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STEVE REICH AT 90:
NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

"Our greatest living composer" - The New York Times

July 15, 2026 (TORONTO, ON): **Lawrence Cherney**, Founding Artistic Director of Soundstreams, has announced programming details for the first show of the company's 44th season: *Celebrating Steve Reich at 90*, a major celebration of the iconic composer, performed by some of the world's greatest interpreters of his music. The concert includes the North American premiere performance of Reich's "In All Your Ways," a new work co-commissioned by Soundstreams and leading music organisations from around the world. The concert also includes "Music for 18 Musicians," considered one of Reich's most iconic works. **This one-night-only concert takes place on October 6 at Koerner Hall (273 Bloor St. W). Tickets are on sale now: for more information, visit Soundstreams.ca.**

Steve Reich is one of the world's most influential living composers, described by *The New Yorker* as "the most original musical thinker of our time."

Said Lawrence Cherney: "Soundstreams has been privileged to have a long artistic and personal association with Steve, not only through frequent Toronto appearances when he was still travelling internationally, but through the legendary Toronto-based percussionists and members of Nexus, Russell Hartenberger and Bob Becker, both of whom have a career-long association with him as members of the Steve Reich Ensemble. Many of the other artists in this concert have appeared in all of Steve's previous visits, guaranteeing an authenticity of interpretation to his music—old and new—that is simply incomparable."

Celebrating Steve Reich at 90 will include: **Gary Kulesha**, conductor; **Jeffrey Stonehouse**, **Stephen Tam**, flutes; **Noa Sarid**, **David Baik**, violins; **Ronen Shifron**, viola; **Joanne Yesol Choi**, cello; **Anthony Thompson** and **Marc Blouin**, clarinets; **Gregory Oh**, **Stephanie Chua**, **Midori Koga**, **Wesley Shen**, pianos; **Vania Chan**, **Xin Wang**, **Lindsay McIntyre**, sopranos; **Andrea Ludwig,** mezzo-soprano; **Russell Hartenberger**, **Bob Becker**, **Aiyun Huang**, **Ryan Scott**, **Michelle Colton**, and **Michael Murphy**, percussion.

This year across Europe, the UK, North America, and Asia, leading ensembles, orchestras, presenters, and cultural institutions including Soundstreams will honour composer Reich's seven-decade career with performances spanning landmark early works to major late compositions.

At the centre of the celebrations is "In All Your Ways," an 18-minute work for large ensemble scored for Reich's signature ensemble of double flutes and clarinets, mallet percussion, two pianos, and string quartet. The new work receives its world premiere at the Edinburgh International Festival on

August 28, launching an international tour with performances in Amsterdam's NTR ZaterdagMatinee series (Sept. 19), Carnegie Hall (Oct. 22), Cal Performances (Oct. 24), the Barbican Centre (Oct. 28), the Philharmonie de Paris (Nov. 15), and with the Los Angeles Philharmonic (March 7).

The year also marks the 50th anniversary of Reich's iconic "Music for 18 Musicians," with major anniversary performances and immersive presentations highlighting the groundbreaking work's enduring impact. Hartenberger and Becker premiered the work in 1976 as original members of the Steve Reich Ensemble.

The Soundstreams program also features a hybrid version of the legendary work "Clapping Music" that features Reich himself performing the ostinato part, on film, with Hartenberger performing the other part live in the auditorium. An idea from filmmaker **Atom Egoyan**, Soundstreams took a small team to Los Angeles in 2023 to film Reich, subsequently negotiating worldwide performing rights to the film.

CELEBRATING STEVE REICH AT 90
Oct. 6, 2026, 7:30 p.m., Koerner Hall (273 Bloor St. W)
In collaboration with the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto
Tickets from $25.00 - $84.75 link HERE.
Run time is approximately two hours, with one intermission
https://soundstreams.ca/events/celebrating-steve-reich-at-90/

Single tickets for the rest of the Soundstreams 2026/27 season, including ANGELS UNAWARES: MUSIC OF JAMES MACMILLAN, PRAISE SONG FOR OCEANIA, and CELLO X 8, will be on sale on August 14, 2026.

"In All Your Ways" was commissioned by Barbican Centre, Avex Classics International Inc., Cal Performances, UC Berkeley, Carnegie Hall, Philharmonie de Paris, Edinburgh International Festival, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Grafenegg Festival, Helsinki Festival, The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, NTR ZaterdagMatinee, Soundstreams. The World Premiere is scheduled for the Edinburgh International Festival in Usher Hall in Edinburgh on August 28, 2026.

The Soundstreams co-commission for "In All Your Ways" is generously supported by Kristine Vikmanis and Denton Creighton, and Helen Burstyn.
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About Soundstreams
Under the leadership of its Founding Artistic Director Lawrence Cherney, Soundstreams began in 1982 with a tribute to Igor Stravinsky's 100th birth year, an artist who fundamentally transformed the ways we hear our world. In the intervening years, we've probed compelling Canadian themes and stories through new works in music and opera that resonate with our time and place. We aim not only to reflect upon those themes and stories but to inspire new perspectives and approaches to them.

Soundstreams has created a platform for compelling new creations both at home and abroad. Our various Toronto-based concert series, educational and outreach events and professional development programs have showcased nearly 1,500 global creators and performers in collaboration with their Canadian counterparts. At the same time, Soundstreams' productions have toured North America, Latin America, Asia and Europe. In recent seasons, Soundstreams has received high praise from the

international press: The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Guardian, The Financial Times, and The Wall Street Journal.

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