustainability of the program, the most advanced YONA orchestra has been named the La Bruyère Orchestra of YONA-Sistema in perpetuity.





YEAR THREE AT A GLANCE

The YONA-Sistema program reached the end of its 3-year pilot in June 2016. The first years of the program exceeded our expectations, with our students demonstrating proficiency on their instruments, increased capacity in academics and languages, as well as life skills and socialemotional development. The program has a consistent attendance rate of over 95%, which is significantly higher than the average afterschool program.

For the 2015/2016 school year, YONA-Sistema moved to a new location at St. Alphonsus School, which facilitated the addition of 35 more students. In this new space, the program could accommodate students from both the Catholic and Public school systems, with 54 students being bussed in daily from Mother Teresa Catholic School and Delton Public School. Seven part-time Teaching Artists were engaged to teach violin, viola, cello, double bass, percussion, musicianship, and choir.

Every day, students participate in 1.5 hours of intensive music instruction. They also receive a nutritious snack, spend time engaged in movement activities and physical exercise, and receive homework help from Teaching Artists and volunteers. Weekly activities include Expressive Arts Class, where students explore creative expression

through different types of imaginative arts activities, and Mentorship Time, during which members of the Senior Ensemble coach new students in the Junior Ensemble. By the end of the year, all of the students were performing together as a complete string and percussion orchestra. The YONA-Sistema class also had masterclasses and workshops with visiting artists, including singer-songwriter Meaghan Smith, Toronto Symphony Orchestra concertmaster, Jonathan Crow, and Montreal Symphony Orchestra concertmaster, Andrew Wan.

In Year Four, 25 new students joined the YONA-Sistema program at St. Alphonsus School and wind and brass instruments were added to the curriculum. We are looking forward to another year of growth and for the opportunity to continue to enrich our students' lives with music.

Thank you to YONA-Sistema's founding partners! Your support has made it possible for the program to continue past its pilot stage and to reach more of Edmonton's underserved youth every year.

In-kind service and equipment/instruments donations have also been supplied by Bella Music, Eastman Strings, Long & McQuade, D'Addario Foundation, and Kun Shoulder Rest Inc.













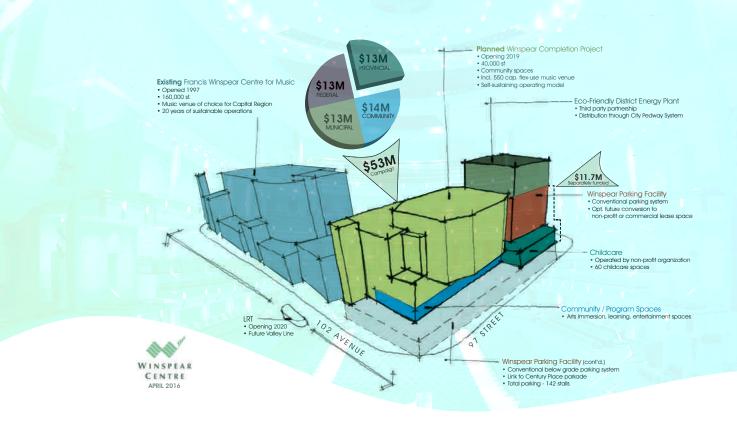












Throughout 2015/2016 the Completion Project Committee was quietly but actively occupied adjusting to new developments. There were changes at provincial and federal political levels that impacted our fundraising and lobbying efforts for the project and required that we develop connections with new administrations and elected officials. We received positive responses to the project from our new government contacts. Even given the challenging economic conditions for our province, the Government of Alberta listed our project as an unfunded priority in the 2016 budget—the only non-provincial cultural infrastructure property to make the list—and has steered us to apply for funding through other channels.

Upon closer analysis of transportation trends and future forecasts for downtown parking needs, we changed our plans for an automated parking structure to a combination of below-ground and above-ground parking. The above-ground parking levels will be designed to be convertible into non-profit program space or lease space for commercial use if parking demands decrease in the future.

The City of Edmonton and ENMAX presented a preliminary business plan for an eco-friendly district energy plant to be developed in conjunction with the Completion, using the parkade structure as an elevated pedestal. This new aspect of the project prompted changes to our design and layout, allowing for more community and artistic spaces and a welcoming street-level main entrance from 97 Street.





The 2015/2016 season of Live at the Winspear was very successful. We hosted some great artists in the folk/roots genre. The demand for Nathaniel Rateliff tickets was so strong that it brought our box office to a standstill! We hope to continue to build on this success.

- Terry Wickham, Manager: Live at the Winspear

2015/2016 Live at the Winspear Series

Presented by Sherbrooke Liquor Store

Lucinda Williams, The Milk Carton Kids, Hawksley Workman, Paco Pena, Xavier Rudd, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Bahamas, Soweto Gospel Choir, Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats, Edmonton Music Awards, Alberta Culture Days

WINSPEAR SUMMER PATIO SERIES

In Summer 2016, the Winspear Summer Patio Series returned for a second year, bringing a variety of lunch-hour entertainment to Edmonton's downtown core. Every Tuesday and Thursday, the Winspear Centre patio came to life with free programming by local Edmonton artists, performers, and community groups. The series kicked off with First Nations Contemporary & Traditional performing duo, Young Medicine. Other performances included the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers' Global Choir, CKUA Ukulele Chorus, iHuman Youth Society, Citadel Foote Theatre School, and a showcase from the Edmonton Fringe Theatre Festival. The Patio Series also featured fun

activities such as the Winspear Centre Instrument Petting Zoo, where passersby could try out a few notes on any musical instrument, and craft time with the ReUse Centre, where families created their own musical instruments to take home out of recycled materials. The series came to a close with the Winspear & Friends Hootenanny – a collaborative singalong led by Winspear Centre staff and some special guests. Thank you to our presenting sponsor, ATB Financial, for making all of this possible!

EDMONTON MUSIC AWARDS

In June 2016, we partnered with the Edmonton Music Awards (EMAs) to bring their awards ceremony to the Winspear. In previous years, the EMAs consistently sold out their event at the Royal Alberta Museum theatre, which seats just over 400 people. With a move to the Winspear Centre, this important celebration of Edmonton's musical achievements could be shared with a larger segment of the community. The event was a great success, selling more than double the amount of tickets than would have been possible in their previous location.

This partnership with the EMAs was an expression of the Winspear Centre's mission to become a true centre for music in our community. It was an opportunity to bring first-rate local music into our world-class hall – to celebrate Edmonton's abundance of creative talent and provide opportunities for local artists to thrive. The evening also brought many new faces inside the Winspear Centre. Several award nominees and audience members commented that this was their first time inside the hall and that it was an experience that they would not soon forget.

THE FACILITY

2015/2016 was a busy season for the Winspear Centre. With 852 events booked during the year, the Winspear Centre hosted an average of 2.3 events per day – and this doesn't include the days that the hall was "dark" for holidays and maintenance!

The Winspear Centre isn't reserved for musicians alone. Beyond our musical performances, rehearsals, and outreach activities, our facility is a popular location for literary events, comedy shows, weddings, fitness classes, business meetings and receptions, and graduation ceremonies, with many of our clients returning year after year.

But the Winspear Centre is first and foremost a concert hall. Built as the performance home for the ESO in 1997, we continue expand our reach outwards to the community, establishing our facility as a gathering place for artists and musicians across all genres and at various points in their careers. Whether we are welcoming students as part of Edmonton Catholic Schools Band Share Day or hosting members of the international choral community at the Podium Choral Conference, we aim to provide as many people as possible with the experience of performing in our world-class acoustic concert hall.



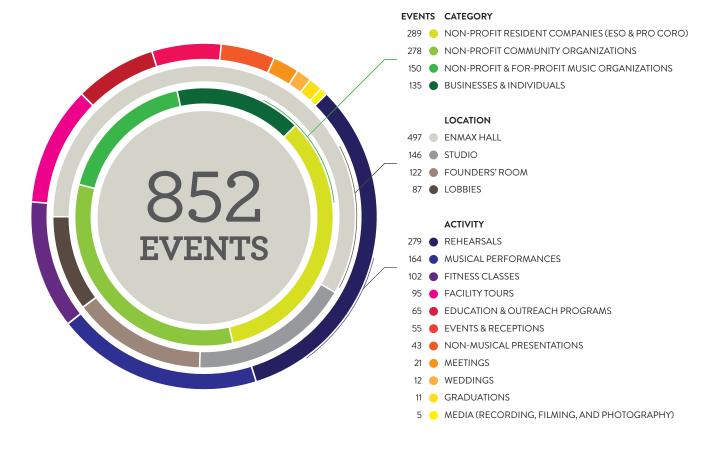
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Conspirare: A Company of Voices at Podium Choral Conference. Photo Credit Kelly Skinner of Friday Design + Photography.

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The Winspear Centre is a popular venue for bookings by community groups, businesses, individuals, touring artists, and more. There were 852 activities held in the hall, lobbies, and studio spaces during the 2015/2016 season.



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

COMBINED ESS & FWCM FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
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Total Operating Revenue	\$14,895,125	\$13,797,547	\$13,486,406
Total Operating Expenses	\$14,821,703	\$13,787,109	\$13,372,164
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 73,422	\$10,438	\$114,242
Total Assets	\$38,286,364	\$37,126,254	\$37,525,755
Total Liabilities	\$3,982,318	\$3,910,664	\$3,786,450
Net Assets	\$34,304,046	\$33,215,590	\$33,739,305
ESS and FWCM Endowment and Investments	\$6,139,998	\$8,601,791	\$9,785,223
ESCHF Endowment and Investments	\$5,981,353	\$1,962,889	\$1,671,095
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Ticket Sales	\$4,382,610	\$3,901,717	\$3,980,390
Number of Concerts	105	100	103
Free Tickets	17,944	14,418	16,944
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	Concerts	Attendance	Ticket Revenue
Early Classics Midweek	4	4,287	124,460
Education	20	25,257	187,080
Late Night	3	2,861	29,310
Lighter Classics	6	7,963	297,320
Live at The Winspear	10	11,560	355,120
Masters Applause	6	9,080	338,040
Masters Encore	6	7,023	239,000
Masters Friday	6	7,766	255,020
Pops Friday	7-7-	10,800	520,390
Pops Saturday	7	10,526	514,560
Specials	18	25,812	1,012,080
Sunday Showcase	4	4,588	129,970
Symphony for Kids	4	6,239	112,390
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Lauren did a fabulous job of introducing the children to the Winspear Centre and helped them to explore not only the space, but the aspects and qualities of sound making, movement and conducting. She consistently acknowledged a variety of comments and was not looking for just one way to move, play an instrument or offer an idea. My daughter is still talking about the big organ taking a big breath and the tiny bird sounds it can make when it sips the water inside. Kudos to Lauren and the Winspear!

> - Nancy Thomas, Wee Ones at the Winspear Parent

It was a fun classy event that was a nice change for the everyday night out.

> - Arielle Whitham, Late Night with Bill Eddins Patron

We certainly treasure our ESO performances and the quality of our ESO musicians. We are definitely blessed to have them in Edmonton.

> - Wendy and Dennis Woolsey, **ESO** Subscribers

I am stirred to write ESO to declare that it was one of the best evenings ever at ESO. We were thrilled to see/hear Martin Riseley again. The Bruckner was astonishing in its complexity, texture. So much energy and verve. Our friends, my daughter, and I left the concert hall feeling that our very atoms had been recharged.

> - Eva Radford. Masters Series Patron

When we listened to the ESO play their music, some of it went into my ear but most of it went into my whole body, including my heart.

> - Scarlett. Grade 6 Sound School Student

I attended all four concerts this year and each one was more spectacular than the night before. What a great selection of music, an enthusiastic and appreciative audience, and fabulous weather. I'm very impressed with the many ways the ESO reaches out to a variety of people and encourages them to experience wonderful music.

> - Lorene Turner, Symphony Under the Sky Patron

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