

**The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and Classical Kids LIVE! Celebrate Family Day
with Award-Winning Production Beethoven Lives Upstairs**

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Edmonton, AB (February 6, 2022) – This Family Day long weekend, the Winspear Centre and Edmonton Symphony Orchestra (ESO) are celebrating with performances of Beethoven Lives Upstairs. The award-winning program, featuring Classical Kids LIVE!, takes place on February 18, 2023, at 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM MT and is sure to delight the whole family.

Audiences are invited to experience the world-famous production, which features more than 25 excerpts of Beethoven's works. Professional actors join forces with the ESO to treat audiences with this mesmerizing theatrical concert production. The music, performed by the ESO, is magically woven into the drama as actors share anecdotes and observations based on true incidents from Beethoven's life. Programming highlights include the glorious works *Moonlight Sonata*, *Fur Elise*, 'the great' *Fifth Symphony*, and more!

Period costumes, props, set pieces, and theatrical lighting enhance this fully directed and staged production, led by ESO Resident Conductor Cosette Justo Valdés. Presenting history, drama, music, and fun, this engaging concert is an ideal way to introduce children of all ages to classical music.

"We are delighted to celebrate Beethoven's music in such a unique way and thrilled to share the beauty and inspiration of one of the greatest composers who ever lived," says Justo Valdés.

Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$25. All youth tickets are \$25, plus service charges. ESO Memberships start at \$39 a month and offer front-of-the-line access to concert tickets and seats at a preferred rate.

Tickets are available by calling the Winspear box office at 780-428-1414 or through our website: <https://www.winspearcentre.com/tickets/events/eso/2023/beethoven-lives-upstairs/>

About the Winspear | Edmonton Symphony Orchestra | Tommy Banks Centre

In its 70th year, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra has taken its place as one of Canada's foremost orchestral ensembles. Its current roster includes musicians from Canada and around the world performing a wide-ranging repertoire from great classical masterworks to Hollywood scores to new works. The orchestra is the resident artistic ensemble, the "home team," of the Winspear Centre, among the best acoustic concert halls in North America. The Tommy Banks Centre for Musical Creativity launched in 2013 delivering musical discovery programs that transform lives.

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