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News Release: Ottawa Chamberfest announces 2022 summer festival, the bright light of your summer

OTTAWA – This summer, music and culture return to centre stage in Ottawa as Chamberfest™ brings the brightest Canadian and international stars to our city's best spots. Grammy-nominated wind quintet **Imani Winds**, six-voice a cappella ensemble **Nordic Voices**, and mezzo soprano **Marion Newman**, of Kwagiulth and Stó:lo First Nations, English, Scottish and Irish heritage are among the brilliant artists performing at Ottawa's internationally-acclaimed chamber music festival, taking place from July 21 - August 4, 2022.

"Music not only has the power to connect us, but it allows us to explore great emotions and helps contextualize the world around us," says Carissa Klopoushak, Artistic Director of Ottawa Chamberfest. "We've curated an inspiring and impactful lineup of performances intended to bring people closer together in the pursuit of meaningful and honest connection. Whether you're a fan of chamber music or new to the art form, you're sure to find something that strikes a chord!"

New this year, Chamberfest is thrilled to present Tunisian-born mezzo-soprano, **Rihab Chaieb**, supported by newly minted Chamberfest Artists-in-Residence. Following a two-week run of *Così fan tutte* with the Washington National Opera, Rihab will make her Chamberfest debut on August 2, 2022.

Additional highlights from the 2022 summer festival Signature Series include:

Canadian Brass

Saturday, July 23 at 7 p.m.

When the internationally celebrated Canadian Brass is on stage, a mixture of humour and skill guarantees a performance unlike any you've experienced. The Canadian Brass promises to deliver a lively and fun concert, bolstered by their impeccable technique and powerful performance.

Gryphon Trio, Nordic Voices, and Marion Newman

Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

The electrifying combination of piano trio, a cappella ensemble Nordic Voices, and vivacious mezzo-soprano Marion Newman will resonate across Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre. As an extra treat for this evening, this unique collaboration imagined by the illustrious Gryphon Trio brings forward new works by composers Eliot Britton, Andrew Balfour, and Henrik Hellstenius.

Sounding Thunder: The Songs of Francis Pegahmagabow

Sunday, July 31 at 7 p.m.

Sounding Thunder brings to life the struggles and accomplishments of Francis Pegahmagabow, distinguished Ojibwe military officer and political leader, following his journey from the trenches of WWI to his time as Chief of the Wasauksing Ojibwe. This cultural collaboration paying homage to the legacy of

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a Canadian hero acts as a reminder of the challenges Indigenous populations still face to this day. Commissioned and produced by the Festival of the Sound.

Introducing Rihab Chaieb

Tuesday, August 2 at 7 p.m.

Equal parts passion and precision, Tunisian-born mezzo-soprano Rihab Chaieb has captivated audiences around the world with her vocal clarity and lavish tone. With added forces from the newly minted Chamberfest Artists-in-Residence, the evening is sure to mark an exceptional festival debut for Chaieb.

Danish String Quartet

Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

Spontaneous and impeccable in their performances, the world-renowned Danish String Quartet promises to make even the most seasoned chamber music fanatic feel as though they're discovering chamber classics for the first time.

Following the success of last year, the 2022 summer festival will continue with a hybrid model of in-person and livestream performances. Concerts in the Signature Series will be broadcast live from Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre, with in-person tickets available. Audience passes and select tickets go on sale April 11, 2022 at chamberfest.com.

The remaining lineup of events will be revealed in June, comprising the Marina Kun Series (including Imani Winds), late-night Chamberfringe, Bring the Kids!, outdoor concerts downtown and at Beechwood, Chamber Chats: Festival Edition, and more.

Visit chamberfest.com to find out more about our summer festival programs, performing artists, and ticket package options.

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About Ottawa Chamberfest:

Ottawa Chamberfest's vision is to change lives through music. It brings together the boldest names in ensemble and solo performance for musical celebration in the nation's capital, drawing approximately 100,000 visits per year through its concert series, community engagement and education (CEE) program, and renowned summer festival. Ottawa Chamberfest is a 2020 Festival & Events Ontario (FEO) "Top 100" event and was named Ottawa Tourism's "Event of the Year" in 2019.

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