

# 2017/18 SEASON



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## **The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Opens The 2017/18 Family and Kinderconcert Series With A Cross-Cultural Celebration and A Brand New Format**

The 2017/18 Family Series begins with **Drummers, Dancers and A Beaver!** on **Saturday September 30 at 2:30 pm** at the **Centre In The Square**. Led by **Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser**, this concert features the short film **DAM! The Story of Kit the Beaver** which follows Kit the beaver as she tries to help her family build their dam and features a score by Erica Procnier. The film is a special Canada 150 commission from TIFF and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and will be shown on the big screen above the orchestra while they provide the soundtrack. The KWS will also welcome Canada's Ojibway storyteller, Aaron Bell, and his White Pine Dancers.

The Family Series is designed for children ages 4-12 and their families. Doors open at 1:15 pm for fun and interactive pre-concert art and music activities throughout the Centre In The Square lobby hosted by KWAG and Music for Young Children. Pre-concert activities are free with ticket purchase. Tickets to Family concert performances are \$11 for children and \$18 for adults.

The Kinderconcert Series of 2017/18 launches with a brand new format where local storyteller Kait Taylor will join KWS musicians beginning with **The Mitten** at the **Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts on October 14 at 10:30 am**. While the musicians play, Kait Taylor will tell the story of The Mitten, a favourite Ukrainian folktale where the warmth of sharing is found by creatures great and small on a frozen winter day. This concert will also be performed at the **Waterloo Region Museum on October 21 at 10:30 am** and at the **Woolwich Memorial Centre on October 28 at 10:30 am**.

Ideal for children ages 5 and under, doors open 30 minutes prior to each concert for children and parents to participate in music activities provided by Music for Young Children. Families are also encouraged to stay after the concert to meet the performers and get up close to the instruments. Tickets for Kinderconcert performances are \$11 for children and \$13 for adults.

Tickets can be purchased online at [kwsymphony.ca](http://kwsymphony.ca) or by calling 519-745-4711 or 1-888-745-4717.

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