

Kindred Spirits Orchestra

Kristian Alexander | Music Director

2024 | 2025 concert season



GODS and GRIFFINS

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8 p.m.



Welcome to "Gods and Griffins", a concert of the Kindred Spirits Orchestra featuring a world première of a newly written Concerto for Piano Trio and String Orchestra by Canadian composer Gary Kulesha and the music to Igor Stravinsky's ballet *Apollon musagète*.

Stravinsky's *Apollon Musagète*, sometimes shortened to just Apollo, is the music for a ballet in which the Greek god Apollo teaches the Muses their arts. Apollo was associated with the griffins -

divine creatures often linked to power, wealth, courage and prestige. The music adopts a neo-classical and neo-Baroque style, mimicking at various points the French overture, arias, and the theme and variation genre. Motivically, the music begins with a sixteenth-dotted eighth-sixteenth rhythm that Stravinsky develops in increasingly elaborate and virtuosic ways over the course of the piece.

Kulesha's novel take on the concerto genre sees the more typical solo instrument replaced instead by a trio of instruments, suggesting a dialogue with the Baroque Concerto Grosso genre.

Highlights of the second half of our concert season include Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7 (May 10) and Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* (June 21).

Internationally renowned pianist Dmitri Levkovich will make his début at the Meridian Arts Centre with Bartók's Concerto for piano and orchestra No. 1 (May 10). Verdi's *Requiem* will bring together the Orpheus Choir and the Resound Choir with soprano Natalya Gennadi, mezzo-soprano Danielle MacMillan, tenor Marcel D'Entremont and bass Dion Mazerolle.

We look forward to seeing you at our concerts!

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Igor Stravinsky, *Apollon musagète*

- INTERMISSION -

Gary Kulesha, Concerto for piano trio
and string orchestra

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THE GRYPHON TRIO

Annalee Patipatanakoon | violinist

Roman Borys | cellist

James Parker | pianist

Andrew James Clark | host

This programme is approximately 75 minutes long with one 15-minute intermission.