



**M2 at the 2017 New Music Festival:
Conservatorio G. Tartini (Trieste) and UofT Composition Exchange Concert**

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Michael Bridge, accordion
Michael Murphy, percussion

with guests

Tristan Durie, flute
Juan Olivares, bass clarinet

Monday, January 30, 2017
7:30 pm, Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park

PROGRAM

3 Unuttered Miracles (2016)***	Tyler Versluis (CA)
Checkmate! (2016)*/**	Davide Coppola (IT)
Omar I (1985)	Franco Donatoni (IT)
Tango-Toccata (2011)	Petri Makkonen (FI)
don't be afraid (2016)**	Graydon Mulholland (CA)
Freeze*/**	Silvio Bartoli (IT)

* Winners of the 2016 Conservatorio G. Tartini (Trieste) Composition Competition

** Premiere Performance

*** Premiered by M2 in 2016



BIOGRAPHIES

M2 is an accordion and percussion duet formed by accordionist Michael Bridge and percussionist Michael Murphy after the realization that they would appear with concerti in the same concert with the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra at the New Music Festival of 2016. The duo formed for the sole purpose of the creation of new works for accordion and percussion and have since had nine pieces written for them; four of which are appearing at this concert. Combined, Michael and Michael have premiered a total of over 75 works, and what started out as a duet and an outlet for University of Toronto composers to present their unique styles grows now into something more with the addition of guests. Tonight we are joined by two colleagues: Tristan Durie and Juan Olivares; two spectacular woodwind players who have dedicated much of their life to contemporary classical music.

Concert-accordionist **Michael Bridge**, one of CBC's "30 Hot Classical Musicians Under 30," made his orchestral debut with the Boston Pops and tours frequently in Europe and the Americas, giving over 100 concerts per year. He received the Lieutenant Governor's Emerging Artist medal (Alberta), and is a winner of the Canadian Digital Accordion Championships and the U of T Concerto Competition, where he studies accordion performance. Passionate about new music, Bridge has premiered over 40 works. www.michaelbridgemusic.com

Percussionist **Michael Murphy** has chosen to pursue the creation of new works and continue the performance of works by composers living and not long gone from this world. He has premiered dozens of

works written for him and has travelled to the USA and Germany to work with and perform the music of composers constantly pushing the boundaries of sound. In the last year, Murphy has premiered two concerti and appeared twice with Jennifer Higdon's Percussion Concerto. He completed his Bachelor in Music Performance at the University of Toronto. www.murphy-percussion.com

Tristan Durie is an accomplished flautist who is very active as a performer and freelancer in Toronto. Recently he has performed with groups including The Canadian Opera Company, Esprit Orchestra, SoundStreams and The Bicycle Opera Project. He holds both a Bachelor and Master of Music Performance from the University of Toronto where he studied flute with Leslie Newman and Douglas Stewart, and composition with Prof. Norbert Palej. Durie is currently completing his Doctorate in Flute Performance at the University of Toronto.

Clarinetist **Juan Olivares** is regarded for his successes as a performer of new music, chamber musician and orchestral musician. A frequent performer of contemporary music, Olivares has worked closely with composers such as Kaija Saariaho and Osvaldo Golijov in performances with the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble and Against the Grain Theatre. He has performed with CONTACT Contemporary Music, Ensemble Modern, and currently conducts the University of Toronto Contemporary Music Ensemble. Olivares was the founder and principal clarinetist of the Shepherd School New Music Ensemble and was the curator and artistic advisor of New Art/New Music, a Houston-based multi-media gallery series.

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7:30 pm | MacMillan Theatre

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