

Toronto Symphony Orchestra

Sir Andrew Davis, Interim Artistic Director

Steven Reineke, Principal Pops Conductor

Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 8:00pm

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 2:00pm

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All arrangements by Jeff Tyzik

Jeff Tyzik, conductor

Brie Cassil, vocalist

Melissa McMillan, vocalist

Shayna Steele, vocalist

John Fogerty
“Proud Mary”

Mack Gordon & Harry Warren
“At Last”

Bunny Hull, John Gilutin &
Sharon T. Robinson
“New Attitude”

Jim Weatherly
“Midnight Train to Georgia”

Kenneth Gamble, Leon Huff &
Cary Gilbert
“Don’t Leave Me This Way”

Adele Adkins & Paul Epworth
“Rolling in the Deep”

Alicia Keys
“Fallin”

Billy Squier, Jeff Bhasker,
Salaam Remi & Alicia Keys
“Girl on Fire”

Norman Whitfield & Barrett Strong
“I Heard It through the Grapevine”

Intermission

Terry Britten & Graham Lyle
“What’s Love Got to Do with It”

George Merrill & Shannon Rubicam
**“I Wanna Dance with Somebody
(Who Loves Me)”**

Carole King & Gerry Goffin
“Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow”

Amy Winehouse
“You Know I’m No Good”

Adele Adkins & Greg Kurstin
“Hello”

Otis Redding
“Respect”

Ronnie Shannon
**“I Never Loved a Man (The Way
I Love You)”**

Narada Michael Walden &
Jeffrey Cohen
“Freeway of Love”

Gerry Goffin, Carole King & Jerry Wexler
**“(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural
Woman”**



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THE ARTISTS



Jeff Tyzik conductor

Jeff Tyzik made his TSO debut in February 2003.

GRAMMY Award winner Jeff Tyzik is one of America's most innovative and sought after pops conductors. Tyzik is recognized for his brilliant arrangements, original programming, and engaging rapport with audiences of all ages. This is the sixth season that Tyzik has held The Dot and Paul Mason Principal Pops Conductor's Podium at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. He also serves as Principal Pops Conductor of the Detroit Symphony, the Oregon Symphony, and the Florida Orchestra. This season, Tyzik will celebrate his 25th season as Principal Pops Conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Frequently invited as a guest conductor, Tyzik has appeared with the Boston Pops, Cincinnati Pops, Milwaukee Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Toronto Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. In May 2007, the Harmonia Mundi label released his recording of works by Gershwin with pianist Jon Nakamatsu and the RPO, which stayed in the Top 10 on the Billboard classical chart for over three months. Alex Ross of *The New Yorker* called it "one of the snappiest Gershwin discs in years."

Committed to performing music of all genres, Tyzik has collaborated with such diverse artists as Megan Hilty, Chris Botti, Matthew Morrison, Wynonna Judd, Tony Bennett, Art Garfunkel, Dawn Upshaw, Marilyn Horne, Arturo Sandoval, The Chieftains, Mark O'Connor, Doc Severinsen, and John Pizzarelli. He has created numerous original programs that include the greatest music from jazz and classical to Motown, Broadway, film, dance, Latin, and swing.

Tyzik holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Eastman School of Music.



Brie Cassil vocalist

These performances mark Brie Cassil's TSO debut.

Brie Cassil is a singer, actress, and composer based in NYC. She has travelled all over the world for her art. She has led Musical Theatre Workshops in Brazil, as well as opened for Adler (the original drummer for Guns N' Roses) with her original band, Rebel. Brie has had the pleasure of singing in several different genres of music in her career, and has sung everything from opera to rock. In the theatre world she has been seen in many productions such as *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Urinetown* (Little Sally), *RENT* (Mimi), *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Suzy), and the new rock musical *Chix 6* (Blast). Brie is so excited and honored to a part of Queens of Soul, where she gets to sing the music of some of her biggest influences. You can follow her @briecassil and check out her website at briecassil.com.



Melissa McMillan vocalist

These performances mark Melissa McMillan's TSO début.

From All-State Choir, to musical theatre, to the University of North Texas jazz program, Melissa McMillan cut her teeth from a young age, at a high level and in a variety of styles. In the last few years she has led a busy schedule as an in-demand lead and background vocalist in New York City. Some performance highlights include: Mike Doughty's (Soul Coughing) début rock opera, *Revelation*, at WNYC's Green Space; joining 50 Cent at Radio City Music Hall; and contributing background vocals for Saint Motel's appearance on *The Today Show*.

In January 2018, Melissa sang alongside Bebe Rexha, Camila Cabello, Julia Michaels, Audra O'Day, and Cyndi Lauper for Keshia's much-talked-about performance of "Praying" at the GRAMMYS. Also in 2018, she joined the Resistance Revival Chorus, a chorus of over 60 women who come together to sing protest songs in the spirit of collective joy and resistance, performing at Lincoln Center, The Tribeca Film Festival, Carnegie Hall alongside Philip Glass and Carly Simon, and The Delacorte Theatre. Most recently, she was featured in a commercial celebrating Jennifer Lopez's Video Vanguard award for MTV's Video Music Awards. She is the regular house singer for the "Jelly" Jam Session, one of Brooklyn's top jam sessions, led by Sylvester Onyejiaka (Prince, Liv Warfield, Taylor Swift). As a songwriter, arranger, and bandleader, Melissa released her début album in 2015. The EP blends jazz, R&B, and pop, while emphasizing rich harmonic landscapes and warm, layered vocals. Since its release, Melissa has toured with her band throughout the US and Canada.



Shayna Steele vocalist

These performances mark Shayna Steele's TSO début.

On stage and in the studio, New York City based vocalist and songwriter Shayna Steele proves she is a vocal force to be reckoned with.

After appearing on Broadway in *Rent*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and the original cast of *Hairspray*, she started writing music with partner David Cook in 2002, collaborating on Steele's eponymous début EP in 2004. She and/or her band have since shared the stage with Ledisi, opened for George Clinton and the Sugar Hill Gang, featured with Björkestra and GRAMMY Award-winning trumpeter Dave Douglas, and featured with two-time GRAMMY winner Snarky Puppy in 2014 at the Nice, Estival, North Sea, Java, and Singapore jazz festivals. Shayna is a vocalist with the GRAMMY-nominated Broadway Inspirational Voices and has worked as a sideman with Lizz Wright, Bette Midler, Natasha Bedingfield, John Legend, Matthew Morrison, Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Rihanna, and Kelly Clarkson.

Disco Lies, the first single from Moby's 2008 release *Last Night*, reached #1 on the US Billboard Dance charts, and went on to be featured in J.J. Abram's *Cloverfield*, and *The Backup Plan* starring Jennifer Lopez. Her voice has remained high in demand with vocals on the *Hairspray* movie soundtrack, *The Bourne Legacy*, *Sex and the City 2*, NBC's *Smash*, The Shanghai Restoration Project, and HBO's *The Sopranos*. Shayna reprised her role with the "Dynamites" in NBC's *Hairspray Live*. Shayna's sophomore album, *RISE* (Ropeadope Records) has received rave reviews, reaching #4 on the U.S. iTunes jazz charts and #2 on the Italian iTunes Jazz Charts. Please visit shaynasteele.com for more information.