



KITCHENER-WATERLOO SYMPHONY

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Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Welcomes Outwater, New Era during Season Opening Weekend

(Kitchener, Ontario, September 10, 2007) The Kitchener Waterloo Symphony (KWS) announced its plans for the September 14-16 Opening Weekend today. Themed “Welcome to the New Era of the KWS,” the weekend concerts will offer special festivities as Edwin Outwater begins his tenure as music director.

“You can only have one first kiss, one first day of school, and one first impression,” said KWS acting general manager Christopher Sharpe. “Similarly, there is only one first opportunity to welcome a new music director in his debut season and we will do it in style! We are proud to have Edwin Outwater join our world-class orchestra and our world-class community.”

“This is an exciting new era for the KWS, and an important turning point in its history,” said Outwater. “I am thrilled to be welcome the Kitchener-Waterloo community to this first concert, part of our Signature series. I am confident they’ll notice the difference!”

“The Signature series features the best ingredients: the world’s greatest music, our fabulous orchestra, and an acoustically perfect hall,” said Outwater. “This is the orchestra’s flagship series, and this music is the reason for our existence. Let me welcome you to this unforgettable weekend of orchestral music!”

“We open the season with music that changed my life. When I heard Beethoven 5 live for the first time, I fell in love with the sound of the orchestra forever. In the Adams I felt the sounds of my generation pulse through the orchestra for the first time,” said Outwater. With Jamie Parker on the piano, Outwater will conduct John Adams: *The Chairman Dances*: Foxtrot for Orchestra; Ravel: Piano Concerto in G major; Feldman: *Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety*; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in C minor.

The concert weekend begins at 8 p.m. in Kitchener on Friday, September 14 with a welcoming celebration of lights, video and a few surprises. The concert is also held in Kitchener on Saturday, September 15 and in Guelph at the River Run Centre at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 16. A reception in the lobby with Edwin Outwater will follow each performance. Tickets are available at the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony box office. For more information, see www.kwsymphony.on.ca.

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