

WINNIPEG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's annual New Music Festival is the premiere event of its kind that showcases many of the world's greatest musicians and composers. Each year our 7-day event attracts approximately 10,000 audience members with a growing number of listenership. Many of our concerts have been recorded by CBC Radio and have been broadcasted worldwide.

In our 2009's New Music Festival, we had the great pleasure of featuring Scrap Arts Music as our distinguished guest ensemble. I have known the group since 2001 (from The Banff Centre of Arts) and have been a big fan of theirs ever since. The group delivered a dynamite show and had enthralled our audience in every way. Their newly invented instruments, hyper-kinetic performance, and innovative compositions garnered them a 5-minute standing ovation and a 5-star review from the local newspaper. They were unanimously seen as the highlight of our event and were one of the main contributing factors to our success that year.

As well, CBC Radio had commissioned their leader, Gregory Kozak, a new concerto for his instrument The Chariot of Choir and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. The premiere took place the following evening with Mr. Kozak as soloist. Again the audience responded with great enthusiasm and excitement. His uncanny abilities as a musical Renaissance man, as highlighted by the performance of this work, earned him great critical acclaim and newfound recognition.

In addition, both Mr. Kozak and the group conducted themselves in a very professional manner. They were very accommodating to our needs and limitations and made the whole experience an extremely positive one.

For these reasons, I highly recommend Scrap Arts Music and Mr. Kozak for any opportunity there may be, especially with an orchestra. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Ho', with a small 'Composer-In-Residence' watermark below it.

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