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## **Juno-Nominated Standing Wave Brings Vancouver Symphony Talent to the RCA**

**(Kelowna, BC)** - If you're looking for a night out that's anything but ordinary, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 24, 2025. The Rotary Centre for the Arts and ClassicalValley are proud to welcome Standing Wave, the Juno-nominated contemporary chamber ensemble, to the Mary Irwin Theatre for an evening of mind-expanding music.

Theatre Programming Director, Andrew Stauffer, says, "Standing Wave Ensemble's virtuosic performances of cutting-edge contemporary chamber music are truly exceptional. Their RCA performance is an excellent entry point into the New Music world both for lovers of the greats and for those unfamiliar with classical music."

For over 30 years, Standing Wave Ensemble has been pushing the boundaries of classical music, combining virtuosic skill with a fearless spirit of experimentation. Their repertoire spans modern classics by Murail, Glass, and Vivier, as well as bold, commissioned works by some of Canada's most innovative composers, including Nicole Lizée, Jocelyn Morlock, Bekah Simms, Giorgio Magnanensi, and Jordan Nobles.

For this special Kelowna performance, the ensemble has curated a program that's both accessible and adventurous. Expect original compositions that crackle with creative energy, plus a stunning reimagining of a work by Claude Debussy. If you've never experienced chamber music like this before, that's the point.

"We are thrilled for this co-presentation between the RCA and our festival," says Nicolas Denton Protsack from ClassicalValley. "Standing Wave Ensemble, being one of Canada's premiere new music groups, is a very special addition to our roster this year, and we cannot thank the RCA enough for its collaborative spirit in making this performance possible. It's collaborations like these that make the Okanagan such a special and vibrant artistic community."

Known for their genre-defying collaborations, with everyone from Kokoro Dance and Ballet BC to filmmaker Mina Shum and musician Veda Hille, Standing Wave blends the precision of classical performance with the boldness of the avant-garde.

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Their latest album, *20C Remix (2021)*, earned them a Juno nomination for Classical Album of the Year and proved once again why they're one of Canada's most vital ensembles. They've been featured at major festivals across the country, from Vancouver's PuSh Festival and Vancouver International Jazz Festival to Ottawa's Chamberfest and Montreal's New Music Festival.

Come hear what the future of chamber music sounds like. It's striking. It's excellent. It's absolutely fascinating.

To purchase tickets and learn more, visit:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/standingwave25/>

Tickets are on sale now. Ages 30 and under receive 30% off

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To learn more about theatre memberships, visit:

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#### **About the Rotary Centre for the Arts**

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.

#### **About ClassicalValley**

[ClassicalValley](#) is an annual festival of chamber music and wine that occurs during May in the Okanagan Valley. Bringing together world-class musicians from Canada and beyond, each ClassicalValley concert features a roster of intimate chamber music masterpieces (both old and new) paired with carefully curated wines from across the Okanagan Valley. The festival was founded in 2021 by esteemed Canadian cellist, Cameron Crozman, and composer-cellist, Nicholas Denton Protsack, who grew up in Kelowna. Their shared passion for artistic vibrancy in the Okanagan has resulted in esteemed musicians from as far away as South Korea and New Zealand congregating in the Valley for the past four years.