



Western
Music

Don Wright Faculty of Music

CONCERT SEASON

2026-2027





Maxime
Despax



Ingrid Fliter

Dean's Welcome



Flex Ensemble



Ema
Nikolovska
and Sean
Shibe



Josh Lovell

Join us for the 2026–27 concert season!

I am especially pleased to welcome you this year as I begin my tenure as Acting Dean, a meaningful milestone after more than twenty years at the Don Wright Faculty of Music.

Our Faculty holds a unique place within Western University and Canada's musical landscape. Its strength lies in the breadth of traditions, disciplines, and perspectives within one community, fueling collaboration, innovation, and artistic excellence. We are proud to share this richness with you, our valued audience.

This guide offers a sampling of the season ahead; I encourage you to visit us online for complete event listings and to preview concert programs.

Thank you for your continued support. Our community is stronger because of you.

Sophie Louise Roland

Dean, Don Wright Faculty of Music



Jean
Sophie
Kim



PHOTOS: Gary Houlder (Ingrid Fliter), Zuzanna Specjal (Flex Ensemble), Simon Pauly (Josh Lovell), Kaupo Kikkas (Ema Nikolovska), Iga Gozdowska (Sean Shibe), and Mai Tilson (London Gospel Collective)



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Rebecca Hass



Symphonic Band

September

October

Sept. 11 | 12:30pm vKH ● +

Half-Assembled Trio

Jeffrey Heisler, soprano saxophone

Adam Estes, baritone saxophone

I-Chen Yeh, piano

Sept. 18 | 12:30pm vKH ● +

Martha Guth, soprano

Patricia Green, mezzo-soprano

Erika Switzer, piano

Plus student and alumni performers
with remarks by composers Cecilia
Livingston and Omar Daniel

*This concert is part of the Music, Craft, and the
Fibre Arts: Textures in Conversation three-day
festival-symposium. [music.uwo.ca/research/
textures-in-conversation](http://music.uwo.ca/research/textures-in-conversation)*

Sept. 25 | 12:30pm vKH ● +

Commemorating the National Day
for Truth and Reconciliation

The Song Blanket with

Rebecca Hass, performer

Oct. 2 | 12:30pm vKH ● +

Josh Lovell, tenor

Simone Luti, piano

Oct. 19 | 7:30pm vKH

Time for Three ensemble

Nick Kendall, violin, vocals

Charles Yang, violin, vocals

Ranaan Meyer, double bass, vocals

Oct. 20 | 7:30pm vKH

Student Composers Fall Concert

Oct. 24 | 7:30pm vKH

Parsons and Poole Concert

featuring Ingrid Fliter, piano

General admission: \$50 (\$55 at door, if available)

Students/Seniors: \$25 (\$30 at door, if available)

Purchase via music.uwo.ca/events or 519-661-4077

Oct. 25 | 10am vKH

Parsons and Poole Masterclass

with Ingrid Fliter, piano

Oct. 31 | 3pm PDT

Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble



< View full details and more
September events online

PDT - Paul Davenport Theatre

vKH - von Kuster Hall

● Fridays @ 12:30 Series

+ Also via livestream



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October events online

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vKH - von Kuster Hall

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+ Also via livestream

November

Nov. 4 | 7:30pm PDT
Chorale, Les Choristes,
Western University Singers choirs

Nov. 6 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Jean Sophie Kim, piano
Michael Bates, bass

Nov. 6 | 7:30pm PDT
Symphony Orchestra

Nov. 9 | 7pm vKH
Early Music Studio with members of
Tafelmusik

Nov. 12 | 11am MB 254 & 12:30pm vKH
Vancouver Recital Society Visiting Artist
Guitar and Voice Masterclasses with
Sean Shibe and Ema Nikolovska

Nov. 13 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Margie Bernal, soprano
Simone Luti, piano

Nov. 13 | 7:30pm
Vancouver Recital Society Visiting Artists
Concert with Ema Nikolovska,
mezzo-soprano, Sean Shibe, guitar

Nov. 19-22 | PDT
Thu/Fri 7:30pm, Sat/Sun 2pm
Opera at Western: Mozart's Don Giovanni
General admission: \$50 (\$55 at door, if available)
Students/Seniors: \$40 (\$45 at door, if available)
Purchase via music.uwo.ca/events or 519-661-4077

Nov. 20 | 1:30pm vKH +
Songs of Many Lands

Nov. 24 | 12:30pm vKH
Chamber Music Showcase #1

Nov. 25 | 7:30pm vKH
Early Music Studio

Nov. 26 | 12:30pm vKH
Chamber Music Showcase #2

Nov. 26 | 12:30pm PDT
Pop Band

Nov. 27 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Kevin McMillan, baritone
Gabriel Dobner, piano

Nov. 27 | 12:30 & 7:30pm PDT
Percussion Ensemble

Nov. 28 | 3pm PDT
Symphony Orchestra



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November events online

PDT - Paul Davenport Theatre
vKH - von Kuster Hall
MB - Music Building
● Fridays @ 12:30 Series
+ Also via livestream



December

January

- Dec. 1 | 7:30pm vKH
Electroacoustic Concert by Student Composers
- Dec. 2 | 7:30pm vKH
Western University Singers with guests
Student Leadership Choral Collective
- Dec. 3 | 7:30pm PDT
Jazz Ensemble
- Dec. 4 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Tamarack Brass
- Dec. 4 | 7:30pm PDT
Wind Ensemble
- Dec. 5 | 3pm PDT
Symphonic Band
- Dec. 7 | 7:30pm vKH
Contemporary Music Studio
- Dec. 7 | 7:30pm PDT
Chorale and Les Choristes choirs
- Dec. 8 | 8pm The Spoke, UCC
Salsa Band

- Jan. 8 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Leslie Kinton, piano
- Jan. 9 | 12pm vKH
Maritsa Brookes Concerto Competition
- Jan. 14 | 8pm vKH
Fred Pattison Piano Award 2026
Winner's Recital – Jordan Dyck
- Jan. 15 | 8pm vKH
Fred Pattison Piano Award 2027
Competition
- Jan. 16 | 10am vKH
Fred Pattison Piano Masterclass
- Jan. 22 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Freitag Schubertiade
- Jan. 29 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Piotr Lato, clarinet
Maciej Zimka, accordion
- Jan. 30 | 7:30pm vKH
Opera Gala with Early Music Studio



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PDT - Paul Davenport Theatre
vKH - von Kuster Hall
UCC - University Community Centre
● Fridays @ 12:30 Series
+ Also via livestream



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January events online

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vKH - von Kuster Hall
● Fridays @ 12:30 Series
+ Also via livestream



February

Symphony Orchestra

Feb. 5 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
London Gospel Collective

Feb. 5 | 7:30pm PDT
Symphonic Band

Feb. 6 | 3pm PDT
Wind Ensemble

Feb. 9 | 12:30pm PDT
Lunchtime Choral Series: Chorale

Feb. 10 | 12:30pm vKH
Lunchtime Choral Series: Les Choristes

Feb. 11 | 12:30pm vKH
Lunchtime Choral Series:
Western University Singers

Feb. 12 | 12:30pm PDT
Symphony Orchestra

Feb. 26 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Maxime Despax, viola

Know a Future Musical Mustang?

In addition to concerts, prospective students are encouraged to join us on campus for specialized programming during open houses and instrument days. It's the best way to get a feel for Music at Western, and to meet our supportive community of students, faculty and staff.

For a full listing of this year's opportunities, visit music.uwo.ca/events or contact Sasha Gorbasesw at 519-661-2111 x80532 or agorbase@uwo.ca.



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February events online

PDT - Paul Davenport Theatre
vKH - von Kuster Hall
● Fridays @ 12:30 Series
+ Also via livestream

March

Mar. 2 | 7:30pm vKH
Flex Ensemble with members of the
Contemporary Music Studio

Mar. 4-7 | PDT
Thu/Fri 7:30pm, Sat/Sun 2pm
Opera at Western presents Puccini's
Suor Angelica and Gianni Schicchi
General admission: \$50 (\$55 at door, if available)
Students/Seniors: \$40 (\$45 at door, if available)
Purchase via music.uwo.ca/events or 519-661-4077

Mar. 12 | 12:30 & 7:30pm PDT
Percussion Ensemble

Mar. 12 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Stéphan Sylvestre, piano
Angela Park, piano

Mar. 14 | 3pm vKH
Brett Kingsbury, piano

Mar. 17 | 7:30pm vKH
Early Music Studio

Mar. 19 | 12:30pm vKH ● +
Violaine Melançon, violin
Brigitte Poulin, piano

Mar. 19 | 8pm PDT
Dance at Western: Studies in Motion

Mar. 25 | 12:30pm PDT
Pop Band

Mar. 25 | 7:30pm PDT
Jazz Ensemble

Looking for More Music?

Throughout March and April, more than 150 year-end student chamber and solo recitals take place on campus. All are open to the public and all are welcome to attend!

Visit music.uwo.ca/events to access the complete listing once available, usually by late January. All student recitals are subject to change. Be sure to double check the listings before you leave home.



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March events online

PDT - Paul Davenport Theatre
vKH - von Kuster Hall
● Fridays @ 12:30 Series
+ Also via livestream



Apr. 2 | 7:30pm PDT
Wind Ensemble

Apr. 3 | 3pm PDT
Symphonic Band

Apr. 3 | 7:30pm vKH
Les Choristes and Western University
Singers choirs

Apr. 3 | 8pm PDT
Salsa Band

Apr. 5 | 7:30pm vKH
Contemporary Music Studio

Apr. 5 | 7:30pm PDT
Chorale with guests Student
Leadership Choral Collective

Apr. 6 | 7:30pm vKH
Student Composer and Chamber
Music Gala

Apr. 7 | 6pm PDT
Electroacoustic Concert by Student
Composers

Apr. 9 | 7:30pm PDT
Symphony Orchestra



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April events online

PDT - Paul Davenport Theatre
vKH - von Kuster Hall

Concert Programs

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programs online. Visit music.uwo.ca/events/concert-programs to
preview in advance, or download
when you arrive via QR code
posted at each venue.



Land Acknowledgement

Western University is located in Dish With One Spoon Treaty Territory, the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, and Lunaapéewak Nations.



Ceremonial Arbour at Western University's Wampum Learning Lodge

Conductors & Directors

Chamber Music Aaron Hodgson, Tom Wiebe

Choral Coordinator Mark Ramsay

Contemporary Music Studio Paul Frehner

Dance at Western Barb Sarma

Early Music Studio Joseph Lanza

Jazz Ensemble Bobbi Thompson

Opera at Western Simone Luti

Percussion Ensemble Richard Burrows

Pop Band Mitch Tyler

Salsa Band Denis Jiron

Student Composers Paul Frehner,
Jason Stanford

Symphonic Band Shawn Chabot

Symphony Orchestra Simone Luti

Wind Ensemble Colleen Richardson

Learn more about student ensembles and performance groups at music.uwo.ca/ensembles

Support the Don Wright Faculty of Music

At the Don Wright Faculty of Music, we envision a world where the joy of music is a valued component of daily life. The generosity of donors enables this vision to be realized by ensuring the lives of our students are transformed through excellence in music education, performance, and research.

You may direct a gift toward any area of our faculty that is meaningful to you, that contributes to the vibrancy of our student experience and helps secure the future of music at Western. Some areas to consider include student awards and scholarships, visiting artists and performances, and the Western Music Fund.

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Plan Your Visit

In case of emergency, please notify an usher for assistance.

Stay up to date

Attending an event in person? Always check online for current event information before you leave home. Schedule changes are frequent and should be expected. Descriptions for all events, plus more than 150 student recitals, are posted to our online events calendar. Sign up for our monthly events email for regular updates and to be notified when schedules change.
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General event inquiries

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Concert programs

Programs are available online for each performance. Download when you arrive using your smart phone with a QR code posted at the door, or visit music.uwo.ca/events before you leave home.

Tickets

All events are free to attend unless otherwise noted. No advance registration is required for free events unless otherwise noted – simply attend and enjoy! All seating except for fully staged opera events are on a first-come-first-serve basis. For ticketed events, advance purchase online is strongly recommended. All door sales are subject to an additional fee of \$5. Credit or debit cards only are accepted at the door (no cash). Discounted student (with valid ID) and senior (age 55+) pricing is available as indicated. **Purchase tickets at music.uwo.ca/events or call 519-661-4077.**

Venue guide

PDT Paul Davenport Theatre, Talbot College
vKH von Kuster Hall, Music Building (main level)
MRH Moscovich Recital Hall, Music Building (second floor)

The Don Wright Faculty of Music at Western University is housed within Talbot College and Music Building, which are connected by a hallway on the main floor.

Livestream

Select performances (+) are also available to view live online via livestream. **music.uwo.ca/events/livestream**

Accessibility

Talbot College and Music Building are equipped with elevators and ramp access. Seating in the theatre is limited (PDT and vKH have four wheelchair spaces, and MRH has two). To ensure accommodation, please notify the box office at 519-661-3019 at minimum two days in advance. For ticketed events, wheelchair and companion seating can be indicated when purchasing online in advance. Additional questions? Contact musicevents@uwo.ca or 519-661-3767.

Latecomers

Please wait for an appropriate break in the performance before entering the hall.

Groups/Schools

Advance arrangements must be made to ensure space (groups of 8 or more). Contact agorbase@uwo.ca or 519-661-2111 x80532. Teachers and band/orchestra/choir leaders – learn more about campus visits for school children and prospective music students.

Parking and public transportation

For complete visitor parking information by lot, including rates and information on complimentary weekend parking, visit uwo.ca/parking or call 519-661-3973. The closest parking lots to the Don Wright Faculty of Music are the Talbot Lot (adjacent), South Valley Lot (4-6 min walk), and Medway Lot (6-8 min walk). The closest bus stops to the Don Wright Faculty of Music are Talbot College and Delaware Hall, with service via 2, 6, 10, 13, 27, 34 (as of Aug. 2026).

Giving to Western

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Smoking policy

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COVER IMAGE: BMus student John Waterfield (left) with Master's student Daria Kharchenko during the March 2026 Opera at Western production of Sondheim's Sweeney Todd (Claus Andersen).
BACK IMAGE: Student choir members performing in Paul Davenport Theatre (Claus Andersen)



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