

Four Strings... Everything

Grenville Pinto isn't just a violinist. He's so much more. A complete musician. A showman. An entertainer. Fun. Class. An artist.

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Pinto dedicated his album *Christmas Glow* to his mother, who unfortunately passed away last year. Her final support for his music was proofing a few songs on the album before her passing. He is forever grateful.

GRENVILLE PINTO WAS BORN in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and first discovered his love for music at the age of seven. In fact, Pinto was different than most and, unlike many boys his age, sports was not his biggest concern. He followed the same interest and values as his family and loved the sound of musical notes coming together to result in a beautiful melody. He has his mother to thank; she was the first to introduce him to a music program where he shortly fell in love with his newfound art and spent most of his time.

As time passed, his love for music grew and so did his musical abilities - he explored many instruments in his lifetime but remained faithful to only one

- the violin. Pinto extended this passion and began to train under the Royal Conservatory of Music and became a member of the Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. These programs gave him the opportunity to play in numerous recitals and performances where, as a result, Pinto became a leading choice for events all over the GTA.

Once you have succeeded and surpassed the ability to receive education there comes a time when you can't be taught anymore and teachers fall short. The next step is simply to apply the training and create your own style of music. Pinto did exactly that. He refers to it as "Classical Fusion" - the playing of contemporary music on

a classical instrument. In fact, he is completely different from your regular violinist. He creates an environment that the audience cannot get enough of. For those who have not had a chance to see Pinto perform, it may be time to do so - "the violin is my tool, I can choose to wow my audience with numerous numbers that will get them off their chairs and participate with the sound." It is all about performance and Pinto showcases that during events.

He is not only talented but he has the power and knowledge to adapt to any kind of audience. "I try and select music that will inspire", he adds. He chooses the kind of sound depending on the kind of people he is performing to - "you don't only have to

learn the notes and the instruments, you also have to learn your audience".

In today's world many of us can find a common ground through the love of music. Music has the power to bring joy to our hearts and pleasure to our soul the moment we feel sorrow. It gives us a sense of control and freedom when we know we have the right to choose the genre or style we want. The moment he discovers the type of sound his audience prefers the sound hits them and "it moves them, it excites them and there's that kind of connection between them", Pinto shares. In fact, it has the power to enlighten our days and the power to put a smile on our face. It has the ability to concentrate the attention



of many into one melody - Pinto explores and practices that power through each of his performances.

Our recent Winter Magazine Launch was a huge success and we had the pleasure of including Grenville Pinto's beautiful sound during the night. His talent was extraordinary. His methods of playing the violin were completely original and you couldn't help but to stop, watch and listen. He connected with all of our attendees in more ways than one and we couldn't be happier to have him perform. 🎻

To hear Grenville Pinto in action, or to book him for an event, visit gpinto.com or call (416) 296-9494.