

VICTORIA SYMPHONY 2021/2022

CHRISTIAN KLUXEN MUSIC DIRECTOR

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BRINGING YOU THE COLOUR

"MUSIC IS LIFE. And like it, inextinguishable."

These were the words of composer Carl Nielsen in 1916, composing his fourth symphony. What better words to describe the Victoria Symphony, as we are privileged to rise from a pandemic that has crippled the arts and ruined lives of musicians and arts institutions around the world? Let's be grateful and remember what we didn't lose. This is why I felt obligated to fill our season with music of substance and profound emotion, reminding us that music is truly inextinguishable. I sincerely hope you will share these many inextinguishable moments with us."



Christian Kluxen



Season Underwriters

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Kay Cochran, Viola



A close-up photograph of a woman with short, white hair, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, playing a dark brown violin. She is looking down at the instrument with a focused expression. The background is white with large, semi-transparent blue and red circles. The text is overlaid on the image.

Stacey Boal, Viola

SCHUBERT SYMPHONY NO. 9
KLUXEN'S RETURN

Sunday, September 19, 2:30 pm
Farquhar at UVic

CHRISTIAN KLUXEN, conductor

Schubert, Symphony No. 9 in C major

For his return, VS Music Director, Christian Kluxen leads Schubert's Symphony No. 9. Known as *The Great*, this work is linked to Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Despite acknowledging Beethoven's influence, quoting the *Ode to Joy* theme, Schubert's own uniquely powerful voice demonstrates why he was daring enough to endure direct comparison with such a towering cultural figure.

MAHLER SYMPHONY NO. 9

Sunday, September 26, 2:30 pm
Farquhar at UVic

CHRISTIAN KLUXEN, conductor

Mahler (arr. Simon), Symphony No. 9 in D major
(arr. for Chamber Orchestra)

Maestro Kluxen leads the VS in the celebrated chamber version (arr. Simon) of Mahler's Symphony No. 9, one of the most beloved symphonies of all time. Austrian composer Alban Berg believed that "the first movement is the most glorious he ever wrote".

NOW! CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN VOICES

Saturday, October 2, 8:00 pm

Farquhar at UVic

GIUSEPPE PIETRAROIA, conductor

VERN GRIFFITHS, percussion

Lizée, *Perxploitation*

Morlock, *Disquiet*

Goddard, *Live Wire* (World Premiere)

Nurulla-Khoja, *Gusto*

This concert features ground-breaking new works by Canadian composers. Vern Griffith's percussion skills are front and centre for Lizée's *Perxploitation*, a concerto for percussion of mind-boggling virtuosity. Also on the program are Goddard's *Live Wire* (commissioned by VS with the support of the Hugh Davidson Foundation), as well as works by Morlock and Nurulla-Khoja.

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VIVALDI & PIAZZOLLA

Thursday, October 21, 8:00 pm

Friday, October 22, 8:00 pm

Christ Church Cathedral

TERENCE TAM, leader

Vivaldi, Concerto grosso in B minor

Rautavaara, *The Fiddlers*

Locatelli, Concerto grosso in F major

Wagner (arr. Tønnesen), From *Tristan and Isolde*. Prelude

Piazzolla (arr. Desyatnikov), *Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*

Celebrate the vibrant violins of the Victoria Symphony! Concertmaster Terence Tam leads a program showcasing the virtuosity of the VS violin section. Eight soloists perform in two concertos written for four violins. Also featured will be the VS premiere of the charming folk suite *The Fiddlers* by Finnish composer Rautavaara. As a finale, Tam performs the brilliant and sultry tango music of Piazzolla in *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires*.

Tickets can be purchased at victoriasymphony.ca or by calling 250.721.8480.

HAYDN SYMPHONIES
MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT

Friday, October 29, 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 30, 8:00 pm
Christ Church Cathedral

ALEXANDER WEIMANN, conductor and harpsichord

Haydn, Symphony No. 6 in D major, (*Le matin*)
Haydn, Symphony No. 7 in C major, (*Le midi*)
Haydn, Symphony No. 8 in G major, (*Le soir*)

This trilogy of early Haydn symphonies is inspired by the different times of day - *Morning*, *Noon*, and *Evening*. Regular VS collaborator and Music Director of the Pacific Baroque Orchestra, Alexander Weimann, leads from the harpsichord.

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GERSHWIN AND BEYOND

Saturday, November 6, 2:30 pm
Saturday, November 6, 8:00 pm
Farquhar at UVic

SEAN O'LOUGHLIN, conductor
LORRAINE MIN, piano

Principal pops conductor Sean O'Loughlin returns to lead audiences on a journey into the world of Tin Pan Alley and the wonderful world of Gershwin's endearing music. Along with works by such influences as Ravel and Debussy, the program concludes with a special performance of *Rhapsody in Blue* featuring Victoria favorite Lorraine Min on piano.

Giuseppe Pietrarola, Associate Conductor





MIGHTY MAESTRO RETURNS

Sunday, November 7, 2:30 pm
Farquhar at UVic

MAESTRO JOEY, conductor

Mighty Maestro returns to take you on a tour of the instruments in the orchestra to discover magical music musicians create. Join us for a fun, interactive journey through the world of the orchestra and don't forget to come dressed as your favourite superhero!



Christine Prince, Viola

Tickets can be purchased at victoriasymphony.ca or by calling 250.721.8480.



BRAHMS SERENADE NO. 2
BEING ROBERT SCHUMANN

Friday, November 12, 8:00 pm
Christ Church Cathedral

GORDON GERRARD, conductor
ELISABETH PION, piano

Robert Schumann, *Hermann & Dorothea*: Overture
Morlock, *Nostalgia*
Clara Schumann, Piano Concerto in A minor
Brahms, Serenade No. 2 in A major

The relationship between Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann (née Wieck), and Johannes Brahms has become the subject of much speculation. This first in a series of three connected concerts exploring the life and works of Robert Schumann provides a glimpse into this musical love triangle. The VS welcomes the debut of Canadian pianist, Elisabeth Pion in a performance of Clara Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor. The program ends with Brahms' warm and gracious Serenade No. 2.



**MENDELSSOHN'S ITALIAN SYMPHONY
BEING ROBERT SCHUMANN, PART 2**

Sunday, November 21, 2:30 pm

Farquhar at UVic

MÉLANIE LÉONARD, conductor

Schumann (arr. Ravel), *Carnaval*

Felix Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 4 (*Italian*)

Hétu, Symphonie No. 3

Brahms, Eight movements from Liebeslieder Waltzes

Fanny Mendelssohn, Overture in C major

For this second concert in a three-part exploration of the life and circle of Robert Schumann, young French-Canadian conductor, Mélanie Léonard, leads the VS in a program built around Felix Mendelssohn's beloved Symphony No. 4 in A major (*Italian*). Also on the program, Fanny Mendelssohn's sparkling Overture in C major.

Tickets can be purchased at victoriasymphony.ca or by calling 250.721.8480.

CHRISTMAS POPS

Saturday, December 11, 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 12, 2:30 pm

Royal Theatre

SEAN O'LOUGHLIN, conductor

DAVID CURRY, tenor

Celebrate the season with VS's traditional concert of yuletide cheer! Maestro Sean O'Loughlin and tenor David Curry return to delight you with sentimental favourites. Featuring such favorites as Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*, this is a must see of the Christmas Season and a sure way to get you into the holiday spirit.

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BACH TO MESSIAH

Saturday, December 18, 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 19, 2:30 pm

Farquhar at UVic

IVARS TAURINS, conductor

HÉLÈNE BRUNET, soprano

MEG BRAGLE, alto

AARON SHEEHAN, tenor

BRETT POLEGATO, baritone

Handel and Bach join hands for a festive programme featuring their most iconic works for the season. Join guest director Ivars Taurins from Tafelmusik, VS, and a wonderful cast of soloists for excerpts from J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*.

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A VIENNESE NEW YEAR'S

Saturday, January 1, 2:30 pm

Royal Theatre

GIUSEPPE PIETRAROIA, conductor

LARA CIEKIEWICZ, soprano

OWEN MCCAUSLAND, tenor

BALLET VICTORIA

Start the New Year off right with the lively and nostalgic music of the family of Johann Strauss and his contemporaries. Lara Cieciewicz and Owen McCausland join dancers from Ballet Victoria for this afternoon of music, dance and song.

Tickets can be purchased at victoriasymphony.ca or by calling 250.721.8480.

VIRTUAL CONCERTS CONTINUE!

Join VS for the continuation of our Virtual Concert Series. These concerts will be made freely accessible online for a month after the premiere date. VS audiences can also access and enjoy our archive of select past performances at our website and on our YouTube page.

2020/21 VIRTUAL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

September 23, 8:00 pm

Join Associate Conductor Giuseppe Pietrarola for highlights of the Victoria Symphony's transformational 2020-21 Virtual Season. Excerpts include music by Vivaldi, Bach, Beethoven, Copland and others.

MENDELSSOHN'S SYMPHONY NO. 5, REFORMATION

October 14, 8:00 pm

Felix Mendelssohn's awe-inspiring Symphony No. 5 is otherwise known as *The Reformation Symphony* and is led in this performance by Quebec-based conductor Jean-Marie Zeitouni. Written to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, it is performed here in the nave of Christ Church Cathedral Victoria accompanied by that church's magnificent organ.

SCHUBERT SYMPHONY NO. 9, THE GREAT

November 18, 8:00 pm

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CHRISTMAS POPS

December 22, 8:00 pm

Celebrate the season with VS's traditional concert of yuletide cheer! Maestro Sean O'Loughlin and tenor David Curry return to delight you with sentimental favourites.



Mary Rannie, Principal Bass



Müge Büyükçelen, Violin

PRICING & SEATING

Tickets can be purchased through the Farquhar at UVic box office for all concerts at the Farquhar Auditorium and at Christ Church Cathedral. Tickets for the Christmas Pops and Viennese New Year's concerts at the Royal Theatre must be purchased directly through the RMTS box office.

The VS box office will not process any single ticket sales and there will be no subscription packages available in the fall.

Farquhar at UVic:
Phone: 250.721.8480
Email: ticket@uvic.ca

Royal Theatre (RMTS):
Phone: 250.386.6121
Email: tickets@rmts.bc.ca

SEPT.-DEC. 1, 2021: Seating will be socially distanced. Both Farquhar at UVic and Christ Church Cathedral will function with reduced capacity seating.

DEC. 1 - JAN. 1, 2022: Venues will be sold to full capacity and will abide by all Public Health Orders and COVID Safety plans will be in place.

SINGLE TICKET PRICING

Farquhar at UVic

There are no price zones.

\$45 adults & seniors

\$15 students & children

Christ Church Cathedral

General admission tickets.

\$45 adults & seniors

\$15 students & children.

CHRISTMAS POPS

Royal Theatre

2019/20 seating zones apply

\$40 - \$90 adults & seniors

\$20-\$90 students

BACH TO MESSIAH

Farquhar at UVic

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\$35-\$55 adults & seniors

\$20-\$35 students & children

A VIENNESE NEW YEAR'S

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