

Orchestrated

Cory Wong

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7pm

This is the 1,471st concert in Koerner Hall

Cory Wong, guitar

Yohannes Tona, bass

Kevin Gastonguay, keyboards

Petar Janjic, drums

Mark Camilleri, conductor

Royal Conservatory Orchestra

Cory Wong

Cory Wong is a Grammy Award nominated guitarist, producer, variety show host, and podcast host. In addition to his skyrocketing solo career, he is also a member of Vulfpeck & Fearless Flyers.

Quickly gaining momentum on the internet, Cory wasted no time taking the show on the road. He and his band have been performing to sold out crowds around the world on some of the most iconic stages.

Cory's passion for music and collaboration expands farther than writing and performing songs. The internet knows Cory Wong for his fun content creation, marketing campaigns, and partnerships with top brands like Apple, where he recently launched his own Producer Pack. In early 2024, Cory was asked to write the theme song for the newest CBS late night tv show, called *After Midnight*. He also recently appeared on the theme song for *Spy X Family* Season 2, which charted at #1 in Japan. Wong has positioned himself at the forefront of product partnerships with signature products in stores worldwide. You can purchase his signature fender stratocaster, compressor pedal, overdrive pedal, digital plugin, guitar pickups, or download his Apple Producer Pack right now.

Mark Camilleri

Conductor

Mark Camilleri is a celebrated musician known for his versatility, creativity, and collaborative spirit. With a career spanning over three decades, Mark has built a reputation as one of Canada's most sought-after musical talents across a wide range of genres, including classical, jazz, pop, and musical theatre. Mark has worked with internationally renowned artists including Andrea Bocelli, Céline Dion, Sarah McLachlan, David Foster, Il Divo, Sting, The Tenors, Annie Lennox, and Paul Anka. He has conducted and arranged for major symphony orchestras across Canada, bringing together classical and contemporary worlds with skill and sensitivity. Mark has served as music director for numerous national tours, concerts, theatrical productions, and televised specials, with credits including the Stratford Festival, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Mirvish Productions, and CBC Television. In addition to his performance work, Mark is the owner of IMAGINE Sound Studios, a recording facility serving Canada's top artists and producers. Whether on stage or behind the scenes, Mark brings passion, precision, and artistry to every performance.

Royal Conservatory Orchestra

Joaquin Valdepeñas, Resident Conductor

The Royal Conservatory Orchestra (RCO), part of the Temerty Orchestral Program, is widely regarded as an outstanding ensemble and one of the best training orchestras in North America. Through the RBC Guest Conductor Program, four renowned conductors work with the RCO each season, allowing Glenn Gould School students to gain experience through professional rehearsal and performance conditions. A full week of rehearsals culminates in a Koerner Hall performance under the batons of such distinguished guest conductors as Sir Roger Norrington, former Ichnatowycz Chair in Piano Leon Fleisher, Bramwell Tovey, Johannes Debus, Peter Oundjian, Gábor Takács-Nagy, Ivars Taurins, Tania Miller, Andrei Feher, Mario Bernardi, Richard Bradshaw, Nathan Brock, Julian Kuerti, Uri Mayer, Tito Muñoz, Andrés Keller, Earl Lee, Naomi Woo, William Eddins, and Lior Shambadal. With four annual

performances, participation in the RCO ensures that instrumental students in the Bachelor of Music and the Artist Diploma Program of The Glenn Gould School graduate with extensive orchestral performance experience. Additionally, winners of The Robert W. and G. Ann Corcoran Concerto Competition have the opportunity to appear each year as soloists with the RCO. Graduates of the RCO have joined the ranks of the greatest orchestras in the world, including the Cleveland Orchestra, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the BBC Orchestra, the Israel Philharmonic, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Tafelmusik, the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Calgary Philharmonic, the Quebec Symphony Orchestra, the Hallé Orchestra of Manchester, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and Leipzig Gewandhaus. In addition to performances in Koerner Hall, the RCO has performed on numerous occasions at the Isabel Bader Performing Arts Centre in Kingston, has been heard repeatedly on the national broadcasts of the *CBC Radio*, and in May 2024 made its Carnegie Hall debut under Maestro Peter Oundjian.

The RCO's Resident Conductor, Joaquin Valdepeñas, is supported by a generous gift from Robert & Ann Corcoran.

All of tonight's artists, except the RCO musicians, are making their Royal Conservatory debuts.