

Symphony Hamilton

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Christmas Kaleidoscope Concert November 30th

An Exciting Concert Opener - Ben Hur's "The Tale of the Christ"

Hamilton, Burlington:

Guest Conductor Sabatino Vacca, will lead the Symphony Hamilton Orchestra in an exciting, yet, "not so typical" Christmas Concert selection at the RBG (Royal Botanical Gardens) at 3:00 pm Sunday November 30th.

In a recent interview, Sabatino hints that *"Although, we do have familiar Christmas seasonal pieces, I chose to title the programme "A Christmas Kaleidoscope" which reflects the eclectic mix of musical genres, from film to opera, ballet, pops, and orchestral."*

In keeping with Symphony Hamilton's Maestro James McKay's movie theme for the 2008-9 season, Vacca has selected the Prelude from Ben Hur to open. Certainly not a piece most people would associate with Christmas, however with the title "The Tale of the Christ" and a great brass fanfare, it makes for a perfect concert opener and sets the tone for an enjoyable afternoon to celebrate the beginning of the festive season.

Stoney Ridge Winery, a new partner with Symphony Hamilton will round out the afternoon by hosting a complimentary wine tasting for all concert – goers. This Christmas Kaleidoscope is set to please and make for a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends and family

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Sabatino Vacca guest conductor | **Sinéad Sugrue** soprano | **Michael Toby** tenor
Your Christmas Favourites from the world of opera, ballet, and the concert hall, including: excerpts from Puccini's **La Boheme**, Korngolds **The Snowman**, Irving Berlin's **White Christmas** and much much more !

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Background -

Symphony Hamilton plays an important role in expanding the opportunities for enjoyment of music in the Hamilton and Burlington communities, by offering attractive and diverse concert programs at affordable prices.

Symphony Hamilton began in 1973 as the McMaster University Symphony Orchestra under the leadership of Dr Lee Hepner. Registered as a charitable organization in 1981, the orchestra left the University in 1988 and became the Greater Hamilton Symphony Association, an independent community orchestra operating under the name of Symphony Hamilton. The orchestra still maintains its original objectives:

- to perform symphonic music of high quality;
- to stimulate excellence in instrumental performance;
- to support, improve, and expand the musical opportunities for those living in the Hamilton and Burlington regions.



As well, Symphony Hamilton provides musical training and enrichment for aspiring young musicians and qualified amateur players who enjoy the privilege of playing challenging symphonic music together with a core of professionals.

Since its inception, more than 500 musicians have performed with our orchestra and many of them have gone on to distinguished professional careers in Canada and internationally. Symphony Hamilton has performed with the Mohawk College Singers, the Guelph Chamber Choir, the Brampton Festival Singers and other regional ensembles. Small ensembles from Symphony Hamilton play in schools, churches and community concerts.

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