



## Sharon Hampson narrates *Peter And The Wolf*

**Sharon Hampson** of the legendary children's entertainment trio Sharon, Lois & Bram narrates Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter And The Wolf* when **Orchestra Toronto** opens its free day of music and entertainment Sunday, June 13, with selections specially aimed at children.

The children's concert, which begins at noon, also features music from Walt Disney Pictures' *Pirates Of The Caribbean — The Curse Of The Black Pearl* — as well as *The Sea And Sinbad's Ship* from Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and selections from Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*.

Children from the audience will be invited to join the musicians on stage to help perform the finale of *Toy Symphony*, whose composer is either Franz Joseph Haydn or Leopold Mozart; the jury's still out.

Another highlight for children will be Orchestra Toronto's popular **Instrument Petting Zoo**, which gives kids a hands-on opportunity to become familiar with the instruments used by the orchestra's musicians. It's open from noon to 5 p.m.

The children's concert begins Orchestra Toronto's free, family-friendly, fun-filled, nine-hour day of music and entertainment, which the orchestra hopes will become an annual outdoor event for the whole family.

The musicians of the orchestra will play three concerts during the day, conducted by their new music director, maestra **Danielle Lisboa**. Adding to the fun for children will be performances by special guests, including:

- Errol Lee, who uses music and dance to teach children character-building skills through interactive, multi-media presentations
- the dynamic and colourful Caribbean Dance Ensemble, which celebrates the Caribbean contribution to the Canadian cultural mosaic
- Student soloists from the Yamaha School of Music, who will be playing their own compositions
- Kimberley Pritchard, who offers a new take on the accordion.

Orchestra Toronto, one of Canada's oldest and largest community orchestra, provides musicians with an opportunity to develop and perform public concerts from the symphonic repertoire. Dedicated to providing affordable family entertainment and music education, the orchestra performs five Sunday-afternoon concerts each season in the George Weston Recital Hall at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge Street, where it is a company in residence.

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