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THE SHAW FESTIVAL BRINGS HOLIDAY MUSIC TO NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE WITH *SONGS FOR A WINTER'S NIGHT*

- Concerts featuring seasonal favourites will start December 5 –

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 16, 2020) — The Shaw Festival is adding a festive twist to its popular concert series. Running December 5 through December 19 in the Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre (10 Queen's Parade), ***Songs for a Winter's Night*** features favourite melodies from the holiday season. During each performance, up to 50 socially-distanced guests wearing masks will be immersed in the holiday magic of Niagara-on-the-Lake. For more information about the Festival's COVID-19 health and safety practices, please visit shawfest.com/dutyofcare.

Directed and choreographed by Associate Artistic Director **Kimberley Rampersad**, with music direction by **Paul Sportelli**, ***Songs for a Winter's Night*** includes holiday favourites such as *White Christmas*, *The Prayer* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. The concert features the talents of Festival ensemble members **Kyle Blair**, **Andrew Broderick**, **James Daly**, **Kristi Frank**, **Élodie Gillett**, **Alexis Gordon**, **Olivia Sinclair-Brisbane**, **Jonathan Tan** and Associate Music Director **Ryan deSouza**.

Audience members attending performances of ***Songs for a Winter's Night*** are invited to share their holiday memories with The Shaw. Patrons' stories of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and all other seasonal celebrations will be woven into the holiday concerts. Festive recollections can be emailed to feedback@shawfest.com.

As The Shaw prepares for the holiday season, [additional concerts](#) featuring the music of Duke Ellington, Dorothy Fields and Cole Porter have been added to the schedule from November 25 through December 4.

Tickets are general seating and can be reserved by calling the Shaw Festival's box office at 1-800-511-SHAW (7429). Tickets for the concert series will not be available online. Friends of The Shaw will be able to reserve tickets starting today, with public availability beginning November 17.

Funding for ***Songs for a Winter's Night*** and additional concerts is provided by the Government of Ontario.

The Shaw Festival also acknowledges the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) for their support of visitor activity in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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About the Shaw Festival

Inspired by the spirit of Bernard Shaw, the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters. The Shaw Festival is a place where people who are curious about the world gather to share the unique experience of live theatre and to create a deeper human connection with the artists, the beauty and abundance of Niagara and with each other. For more information, please visit shawfest.com.

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