

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Announces Symphony at Snow Valley *The ESO Brings Classical Music to the Great Outdoors*

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Edmonton, AB (August 1, 2023) – In celebration of the summer season, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra (ESO) is pleased to announce four outdoor concerts at Snow Valley on August 23 through August 26. Presented by RE/MAX, Symphony at Snow Valley offers a stunning outdoor venue, allowing music lovers to experience the power and beauty of live orchestral music surrounded by nature.

The ESO's full orchestra, under the direction of guest conductor Bob Bernhardt, will perform two excellent programs featuring renowned award-winning composers. The outdoor setting of Snow Valley, with the river valley as a backdrop, will provide a stunning natural venue for the ESO's music.

The first program, "Beethoven, Mozart & Mendelssohn" will feature Beethoven's Spirited *Symphony No. 7*, the Overture to Mozart's popular *The Marriage Of Figaro*, and Mendelssohn's innovative *Violin Concerto*. Guest Violinist Angela Ryu, First Laureate, 2019 Shean Strings Competition, will make her ESO debut. The second program, "Summer Favourites," will include popular songs from films including *La La Land*, *Encanto*, and more. Both programs will be performed twice, with "**Beethoven, Mozart & Mendelssohn**" on Wednesday, August 23, and Friday, August 25 and "**Summer Favourites**" on Thursday, August 24, and Saturday, August 26.

"Snow Valley offers a beautiful natural setting for outdoor concerts," said James Schutz, Director of Marketing & Business Development for the Winspear Centre and ESO. "The ESO is committed to finding ways to connect with audiences. We look forward to audiences joining us at Snow Valley for an uplifting musical experience."

"We're thrilled to perform for audiences in such a fantastic outdoor venue," said Bernhardt. "There's something magical about experiencing live orchestral music outdoors. These concerts provide a perfect opportunity for people to get outside, relax, and enjoy an evening of music with friends and family."

Tickets are \$35 plus service charges and free to children aged 17 and under who are accompanied by an adult*. A limited number of subscriptions for Symphony in Snow Valley are available for \$59 for two concerts.

Ticketing and more information can be found at www.winspearcentre.com/SnowValley

Gates open at 4:30 pm. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets for seating on the hill. Concession will be available at each concert. There will also be a variety of food offerings from Creekside Eats and various food trucks on site. Alcoholic beverages will be for sale and may be consumed anywhere on site, including in your seats. Parking is not available at Snow Valley. There will be free ETS shuttle service from Harry Ainlay High School's parking lot to and from Snow Valley.

Symphony at Snow Valley FAQ at:

<https://www.winspearcentre.com/more/visit/symphony-at-snow-valley/>

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In its 72nd 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. Located in the heart of Edmonton, the Centre itself is undergoing a transformation into a state-of-the-art community hub for music, and home to the Tommy Banks Centre for Musical Creativity.

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