OrKidstra and National Arts Centre Orchestra collaborate on "Notes of Love," a heartwarming Valentine's Day Concert supporting local youth

Warm your heart this winter with an evening of soul-stirring music in support of OrKidstra!

Ottawa, ON – January 23, 2025 – OrKidstra is honoured to unite with the renowned National Arts Centre Orchestra (NACO) for a heartwarming side-by-side concert at 7 PM on February 14, 2025, at the beautiful Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre (355 Cooper Street, Ottawa). A not-to-be-missed concert which celebrates love in every note, "Notes of Love" will showcase the inspiring power of music to unite and uplift in this 75-minute concert. Featuring a dynamic and heartfelt program, the concert is a musical tribute to how love enriches our lives as Canadians—from the joy of childhood to the celebration of spring, to the harmony of community and belonging, and much more!

"Notes of Love" marks the first time the talented young musicians of OrKidstra have performed together with Canada's National Arts Centre Orchestra in a side-by-side concert. "Music has the power to bring people together in the most joyful and meaningful ways," said Dr. Tina Fedeski, OrKidstra's Co-Founder and Artistic Managing Director. "'Notes of Love' is more than a concert: it's a celebration of the connections that music helps us create and a testament to the talent and dedication of OrKidstra's young musicians. Our students are so excited to share what they've been working on with the community! We're honoured to share the stage with the world-class National Arts Centre Orchestra and proud to invite you to join us for an evening to remember this Valentine's Day."

The National Arts Centre Orchestra is equally excited about the partnership. "The NAC Orchestra is honoured to be performing for the first time side-by-side with the talented young artists of OrKidstra," says the National Arts Centre Orchestra's Music Director and OrKidstra Ambassador Alexander Shelley. "We are proud to support an organization that does so much to empower youth and their families by building community through music. Our musicians look forward to sharing the stage with OrKidstra for an unforgettable performance."

"Notes of Love" Event Details:

Date: Friday, February 14, 2025

• Showtime: 7 PM (doors open at 6:15 PM)

Location: Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre (355 Cooper Street, Ottawa)

Tickets: https://orkidstra.ca/notes-of-love/

Ticket Pricing:

- \$30 General Admission
- \$120 Community Builder (premium seating, plus access to an exclusive VIP pre-concert reception starting at 5:30 PM with refreshments by Epicuria, and a meet-and-greet with the stars of the evening. This ticket includes a \$50 donation to OrKidstra.)

<u>Tickets for "Notes of Love" are now on sale!</u> Featuring special guests, including acclaimed journalist Paul Wells as Master of Ceremonies, this not-to-be-missed fundraising concert will directly benefit OrKidstra's programs, empowering youth from equity-deserving communities through the power of music.

OrKidstra is a charitable social development program that helps kids, ages 5-18, from equity-deserving Ottawa communities grow their potential through music. Guided by the core values of Love, Courage, Excellence and Belonging, OrKidstra carries out its mission by providing over 750 children, from 62 cultural and linguistic backgrounds, with free group and individual music lessons and the chance to learn important life skills – such as respect, resilience, and responsibility – through playing and singing together. Learn more at orkidstra.ca (Charitable Org. # 83246 7153 RR0001)

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Be part of a magical evening celebrating music and a meaningful cause this Valentine's Day!

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