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Sensory Sound Experiences to Open Your Ears and Eyes

KITCHENER, Ontario, Canada – Open your ears and eyes to innovative sound experiences this month, all part of the 2009 Open Ears Festival of Music and Sound (OE). The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) and Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony (KWS) are partnering to offer an evening of sensory delights on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th.

Join us for a special evening of art and sound exploration at your public Gallery followed by a KWS concert at Centre In The Square. Begin your evening with a visit to the *Whispering Room*, by artist Janet Cardiff, on view in the Eastman Gallery. *Whispering Room* is an interesting sound installation featuring sixteen audio speakers arranged throughout the Gallery space. As you wander past each speaker, a different part of a narrative is heard by a female voice. Since there is no pre-determined, chronological path mapped out, each person's experience and interpretation of the stories they hear is personal. The sound installation is interspersed with a projected film on the wall.

Following your visit to *Whispering Room*, you can enjoy a drink at [art|bar](#) and then head over to Centre In The Square for *Sound Explorations*. Edwin Outwater and the KWS explore musical environments and landscapes in this remarkable concert combining classic and new. The music focuses on the Romantic landscape in sound with pieces by Mendelssohn, R. Murray Schafer, and Frank Bridge. The experience focuses on the concert hall as an *environment* using sound installations, mystery pieces, and other surprises that will shake up the traditions of classical concert-going.

For more information on *Whispering Room*, visit www.kwag.ca or read the [accompanying media release](#). *Whispering Room* is on loan from the Art Gallery of Ontario and on view every day until May 3rd. Admission is free. For *Sound Explorations* tickets, visit www.kwsymphony.ca/openears or the Centre In The Square Box Office:

101 Queen Street North, Kitchener, Ontario N2H 6P7
Phone: 519.578.1570 Toll free: 800.265.8977
Online: www.centre-square.com

Gallery Hours

Mon & Wed 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tues & Thurs 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun 1 - 5 p.m.

At -A-Glance

Sound Explorations with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony
Fri, April 24 & Sat, April 25, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Centre In The Square

Edwin Outwater, conductor
Stephen Sitarski, violin

MENDELSSOHN : *The Hebrides (Fingal's Cave)*
R. MURRAY SCHAFFER: *The Darkly Splendid Earth: The Lonely Traveller*
BRIDGE: *The Sea*
BRITTEN: *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*



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About the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony

Since 1945 the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony has enhanced the quality of life in the communities it serves and is one of the most valued cultural gems for our region. With 75 concerts each season, 52 professional musicians and a nationally recognized Youth Orchestra program, Canada's largest regional Symphony plays a vital role of presenting great music to diverse audiences across the region and beyond. For more information, visit www.kwsymphony.ca.

About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

Through thoughtful and engaging programs, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery's exhibits and programs are built on the mission that art is the catalyst for shared experience, dialogue and imagination. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, often premiering works by Canadian and international artists. Exhibitions frequently draw upon selections from the 4 000 -work permanent collection to provide a forum for dialogue. KW|AG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experience for adults, children and families alike. Established in 1956 and operating within Centre In The Square, KW|AG is the oldest and largest public gallery in Waterloo region: roots in the community, eyes on the world. For more information, contact mail@kwag.on.ca or visit www.kwag.ca.

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