



## Media Release

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### **The HPO Features World Renowned Conductor Mischa Santora for January Masterworks**

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** brings world renowned conductor **Mischa Santora** to Hamilton for its first Masterworks concert of the new year, *The Faun & the Firebird*, on **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at Hamilton Place. Mischa Santora, who is currently the Music Director of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, will lead the HPO in the orchestral tour-de-force that is **Stravinsky's Firebird Suite**, as well as **Debussy's famous Prélude à "L'après midi d'un faune"** and **Schumann's Symphony No. 1 Spring**.

Standing at a lanky 6 feet 5 inches, Mischa Santora is unique in the world of conductors, and also has an impressive resume with experience around the world. In addition to being the Music Director of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Mischa has guest conducted many of the leading orchestras around the world, including the Philadelphia, Minnesota and Louisville Orchestras, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Houston, National, New Jersey, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Charleston and Hartford Symphonies, the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra, the Basel and Lucerne Symphony Orchestras, the Hungarian National and the Taiwan National Symphony, the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra and the Auckland Philharmonia in New Zealand.

Born to Hungarian parents in the Netherlands, Mischa moved with his family of musicians to Switzerland where he began to study violin with his father. After his training at the Hochschule der Künste in Berlin he entered the conducting class of Otto-Werner Mueller at the Curtis Institute of Music.

The pre-concert chat begins at 6:30pm and will be led by **Dr. Christian Teeuwesen**, Associate Professor of Music at **Redeemer University College**.

#### **Concert programme includes:**

Gougeon: Jardin Mystérieux  
Schumann: Symphony No. 1  
Debussy: Prélude à "L'après midi d'un faune"  
Stravinsky: The Firebird Suite

Performance Information for **The Faun & The Firebird:**

**Date + Time:** Saturday, January 9 at 7:30pm  
Pre-concert chat at 6:30pm

**Ticket Prices:** \$18 - \$57  
14-30? Join the HPO:GO program and get \$10 tickets

**Venue:** Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

**Tickets:** In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East  
Phone: 905-526-7756  
Online: [hpo.org](http://hpo.org); [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca)

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