Guidelines for Outdoor Concert Hosts

Congratulations for hosting the world class Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Musicians on your street! You will be experiencing a small taste of a symphonic concert brought right to your front door.

We can’t even imagine a world without live music and are doing everything in our power to bring the music to you. In return we are asking YOU to help support the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra by asking your friends and neighbours to donate generously to the organization. We understand that not everyone can give, but every amount makes a difference.

With Alberta’s new phase 2 guidelines we are now able to hold outdoor concerts of up to 100 people but there are a few new items that we must all carefully respect. According to the new guidelines “Pop-up or street performance events that attract crowds of onlookers outside a controlled area should be avoided due to the difficulty of maintaining appropriate distance and managing the size of the gathering” Be sure your event is in a controlled area.

How to organize your own concert!!!

1. Choose a date and time with your contact musician. Set the event start time for guests 30 min before the musicians will play to allow people time to gather and get settled.

2. Pick a spot where the concert could be held with appropriate physical distancing for the musicians and guests. Performing on private property, a street or in a cul-de-sac are good as the size is controlled and people who can watch from their own property do not count as gathering. Be sure not to fully block a road. The maximum size for outdoor gatherings is 100 people at this time so it is still important to control the size of the event.

3. Invite Guests! - Contact your friends and neighbours and invite them to bring a chair and come to the concert. Let people know the event is free to attend but we will be asking for cash, cheques (made out to the Edmonton Symphony Society) or online donations for the orchestra [here](#). The Edmonton Symphony is a charitable organization so all donations are tax deductible. Also at this time there is a matching campaign so all donations are doubled!

4. Set up - Musicians will bring their own stands, chairs and a tent if necessary. You should put up signs reminding your guests to maintain physical distance which is required by AHS and post information about the online donations link.

5. Concert - If you are comfortable, welcome your friends and neighbours, introduce the musicians and enjoy the show!!!!!
We know COVID-19 has had a huge impact on everyone in our community, so we understand that not everyone can give, but every amount makes a difference. Thank you for helping us organize these concerts and helping keep the music live!!!!

Some photos and ideas from other successful concerts