



# CHAMBERFEST

Allison Au & Migrations Ensemble

Sunday 4 August, 2024 7:00 PM

## PROGRAMME

*All compositions, orchestrations, and arrangements by Allison Au*

**Choice**

**Lyrics: Ruth Padel**

**Prayer**

**The ISM**

**Lyrics: Wanda Coleman**

**Progress**

**Lyrics: Emma LaRocque**  
adapted for music by A. Au

**Aves Raras**

**Racing Across the Land**

**Lyrics: Duncan Mercredi**  
adapted for music by A. Au

### **Intermission**

**For Russell and Rowena Jelliffe**

**Lyrics: Langston Hughes**  
adapted for music by A. Au

**Them Intro**

**Them**

**Keep a Few Embers from the Fire**

**Lyrics: Chief Dan George**

**Migration**

**Lyrics: Rae Marie Taylor**  
adapted for music by A. Au

**Pecola**

**I Dream a World**

**Lyrics: Langston Hughes**

The logo for Ottawa Chamberfest features a stylized red '3C' symbol to the left of the word 'OTTAWA' in a vertical, sans-serif font. To the right of 'OTTAWA' is the word 'CHAMBERFEST' in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

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**Allison Au** alto and soprano saxophones

## Migrations Ensemble

**Todd Pentney** piano

**Jon Maharaj** double bass

**Fabio Ragnelli** drums

**Alex Samaras** vocals

**Michael Davidson** vibraphone

**Aline Homzy** violin

**Aysel Taghi-Zada** violin

**Catherine Gray** viola

**Amahl Arulanandam** cello

Lauded as Canada's new jazz ambassador, Allison Au is a Toronto-based award-winning saxophonist, composer, arranger, and singer. Highly regarded for her distinctive and imaginative voice as both a performer and composer, the concert will feature Au's Juno-nominated album *Migrations* in its entirety. Inspired by Au's family history of immigration to Canada and commissioned by the Royal Conservatory of Music, the *Migrations* suite marks the first time Au has featured both vocals and string quartet in her writing. Accompanied by her 10-piece Migrations Ensemble, their seamless performance of these complex ideas, issues, and arrangements seems effortless, "...weaving lush, mosaic-like dreamscapes with poignant, heartrending lyrics."