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ENJOY A SONG FOR SUMMER WITH *PERFECT PAIRINGS* CONCERTS AT THE SHAW

- Stunning performances of iconic composer duos' works open the Shaw Artists' Village -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (July 7, 2026) – Live music returns to the Shaw Festival with the new [Perfect Pairings](#) concert series. Directed by **Kimberley Rampersad** with music direction by **Ryan deSouza**, this new series highlights the work of beloved musical theatre composer duos as performed by the incomparable vocal talents of the Shaw Festival ensemble.

Each performance yields a night of musical delights as members of The Shaw's phenomenally talented ensemble enchant and inspire audiences with iconic songs from the world of musical theatre. Highlighting the composer duos of **John Kander & Fred Ebb**, **Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty** and **Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice**, each *Perfect Pairings* concert features celebrated songs, intimate encounters and unforgettable moments when performers take to the stage to sing their hearts out.

The *Perfect Pairings* Ensemble highlights the vocal talents of **Alana Bridgewater**, **Amariah Faulkner**, **Élodie Gillett**, **Daniel Greenberg**, **Patty Jamieson**, **Cheryl Mullings**, **Jeremiah Sparks**, **Éamon Stocks** and **Mikayla Stradiotto**.

Directed by **Kimberley Rampersad**, with music direction and piano accompaniment from **Ryan deSouza**, *Perfect Pairings* also features lighting designed by **Alex Sykes**. The Stage Management team includes Stage Manager **Dora Tomassi** and Assistant Stage Manager **Jamie Anderson**.

Performing in the new Village Hall, the first venue to debut in the soon-to-open **Burton Centre for Lifelong Creativity** in the **Shaw Artists' Village** (272 Wellington Street) from July 7 to September 19, *Perfect Pairings* is recommended for audience members 8+. Running time is approximately 45 minutes.

Beyond the Stage Events and Activities

To complement its world-class performances, this season the Shaw Festival will offer more than 5,000 Beyond the Stage events, classes and activities for people of all ages. Programming includes [Positive Aging events](#), [Arts Education for children and youth](#), [Backstage Tours and Artist Conversations](#), [Coffee Concerts](#), [Speakeasies](#), [What's In Your Songbook](#), [Gospel Choir](#), [Perfect Pairings Concerts](#), [Pop-Up Patios](#) and so much more. Visit shawfest.com/beyondthestage for more information. Generously supported by **The Martin Family** as The Shaw's Education Partner. Beyond the Stage workshops graciously supported by the **DeRoy Testamentary Foundation**.

The Shaw Festival's 2026 Season runs through to December 23 and is supported by the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts.

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The Shaw Festival wishes to acknowledge and honour the land upon which its patrons and company members gather as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples.

Recognition and thanks are extended to the Neutral Nation, the Mississauga and the Haudenosaunee for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

About the Shaw Festival

One of the largest charitable theatre companies in North America, the Shaw Festival's mission is to enrich and connect people's lives through theatre. Based in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake, The Shaw's 2026 productions include [*Funny Girl*](#), [*One for the Pot*](#), [*Amadeus*](#), [*Sleuth*](#), [*Jeeves & Wooster in Perfect Nonsense*](#), [*A New Work in Progress*](#), [*The Wind in the Willows*](#), [*Heartbreak House*](#) and [*Ohio State Murders*](#). The Shaw Festival's Holiday Season includes [*A Year with Frog and Toad*](#) and [*Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*](#).

Through its [All.Together.Now](#) campaign, The Shaw is creating new spaces and programs where people can build real human connections and rediscover their creativity. For more information, visit shawfest.com.

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing. ~ George Bernard Shaw

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