



KITCHENER-WATERLOO
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**KITCHENER WATERLOO SYMPHONY PROUDLY PRESENTS CANADA'S OWN
SOPRANO SUPERSTAR MEASHA BRUEGGERGOSMAN!!**

KITCHENER, Ontario – on May 30 and 31, 2008 the **Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony (KWS)**, led by Music Director **Edwin Outwater**, proudly presents Magnificent Measha!, the final Signature Series concert of the season, featuring Canada's shining opera star, **Measha Brueggergosman**, who returns to our stage to present Berlioz's beloved song cycle, *Les Nuits d'été*. The performance takes place on Friday, May 30 at 8:00pm and again on Saturday, May 31 at 8:00pm at the Centre In The Square, Kitchener.

Fredericton, New Brunswick - born soprano Measha Brueggergosman has emerged as one of the most magnificent performers and vibrant personalities today. She is critically acclaimed by the international press as much for her innate musicianship and voluptuous voice as for a sovereign stage presence far beyond her years.

"The voice is stunning and ... may be one of the great voices of the 21st century."

Robert Crew, The Toronto Star

In addition to her vocal accomplishments, Ms. Brueggergosman has graced the cover of *Chatelaine Magazine*, been the subject of a full-length feature documentary, CBC's *Spirit in her Voice*, has starred in numerous independent short music-films including *Go Diva!* and *Infinite Dream*, and has guest - hosted the *Toronto Variety Show*. As well, she has taken centre stage in Bravo! Canada's Gemini Award-winning concert series *Live at the Rehearsal Hall*, joined the panel of celebrity judges on the [Idol Underground competition](#), an artist driven alter-ego of the American Idol and Canadian Idol brand, and appeared as a special celebrity guest on television episodes of *The Surreal Gourmet*, *Opening Night*, *Bathroom Divas*, *Project Runway* and *Bravo Arts & Minds*.

The repertoire includes *Roman Carnival Overture* and *Les Nuits d'été* by French composer Hector Berlioz (1803-1869), *Le Tombeau de Couperin* by Basque French composer Joseph-Maurice Ravel (1875-1937) and *The Firebird Suite*, by Russian composer Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971).

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony enhances the quality of life in the communities which it engages and is one of the most valued cultural gems for our region. Consisting of 52 full time musicians, a nationally recognized Youth Orchestra, and performing over 60 concerts per season, the Symphony plays a vital role to continue the tradition of presenting great music to audiences across the region and beyond. For more information visit us online at www.kwsymphony.on.ca.

TICKETS for the KWS Signatures performances range in price from \$15 to \$50 and may be purchased at the CITS box office (101 Queen Street North, Kitchener, Ontario N2H 6P7), by phone 519-578-1570 or toll free 1-800-265-8977 or online at www.centre-square.com

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At a Glance...

**Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Signature Series Concert 8
"Magnificent Measha!"**

Edwin Outwater, conductor

Measha Brueggergosman, soprano

Berlioz: *Roman Carnival Overture*

Berlioz: *Les Nuits d'été*

Ravel: *Le Tombeau de Couperin*

Stravinsky: *The Firebird Suite* (1919)

Friday, May 30, 2008 – 8:00pm

Saturday, May 31, 2008 – 8:00pm

Centre In The Square, Kitchener, Ontario

Tickets:

\$27, \$39, \$46, \$50 for Adult and \$15 for Children and Students (with valid ID)

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