





### SERIES I

# DRAWN TO MUSIC

CELEBRATION OF THE VISUAL ARTIST!

ERIC DYCK (VISUAL ARTIST) & THE LETHBRIDGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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OCTOBER 17, 2022 – 7:30 PM SOUTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH | LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA



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### **Programme Order**

Overture To The Barber of Seville Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

The Prince Of Egypt Stephen Schwartz/arr. Charles Sayre

(b. 1948)

Joe Hisaishi (b. 1950)

Tales From The Vienna Woods, Op. 325 Johann Strauss Jr. (1825-1899)

My Neighbour Totoro

1. Stroll: Hey Let's Go

2. The Village in May

3. Dust Bunnies - Mother

4. Totoro's Here!

5. The Path of the Wind

6. A Lost Child

7. Catbus

8. My Neighbour Totoro

Narrator, Meaghan Thorlakson

INTERMISSION

Overture To Morning, Noon Franz von Suppé (1819-1895)

And Night In Vienna

Highlights From Beauty And The Beast Alan Menken/arr. Calvin Custer

(b. 1949)

Hungarian Dances Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 17 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

arr. Martin Schmeling - Nos 5, 6 and 7

arr. Antonín Dvořák - No. 17

Music From Frozen Kristen Anderson-Lopez &

Robert Lopez/arr. Bob Krogstad

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## **About Our Special Guest**



Erick Dyck
Settler Cartoonist
& Art Educator

Eric Dyck is a settler cartoonist and art educator living in Lethbridge, AB. Eric has shared his love of cartoons and comicstorytelling with folks of all ages for more than twenty-five years. Eric has been documenting his experiences and adventures in Southern Alberta through his webcomic, Slaughterhouse Slough.

Eric his comic uses strip share people about the that he meets. the stories that he hears. and to celebrate the critters and flora of Southern Alberta. Eric's political cartoons and illustrations can also be found in Wider Horizons, The Sprawl, and YYScene.



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### **Programme Notes**

Tonight's concert, Drawn to Music, celebrates the evocative qualities of this powerful art, which can suggest ideas beyond its immediate emotional appeal, such as images and even physical gestures. These musical qualities have been exploited above all in animated films. It is thus no accident that a major portion of tonight's offerings come from this art form.

The greatest pioneer in animated films was undoubtedly Walt Disney (1901-1966), whose masterpieces such as Fantasia, Sleeping Beauty and Snow White and the Seven Dwarves set very high standards for such productions. Music played an important role in such works and the high quality of these film scores can best be seen in the wide popularity of many of the songs in the various films, with some, like "Someday My Prince Will Come" written by Larry Morey (lyrics) and Frank Churchill (music) for Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, becoming even jazz standards taken up by such towering figures as Miles Davis and Bill Evans.

Disney Studios Walt experienced something of a renaissance beginning in 1989 with its animated featurelength film The Little Mermaid, which followed the tradition of the previous Walt Disney classics. The composer for this film and others during this decade-long renaissance, including the score for tonight's work Beauty and the Beast (1991), was Alan Menken. He was trained in musical theatre and then made the move to film music. His success in this demanding type of composition may be seen in the fact that he has won eight Academy Awards for his scores.

In fact, for Beauty and the Beast he won both the award for Best Original Score and Best Original Song. ("Beauty and the Beast")

Walt Disney Studios' success has continued well into the twenty-first century, as can be seen in its run-away hit Frozen (2013), featuring full computer animation. The composers for this score are the team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and the husband Robert Lopez. who won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 2013 for "Let it Go" from the film. A major competitor in animated films, however, has emerged in the rival animation studio Dreamworks. founded by Stephen Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen in 1994. Among their finest works is The Prince of Egypt (1998), which tells the story of Moses and the exodus from Egypt of the Hebrews culminating with the Ten Commandments. The music, with its intriguing middle Eastern flavour, was composed by Stephen Schwartz, an American composer and lyricist who, Like Alan Menken, has a background in musical theatre.

The Music for My Neighbour Totoro by Joe Hisaishi brings us to another major film company, Studio Ghibli of Tokyo, founded by, among others, the Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki. This studio is famous above all for its work in the field of Japanese animated films or anime and has produced five of the highest grossing Japanese films in this genre. My Neighbour Totoro from 1988 is considered an anime classic.

It tells the story of two young Japanese girls, who, when they move to the countryside to be with their ailing mother, become friends with various wood spirits, including Totoro, a spirit in the form of a tanuki, or Japanese racoon dog. In this film and many others from the early days of Studio Ghibli, Hisaishi worked closely with Miyazaki. The bright, optimistic music he produced for the film set the style for anime music for decades after the film's successful premiere.

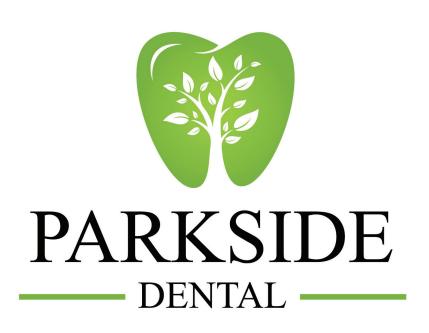
Passing on to tonight's offerings from the Classical repertoire, we first come to the Overture to Gioachino Rossini's Il barbieri di Siviglia.(the Barber of Seville) This comic opera, which premiered in 1816 at the Teatro Argentino in Rome, is considered one of the greatest masterpieces of the genre. Its famous overture captures perfectly the wit and high spirits of the scenic action, and yet it was recycled by Rossini from his serious opera Aureliano in Palmira and had also been used to open another serious opera, Elizabetta, Regina d'Inghilterra in the previous opera season. How perfectly it suits the comic hijinks of the Barber of Seville is perhaps best illustrated by the hilarious use made of it for Warner Brother's Looney Tunes production of the Rabbit of Seville in which Bugs Bunny delightfully shaves his nemesis Elmer Fudd down to size

In the next two classical items on tonight's program, we travel from Italy to the splendor of Vienna's Golden Age in the latter half of the 19th century. Tales from the Vienna Woods, Op. 325 is one of Johann Strauß's finest waltzes from the day in which waltz fever emanating form Vienna gripped all of Europe. As with much of the music on this program, it conveys a kaleidoscope of images arising from some of the most captivating waltz tunes the Waltz King wrote.

In Franz von Suppé we find a leader in the theatrical side of Vienna's Golden Age. Born in what is now Split, Croatia in 1819, he moved to Vienna with his mother after his father's death in 1835. Here he threw himself into the study of music, emerging in 1840 as third Kapellmeister or Director of the Theater in der Josefstadt, where he produced a number of highly successful musical comedies, including Ein Morgan, ein Mittag und ein Abend in Wien (Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna) which premiered there in February 26, 1844. Although the play for which the music was written only had a run of three performances, the Overture became one of Von Suppé's most popular works and is still part of the standard repertoire today. Its highly dramatic character and lyricism, so perfect for sparking off all sorts of images, owe a great deal to Italian opera of the period-especially the works of Gaetano Donizetti, who exerted a strong influence on Von Suppé in his youth and encouraged the young composer in his chosen career.

Equally dramatic are the **Brahms** Hungarian dances on tonight's program. These popular works reveal Brahms' interest in folk music from the earliest days of his career. The tunes themselves are not original, but were gathered from various sources in the 1850s and 1860s. Some are the result of his friendship with the Hungarian violinist, Ede Reményi, with whom he went on a European concert tour in 1853. All of the Hungarian dances Brahms arranged reflect aspects of the Czardas, an Hungarian gypsy type of music which was becoming very popular in urban centres across Europe. In these works, the music features shifts between dark brooding passages and explosions of great passion and at times also playfulness.

Programme Notes by Dr. Brian Black



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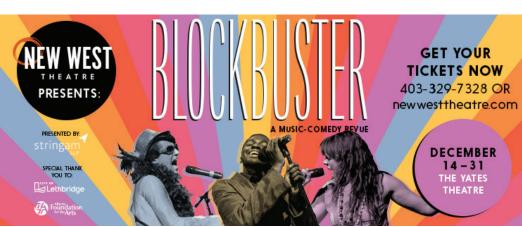
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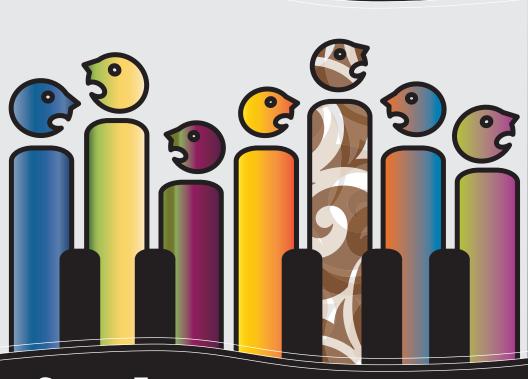


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## Alayna McNeil Violin

Alayna McNeil is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music in violin performance at the University of Lethbridge, where she studies with Peter Visentin. Prior to university, Alayna studied violin with Lise Boutin. Alayna is an honours student, and she was awarded the Abbondanza Fine Arts Undergraduate award and the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra Strings award during both her years at the university.

Alayna was the 2019 winner of the Rose Bowl award for the Most Artistic and Outstanding Performer in the Lethbridge Music Festival, and she received first place in her class at the 2021 Alberta Provincial Music Festival. Alayna was featured as a performer in the 2022 Centric Music Fest in Lethbridge.

Alayna has enjoyed playing violin with the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra for 6 years. She has attended summer music programs across Canada and in the UK. In addition to violin, Alayna plays horn and trombone, and she enjoys reading, travelling, biking and snowboarding.



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