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NSO Launches Exciting 2017-18 Season

The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra (NSO) is excited to kick off another busy season of concerts and events featuring local and world class artists performing a diverse array of classical, modern and other works. The 2017-18 season brings back favourites like the NSO ExxonMobil Big Ticket fundraiser and Handel's *Messiah*, while adding new concerts and collaborations including *Sing We Joyous* with the Atlantic Boychoir and Sinfonia 3 with Lady Cove.

"This season promises to be a great year for the NSO and for our patrons," said Hugh Donnan, CEO of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra. "We are really focusing on some amazing collaborations with local choirs and artists, as well as guest soloists and groups from across Canada and around the world. Our Sinfonia series will feature a number of guest conductors, and we are pleased to be bringing back our Christmas and Spring pops shows, always favorites for our audiences."

This weekend marks the beginning of the 2017-18 season, with Masterworks 1: Songs of the North taking place this Friday, September 22 beginning at 8:00 p.m at the Arts and Culture Centre in St. John's. The concert will highlight songs of Canada and the north as the orchestra pays tribute to Canada's 150th anniversary. The soloist for Masterworks 1 is renowned Canadian pianist, André Laplante who will join the NSO to perform Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A Minor*. Also on the program is Sibelius' *Symphony No. 2* and a new composition for Canada 150 *Canadian Celebration Overture* by Leo Purich.

Laplante will also conduct a masterclass at Memorial University's D.F. Cook Recital Hall on Thursday, September 21 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The masterclass is open to the public and free of charge.

Masterworks 1 is sponsored by the City of St. John's and the Community Foundation of Canada's Community Fund for Canada's 150th. For a short overview of the Masterworks 1 program from our music director Marc David, [click here](#).



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