

**The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra present ESO Outdoors**  
*Join your ESO, in your neighbourhood this August*

**For immediate release**

**Edmonton, AB (July 24, 2023)** – The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra (ESO) are on the move this summer with ESO Outdoors. Presented by Qualico Communities, audiences are invited to join members of your ESO for pay-what-you-can performances around Alberta, and in your neighbourhood, this August!

From August 17 to 27, curated groups of ESO musicians, conducted by ESO Resident Conductor Cosette Justo Valdés, will perform a variety of music to delight and entertain audiences. These concerts will take place in outdoor spaces in Edmonton and surrounding communities including Beaumont, Fort Saskatchewan, Stony Plain, and Devon. Each concert is general admission, approximately one hour in length, and bring your own seating. Audiences have a chance to experience renditions of memorable works spanning multiple genres, including classical, pops, and Hollywood films.

The programming varies for each ESO Outdoors performance. You'll hear everything from music by Handel, Mozart, and Vivaldi to Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* and Ian Tyson's *Four Strong Winds*. ESO soloists, including ESO Concertmaster Robert Uchida (Violin), will be featured in each performance.

"It's exciting to offer a beautiful opportunity for communities to come together again. Each special outdoor performance will offer joy and a human connection through live music," says Annemarie Petrov, President and CEO of the Winspear Centre and Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

ESO Outdoors started during the summer of 2021 as a way for the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra musicians to perform safely for small audiences and bring the magic of live music into their own neighbourhoods.

Tickets are Pay What You Can, with a suggested value of \$25 per ticket. Reserve your tickets online or by calling the Box Office at 780.428.1414.

**More information about ESO Outdoors:** [www.winspearcentre.com/Summer](http://www.winspearcentre.com/Summer)

**ESO Outdoors Dates and Locations**

August 17 at 7:00 PM  
Devon - Centennial Park

August 18 at 7:00 PM  
Edmonton - Castle Downs Park

August 19 at 7:00 PM  
Fort Saskatchewan- Legacy Park

August 20 at 2:00 PM  
Beaumont - Four Seasons Park

August 27 at 2:00 PM  
Stony Plain - Pavilion at Heritage Park

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**About the Winspear | Edmonton Symphony Orchestra | Tommy Banks Centre**

In its 72<sup>nd</sup> 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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