

# Media Release

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## Calgary Philharmonic brings holiday favourites and a heartwarming collaboration to your home this December

Calgary Alta. (Nov. 17, 2020) – The Calgary Philharmonic will be filling homes with the sound and spirit of the season at a free virtual concert on Saturday, December 12 featuring holiday music and a heartwarming collaboration to benefit The Mustard Seed.

People can sing along to familiar favourites they know and love — *Jingle Bells*, *Deck the Halls*, *Joy to the World*, *Sleigh Ride*, and more — and enjoy Arcangelo Corelli's classic *Christmas Concerto* performed by Calgary Phil musicians online. The concert will also showcase *Mittens*, a new work performed with vocalist Ellen Doty, who is originally from Calgary and now lives in Edmonton. Doty co-wrote the song with Wyatt C. Louis, a Plains Cree folk singer-songwriter based in Moh'kinstsís Treaty 7 Territory, for her fourth annual holiday giveback campaign. For the month of December, \$5 from every bag of Mittens Coffee sold at Monogram Coffee, and proceeds from sales of a limited edition coffee ice cream from Made by Marcus, will go to The Mustard Seed in support of its efforts to eliminate homelessness and reduce poverty. The Calgary Phil will also make a donation to the not-for-profit organization and encourage others to do the same.

“We know it’s been a tough year for a lot of people — we hope this concert will spread some holiday cheer and also help provide some much-needed support to those who are facing the additional challenges of homelessness and poverty,” says Paul Dornian, President and CEO of the Calgary Philharmonic. “We welcome the chance to be part of this joint effort to give back to the community.”

The concert is part of the Calgary Phil’s free online fall series. Following a two-week break, the series resumes this Saturday, November 21 and includes the Canadian debut of a work by American composer Frank Ticheli created in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new concert video premieres every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (MDT) through to December 19, 2020. Viewers can register in advance for free at [calgaryphil.com](http://calgaryphil.com).

The performances remain available on the website for one month following each premiere to give as many people as possible a chance to enjoy them. Plans are also in the works for another series of online concerts in the new year.

Saturday 12 December

### Holiday Favourites with the Calgary Phil

Program: *Deck the Halls* (Traditional, arr. Fred W. Teuber); *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams; *Jingle Bells*, by J.S. Pierpoint (arr. Fred W. Teuber); *Mittens*, by Ellen Doty and

Wyatt C. Louis (arr. Andrew Ball); *Silent Night*, by Lowell Mason (arr. Keith Snell); *Joy to the World*, by Lowell Mason (arr. Keith Snell); *Concerto Grosso in G Minor, Op. 6 No. 8 (Christmas Concerto)*, by Arcangelo Corelli; *Sleigh Ride*, by Leroy Anderson (arr. Mike Sequin/Phil Seguin); *I'll Be Home For Christmas*, by Walter Kent (arr. Mateusz Czarnowski) featuring Ellen Doty.

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The Calgary Philharmonic celebrates 65 years as a pillar of Calgary's vibrant arts community in 2020 and has grown to be one of Canada's most celebrated live music ensembles. Led by Music Director Rune Bergmann, the Calgary Philharmonic presents classical masterworks, pop favourites, bold collaborations, and cutting-edge new works, and attracts world renowned guest artists and dynamic conductors. The Orchestra welcomes over 100,000 visitors annually and, in 2017, launched its live-stream initiative — an immersive, digital concert experience for audiences around the world. Follow the Calgary Philharmonic @calgaryphil on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and register for email updates at [calgaryphil.com/newsletter](http://calgaryphil.com/newsletter).