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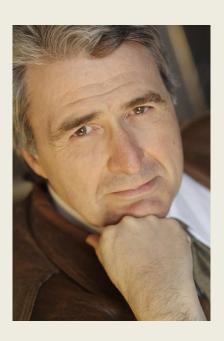
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Kerry Stratton – Biography

Kerry Stratton is the Conductor and Music Director of the Toronto Concert Orchestra. He also serves as Conductor for a varied schedule of performances and recordings with a long list of European and international orchestras. In Toronto, he hosts a classical music radio show as a means to expand exposure, and is a very capable speaker as well. Stratton enjoys meeting and working with board members and donors.

He has pursued a modern, successful vision in his career. Stratton's objectives include having his orchestras perform in many venues, many styles, and many configurations while presenting a repertoire that addresses the maximum number of constituencies. It is his belief that musical excellence can be found from the concert stage to the dance floor, and significant experience shows that this philosophy works.

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FRANÇAIX String Symphony. Ode sur "La Naissance de Vénus" de Botticelli. Die Kamelien: Pantomime • Kerry Stratton, cond; Sir Georg Solti C O • TOCCATA 162 (52:06)

The light yet well-crafted music of Jean Françaix is extremely popular but not well thought of by the majority of critics and academics. I've long loved his Wind Quintet and his Trois Epigrammes, and so did Nadia Boulanger who performed excerpts from the latter with her singers. The String Symphony (1948) is one of his happiest and most popular works, and I found myself utterly charmed by this re-acquaintance with it. Nor is it as much a piece of musical gingerbread as we often hear nowadays: Françaix wrote some very interesting chromatic harmonies and off-kilter rhythms into the score, which oddly enough bear an occasional resemblance to early Britten. Conductor Stratton and his chamber orchestra capture the lightness as well as the lovely textures, and their performance is delightful. So, too, is the brief ode to Botticelli's "La Naissance de Vénus," written for a 1961 TV documentary on the artist that was never aired. An unnamed studio orchestra recorded and broadcast the piece to arouse interest in the TV program, but when the show was scuttled that recording disappeared. This is its first official recording, and is an excellent example of the composer's ability to set a mood with only a few gestures.

Possibly the most arresting piece here is the ballet score Die Kamelien, a retelling of Dumas's tale of Marguerite Duplessis. It was written in 1950 and premiered in New York the following year with choreography by George Balanchine. This incident was not an anomaly; as Françaix often said, "I live in exile in my own country and am nurtured from abroad." As in the case of much 20th-century ballet music, the score alludes to the movements of the dancers and does not always develop as concert music, yet I found it extremely well written. The opening piece, titled "Am Grab: Andantino," is moody and evocative, representing a scene at Marguerite's grave. According to the liner notes, "Her spirit accepts the camellias from Armand's ghost and reflects that her legend has become immortal: she invites the audience to see how it came about." The second piece, representing the ball at which she meets Armand, is

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an interesting waltz in which the rhythms are, again, occasionally skewed. It includes a minuet and ends in a lively vein. The pair dance a "melancholy siciliano" while Marguerite reflects that "the reality of their affair was much more mundane than the legend."

The next section, "Das Landhaus: Vivo," is set at the country house of Armand's father who forbids her to continue the affair with his son. It opens with violin scales that rise and fall chromatically, suggesting the uncertain nature of their relationship. These are altered in various ways throughout the scene—one of them a melancholy and quirky waltz in which the string figures occasionally resolve the harmony only to set off again restlessly. A Gallic sort of polka rhythm also makes its appearance here in the middle section. "Im Spielsaal: Allegro" places Marguerite in the gaming hall with the Baron. The liner notes aptly describe the music as beginning with vivacious dances but eventually veering off into long, sad phrases that depict her death from tuberculosis. The final scene returns her, and us, to the graveside once again, bringing closure to this rather brief (25 minutes) but sad ballet.

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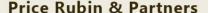
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"The music expertly played by the Moscow Symphony Orchestra, Kerry Statton conducting, is a delight throughout."

-The Washington Post

"Full blooded, dynamic, technically well-grasped, convincing and effective." -Korzo Kultura, Slovak Republic



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- "This charismatic Canadian became an instant hit with his almost swashbuckling approach to conducting."
- -Abilene Reporter News
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- -Muzikos Barai, Vilnius
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- -The Toronto Star
- "The combination of a conductor with a genuine affection for his undertaking and musicians who respond to him has produced a recording of beauteous and bounteous sound."
- -Toronto Free Press



Toronto Concert Orchestra Conductor Shares His Passion For Music

Making Joyful Music

In the early 1960s, a young boy named Kerry Stratton was growing up in Belleville, a rural town in Ontario. But he found life there much too quiet — literally, very quiet. His parents didn't attend concerts and his home had no record player. But when Kerry listened to the radio or heard a movie soundtrack, he knew one thing beyond doubt — he craved music.

Today, Kerry Stratton is the beloved and much honoured conductor of the Toronto Concert Orchestra. His accolades include being the first Canadian to conduct the St. Petersburg Camerata in the Hermitage Theatre at the Winter Palace, performing with the Beijing Symphony at the Forbidden City, 23 years as conductor and musical director of the Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra, and receiving both the Masaryk and the Gratis Agit awards for his services to Czech and Slovak culture.

His path to becoming a world-class conductor has been a difficult one — including having two fingers surgically reattached to his hand after an accident — but Stratton's enthusiasm for orchestral music never faltered. "I believe music is almost 100 percent joy," he says with a boyish twinkle in his eyes. "People have the wrong idea about music when they say it should be admired and respected. Music isn't written to be respected: it's written to be loved. Music that touches your heart... no one can steal that from you. It's yours... forever. That's what conducting lets me do — share my passion and pleasure with the audience."

This need for music and art, Stratton believes, is part of humanity's genetic makeup. "There are caves in France that are said to have been inhabited in the ages before Christ. They are protected, dry — good reasons for why they would be used for shelter. But no one has ever been able to explain why those early people painted the walls."



World of discovery

Stratton describes convincing his parents to give him music lessons as akin to "mounting a military campaign." As a first step, he persuaded his mother to buy a record player. But records were expensive — \$4.99 each.

"My father said: 'do you know how many chores you have to do to make four dollars and 99 cents?'" Somehow Stratton makes the word "know" sound like it's three syllables long. "I said: 'Yes, and I will do them.' I also collected empty bottles everywhere I could — along the roads, in dumps, even in junkyards. I'd put them in my bicycle carrier, wash them, and get my two cents per bottle." He grins. "You need a lot of two-cent bottles to make up five dollars plus tax, plus shipping."

Then Stratton discovered a mail-order record club and his world changed. "I could get four records for 99 cents if I promised to buy four more at full price." His first purchase was Fritz Reimer conducting Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony with the Chicago Symphony. That record is still one of the most prized among the Maestro's collection. "I felt like an explorer every time a new record arrived. Who was this Chopin, this 'Miz-oor-ski'? Was that even how you pronounced their names?"

Stratton's parents gave in and let the boy study music. His first break came in high school when the music teacher said: "So Kerry, you want to be a conductor? Why don't you try conducting for tomorrow's Assembly?" In no time, the young man was conducting every Assembly and other musical events for the school.

In McGill University, Stratton became Assistant Conductor for the Montreal Junior Symphony, occasionally covering for the regular conductor and ultimately taking on the full-time position when the elder man retired.

Art and passion

"Everything you need to learn about the technical side of conducting can be taught very quickly," Stratton stresses. After that, the difference between success and failure is the conductor's personality and passion. "When you listen to an orchestra, you are really listening to the conductor — the same as anyone can read Hamlet but it takes actor John Gielgud to give you the chills."

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Encouraging aspiring young performers and conductors to develop this ability of sending shivers down the spines of their audience is another facet of Stratton's career. He's particularly delighted when he can offer students a rare opportunity to conduct at summer festivals. "Why is this important? If your child wants to study the violin it's easy — you buy them a violin. Even a cheap violin will do. But if your child wants to be a conductor, their instrument is an orchestra. It's a little more difficult to buy one of those."

Follow your heart

Stratton believes when a child shows genuine enthusiasm for music, ongoing exposure to different styles is key. "Take them to concerts to see what they like, but pick the right concerts. We now have four generations of children who grew up on television — four minutes, stop, four minutes, stop. I don't like it, but you work with it. A lot of people say they're embarrassed to say the first place they heard a symphony is in cartoons. I say — me too! And don't be upset if you hope your child will play violin but they like the clarinet because, ultimately, it's all good."

The maestro is a vocal advocate for the need to encourage musicality for all students during their school years. "We teach so many things in school that those students will never use. Teach music, and it stays with you forever." One of the simplest solutions, he suggests, is singing. "Voice is the instrument that's free and everyone has it. On the faces of six-year-old children, I've seen the feeling of accomplishment that comes from creating something that sounds beautiful. We helped one primary school put on an opera called Brundibár, and the teacher wrote to me to say that the children still get together at recess to sing."

George Bernard Shaw once said "in heaven, before the throne of God, the angels play Bach — but at home they play Mozart." And whether he's at home, on the international stage, or engaging with the youngest new talent, Kerry Stratton is fulfilling his childhood dream of joyfully filling his life with music.
-Susan Boyce, Taste of Life Magazine (2/5/15)



Kerry Stratton – Francaix Reviews

"Conductor Kerry Stratton clearly loves this repertoire, and his well prepared, sympathetic performances are persuasive. He draws an enthusiastic, committed response from the "Georg Solti" Chamber Orchestra, which sounds at its best in the Symphonie. The Kamelien music is nearly as good...the sound is full, and vivid: the low divided strings in the Symphonie's slow movement are clear and resonant."

-Stephen Francis Vasta is a New York-based conductor, coach, and journalist. Positive Feedback Exchange

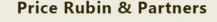
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-Lynn Rene Bayley, Fanfare Magainze May/June 2013

"Their musical presentations live up to Solti's memory, as does this disc. The most prominent is the humility as they turn to musical works and the sensitive interpretation with which they approach Jean Francaix's musical world. The Solti Chamber Orchestra adds a lot to the works and conductor Kerry Stratton also proves to be a master of contrasts and musical imagery."

-E. Kiss "Magyar Nemzet" Hungary's largest daily newspaper May 8, 2013





Kerry Stratton – Francaix Reviews

"Here, the delicately shaped phrasing goes hand in hand with a wonderful sense of transparency. Kudos to Kerry Stratton and GSCO, not only for some fine music making, but for uncovering some unknown treasures that might otherwise have been overlooked."

-Richard Haskell, August 2013, Wholenote Magazine (8/29/13)

"Kerry Stratton gets impressively athletic playing from the orchestra throughout. Elegant and controlled – a gem of a piece."

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REVIEW: A night to remember

Dancing in the aisles

SANDRA RUTTAN

Special to the Examiner

The final concert of the Barrie Concerts series took place last Saturday night at Hi-Way Pentecostal Church.

The church was packed with an audience eager to take in A Night in Vienna, a performance by Conductor, Kerry Stratton and the Toronto Concert Orchestra, along with Soprano, Allison Cecilia Arends and Baritone, Matthew Zadow.

Maestro Stratton has conducted orchestras all over Europe, North America and Asia. He is renowned for his knowledge and promotion of Czech culture. A favourite with Barrie audiences, the charismatic Stratton interacted with the audience with characteristic humour, engaging them with anecdotes and information about the music they were hearing.

Stratton explained that the touring ensemble from the Toronto Concert Orchestra is very much like the kind of orchestra that would have played in the cafés of Vienna in the late 1800s, the silver age of operetta, the golden age of the waltz. With a beautiful, transparent sound, the orchestra played a variety of music of that time, music evocative of balls, billowing gowns and balmy nights.

In the Gold and Silver Waltz by Franz Lehar, the sound of the flute gleamed through the texture of the strings, while the rich golden tone of the horn supported them.

The audience thrilled to the timeless melodies of the famous Blue Danube and Emperor waltzes by Johann Strauss Jr. and clapped to the rousing themes of the Light Cavalry Overture by Franz Von Suppe. Interspersed between the orchestral pieces, Arends and Zadow delighted the audience with animated renditions of favorite arias and duets from Strauss' opera Die Fledermaus, Lehar's The Merry Widow and Donizetti's Don Pasquale.

Arends is well known in the Canadian music scene for her versatile and beautiful voice. Zadow is known internationally with recent debuts in Holland, Ireland



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Allison Arends

and Belgium.

Both sang with power and sensitivity and poise, bringing to life the characters they were portraying in their songs.

When, after the final piece was played, the audience stood up and clapped long and hard, Maestro Stratton offered one more selection, on the condition that Barrie's own Bruce Owen take the baton (as well as a donation towards the 2014 Colours of Music festival.) And so the concert ended with yet another beloved melody, conducted by someone whose love of music has done so much to bring such music to Barrie. Arends, Zadow and others finished the night dancing in the aisles.

Sandra Ruttan is a local musician and music teacher.

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BARRIE CONCERTS REVIEW: Season opens triumphantly



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Kerry Stratton conducts the Toronto Concert Orchestra and Chorus at Hi-Way Pentecostal, Saturday.

Beethoven delights

MICHAEL ADAMSON
Special to the Examiner

Hi-Way Pentecostal was overflowing with concert-goers on Saturday evening, as they attended the inaugural event of the 2010-2011 season of Barrie Concerts.

The program consisted of two of Beethoven's greatest works — the Violin Concerto and the Ninth Symphony. Well-known conductor Kerry Stratton directed the Toronto Concert Orchestra, which packed the stage with a full complement of strings, winds and percussion.

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Czech violinist, Vit Muzik, rose to the occasion and drew lyrical sounds from his instrument; his tone seamlessly matched that of the orchestra. Instead of more customary cadenzas, he chose those written in 1972 by a musicologist by the name of Cermak. At times, they sounded as if belonging to the 18th century—perhaps Mozartean?—at others, the 19th century.

After the intermission, conductor Stratton embarked on the huge Ninth Symphony, known as the Choral. It was exceptionally long for its time, lasting approximately an hour and a quarter. It influenced many composers who succeeded Beethoven, including Brahms, Wagner and Mahler. The famous tune Ode to Joy in the last movement was chosen as



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Kerry Stratton directs the Toronto Concert Orchestra and Chorus.

the anthem of the European Union.

The quiet opening and then, sometimes, stormy first movement, followed by the compulsive triple rhythms of the scherzo, then the lyrical variations of the slow third movement led to a fourth movement, which is a symphony within a symphony. The four soloists, and chorus join the orchestra in the triumphant hymn based on words of Schiller's poem, *An die Freude*.

Stratton and the orchestra portrayed the great beauty and musical depth of the first three movements, after which there was a slight pause, as time was taken to allow the soloists and the Toronto Concert Chorus to file on stage. This interruption was a little unfortunate, but the reason was presumably because there was insufficient room on stage for the chorus to be seated during the lengthy interval before their entry.

At last, the much anticipated fourth movement began. The orchestra presented the stormy opening passage before lapsing into reminiscences of all three preceding movements. When baritone, Nicolae Raiciu, entered with the call to "raise our voices", the spine tingled. Joined by mezzo soprano Marta Herman, tenor Christopher Mayell and soprano Allison Cecilia Arends for the exposition of the verse, and then the full chorus and orchestra, the effect was immensely stirring.

A glorious sound echoed into the night.



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[The B minor concerto] makes the disc appealing, along with Evju's two Earl Wild inspired Grieg song transcriptions, played with commanding virtuosity by Petersson. © 2015 Gramophone Read complete review on Gramophone

Bruce Reader

The Classical Reviewer, July 2015

All in all, this (disc) proves to be a fascinating musical experience.

Carl Petersson brings a spontaneity to his playing with Kerry Stratton and the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra providing some lovely rather leisurely orchestral passages.

I cannot imagine any Grieg enthusiast not wanting to hear this fascinating disc finely recorded and with first rate performances from all concerned. © 2015 The Classical Reviewer Read complete review

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Mark J. Estren

Infodad.com, June 2015

Carl Petersson plays the Evju concerto with the same stylishness and attentiveness that he brings to the A minor... Even that thrice-familiar concerto sounds fresh rather than being a Romantic-era warhorse here... This is a very well-played and in many ways exceptionally interesting release, featuring not only first-rate pianism but also very fine accompaniment by the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra under Kerry Stratton. The transcriptions and the Evju concerto here receive their world première recordings and are well worth listening to—not just once but repeatedly. © 2015 Infodad.com Read complete review

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Kjell Moe

Kulturspeilet, June 2015

A praiseworthy release! © 2015 Kulturspeilet

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David Denton

David's Review Corner, June 2015

It comes as a surprise to find Grieg's overly-recorded Piano Concerto appearing on a label we have always taken as a major champion of neglected solo piano music. There is very good reason, for this is a performance in Percy Grainger's edition, he and Grieg having worked on the score when the young pianist visited the composer's home in 1907 prior to his performance in the Leeds Festival later that year. The edition that resulted marked with those changes made together with the composer, and his own amendments. Listen to this very worthy performance from the Swedish pianist, Carl Petersson, and you will find little has changed when taken in the context of the many encrustations that have appeared in the multitudinous views of the work on disc. The real fascination comes with a Piano Concerto by Helge Evju based on scraps of music left by Grieg that appear to have been for a 'follow-up' concerto that was abandoned. From these the Norwegian pianist and composer has created a score of similar length and in the style of Grieg. The opening bars rather creep the score into life, Evju's use of the fragments being both judicious and without obvious repetition. If he uses Grieg pastiche in the accompaniment, his joyful second movement is very much his own, and just as charming as anything Grieg composed. A quiet cadenza leads to a sentimental slow movement that builds to an impassioned climax before another soft-grained cadenza leads to a vivacious and brilliant finale. Not an earth shattering revelation, but there are certainly many less deserving concertos in the standard repertoire. Two 'encore' pieces, in Evju arrangements, complete the disc. Most enjoyable performances, with good orchestral support... © 2015 *David's Review Corner*

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Stratton's recording projects, listed below, are on various labels. They can be found at Amazon.com, iTunes, online, or in stores.

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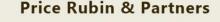
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VIVALDI

Concerto for Flute in D

Concerto for Guitar in D

Concerto in G

Concerto for Violins (4) in A minor

Concerto for Violins (4) in E minor

Four Seasons Complete

Sinfonia Nos. 1 & 2

Sinfonia No. 3

Gloria

VORISEK

Sinfonia in D

WAGNER

The Flying Dutchman Overture

Siegfried's Death and Funeral Music

Siegfried's Rhine Journey

Kaisermarsch

Die Meistersinger Overture

Parsifal – Prelude to Act I (and Finale Act III)

Rienzi - Rienzi Overture

Tannhauser - Overture and Venusberg Music

Tristan und Isolde – Prelude

Die Walkure – Ride of the Valkyries

WALDTEUFEL

Espana Waltz

WFBFR

Abu Hassan Overture

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Euryanthe Overture

Der Freischutz Overture

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Preciosa Overture

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Serenade, Op. 11

WOLF-FERRARI

Il Segreto di Susanna Overture

Serenade for Strings

ZELLER

Der Vogelhandler



Kerry Stratton – Video Links

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Kerry Stratton Conductor https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpVV8wXtYrM

Putting on the Ritz https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjvrW3Za751

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