

## **MAGISTERRA SOLOISTS**

**Magisterra Soloists** is a vibrant Canadian classical music ensemble dedicated to programming innovative and venturesome chamber music works in juxtaposition with traditional staples of the classical repertoire. The ensemble brings together established professional musicians and young emerging artists from across the globe to create something fresh, engaging, and gutsy. In the context of its varied programming, Magisterra is delighted to collaborate with esteemed guest singers and instrumentalists. Magisterra is proud to offer its mentorship program, “**Magisterra Fellows**”, for select young artists who are invited to perform with the group. In the Spring of 2016, Magisterra launched its “**Salon Series**”, which is designed to offer music to more intimate audiences. Outside of its regular concert schedule, the ensemble presents concerts in schools throughout Ontario through its outreach program, “**Magisterra in Schools**”.

Founded in the fall of 2015 by internationally-acclaimed German violinist, Annette-Barbara Vogel, Magisterra Soloists is currently based in London, Ontario. Within its first twelve months of concertizing, the ensemble performed to critical acclaim in more than two dozen of venues across Ontario, including Kingston’s Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts. It has also succeeded in designing an educational program which provides interactive exposure to the arts for young children, and which it has presented to captivated audiences of both students and teachers in a number of schools throughout the province. In May of 2016, Magisterra Soloists gave the Canadian premiere of the ensemble’s first commission, *Sapling*, by award-winning Canadian composer Emily Doolittle. It subsequently premiered this work in August during its inaugural international six-city tour to Brazil which included performances in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre, Belo Horizonte, Campinas, and Florianopolis, with the support of the Canadian Consulate in Rio de Janeiro.

**Magisterra Soloists** has received not-for-profit status and is in the process of pursuing charitable status