



Left: Violinists Arpad Josephson and Jane Wan Right: Maestro Kristian Alexander

## The Kindred Spirits Orchestra Brings Classical Music and Orchestra Life To Markham

nly a few minutes with Maestro Kristian Alexander, Music Director of the KSO, and you can feel the passion he holds for his profession and similarly exhibits while conducting the Markham-based Kindred Spirits Orchestra. Kristian founded the orchestra in 2009 to address the growing need for local professional and amateur musicians to provide local markets their own sophisticated live classical music. The 48-piece orchestra began its journey giving six subscription concerts at Toronto's Glenn Gould Studio. The orchestra now calls Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts home, where it is playing in front of sold-out houses and receiving standing ovations. The orchestra has reached a level of acclaim and professionalism that attracts and auditions musicians from as far as Hamilton, Oakville Mississauga, Newmarket, Oshawa and Toronto.

Kristian Alexander is known for his inspiring conducting, strong discipline, and attention to every detail—qualities that bring great

classical pieces from all genres and styles to life. The KSO's 2011- 2012 season began in November featuring pieces by Mozart, Grieg and Mendelssohn. In 2012, the KSO will fill Markham Theatre with great classical music on February 18, May 6 and June 28. The KSO will also be featured at the Markham Contemporary Music Festival on April 1 and at the Unionville Canada Day Festival on July 1.

As Maestro Kristian says; "Where else can you enjoy a semi-professional symphony orchestra at your doorstep for \$25, with free parking? We're proud that we can provide such a high level of sophisticated live music entertainment to Markham residents."

For more information about the KOS performances visit www.KSOorchestra.ca, call 905-604-8339 or email info@KSOorchestra.ca.