



SONGFIRE FESTIVAL OF SONG

Saturday May 21 – Saturday June 25, 2011

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SATURDAY MAY 21

8:00pm

St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, [Burrard & Nelson, Vancouver](#)

Erato Ensemble: Cabaret du Monde

William George, voice; Catherine Laub, voice; Jennifer McLaren, accordion & voice; Stefan Hintersteinger, cello; Doug Balfour, piano; Rita Attrot, piano

Journey through smoky nightclubs and cafes to hear the popular songs of France, Germany and the Americas. What Schubert represented to his generation, songwriters like Jacques Brel, Kurt Weill and Leonard Cohen represent to theirs.

Tickets \$20/\$10 Available at the door. www.eratoensemble.com

SATURDAY MAY 28

7:30pm

Fraserview Church, [11295 Mellis Drive, Richmond](#)

City Soul Choir: Serious Joy!

Are you ready for some serious joy? Experience the thrilling, soul-satisfying sound and energy of the 100-voice **City Soul Choir, directed by Brian Tate**. Don't miss the choir's SERIOUS JOY! concert. Joining the choir are some seriously fine musicians: **Bill Sample, Adam Rohrlick, Brent Gubbels, and Phil Belanger**. With music spanning the globe and the decades, the City Soul Choir's performances are packed with power, passion, and fun. You'll leave uplifted, inspired, and grinning!

Tickets: \$28/\$22 cstickets@gmail.com www.citysoulchoir.com

THURSDAY JUNE 2

10:30am

Silk Purse, [1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver](#)

VISI @ the Silk Purse: Les Oiseaux qui Chantent"

Lambroula Pappas, soprano & David Bergeron, pianist

The glorious melodies of songbirds fascinate composers. Olivier Messiaen wrote, "Birds are the opposite of time. They represent our longing for light, for stars, for rainbows, and for jubilant song." Join Vancouver's exquisite soprano Lambroula Maria Pappas and her passionate pianist David Bergeron on a journey of flight through French Songs about Birds.

Tickets \$12 please phone (604) 925-7292 to reserve www.silkpurse.ca

7:30pm

Alice MacKay Room, Central Library, [350 West Georgia Street, Vancouver](#)

VISI @ VPL: How to Love Lieder

Have you always wished you could love German Lieder, but can't find the way in? Join VISI's Artistic Director, internationally-renowned **pianist Rena Sharon**, with some stunning singers - and we'll crack the code! Discover the secret art of Lieder appreciation with a hilarious and enlightening hour of song-stories about besotted flowers, love-addicted humans, magic spells, the mysterious cosmos beyond our ken. A great way to gear up for the rest of the SONGFIRE Festival! With: **Rena Sharon; Aaron Durand, baritone ; Alison Nystrom & Rachel Fenlon, sopranos; Magdalena von Eccher, piano**

Admission is free.

SUNDAY JUNE 5

4:30pm Lecture

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

Arts of Conscience: Max Wyman - The Defiant Imagination: Why Art Matters

From journalist to President of the UNESCO Canadian Commission to mayor and activist, Mr. Wyman has had rich opportunity to consider Art's purpose in the social fabric - a question too often asked and too hard to answer. His substantive words clarify the issues and galvanize our aspiration. Come for a thrilling hour of poetic and practical ideas about Art in the world!

Admission is free.

MONDAY JUNE 6

1:00pm

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

One-of-a-Kind: Unabashed Lyricism:

A Tribute to Composer Lee Hoiby (1926-2011)

One of a Kind Concerts launch after lunch with vocal fireworks and brilliant pianism. Imaginative and insightful perspectives on life, faith, and love with Hoiby and friends. Featuring **Alison D'Amato, Lynne McMurtry, Tracy Satterfield.**

Admission by donation.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

1:00pm

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

One-of-a-Kind: Quests: Songs for Solo Voice

Nuns, kings, and comic strips all make an appearance in this mischievous, beautiful, and poignant concert for solo unaccompanied voice, drawn from composers spanning a millennium. The astonishing **Phoebe MacRae** channels some unforgettable characters.

Admission by donation.

THURSDAY JUNE 9

10:30am

Silk Purse, [1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver](#)

VISI @ the Silk Purse: Shall We Gather by the River

Martha Guth, soprano & Terence Dawson, pianist

Spend a transported hour with great performers and hear songs about Water, as you gaze out the window at the Pacific Ocean! Let your mind drift with the current, and refresh your spirit!

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FRIDAY JUNE 10

1:00pm

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

One-of-a-Kind: The Picture Window of Time: Scenes of Remembrance & Reconciliation

Mothers, daughters, neighbours, strangers, collisions of hearts. Musings about family relations by composer Jake Heggie are followed by Race to the Sky, songs to letters found at the site of World Trade Center attack.

SHAY, SHRUT, BAMRICK, LITTLEJOHN

Admission by donation

SATURDAY JUNE 11

8:00pm

[Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC](#)

Art Song Theatre: All the World's a Stage,

An extraordinary night of Song and Theatre

Part One: To honour the Bard, SHAKESPEARE'S KINGDOM sets the stage with a medley of texts from his era sung by glorious VISI sopranos and mezzo-sopranos, with stage direction by Alan Corbishley.

Part Two: TRY ME GOOD KING: LAST WORDS OF THE WIVES OF HENRY

VIII. Two divorced, two beheaded, and one sacrificed in childbirth. All five swept up in the tumultuous reign of England's most notorious monarch, Henry VIII. While gasping for breath on his deathbed, a startling series of ghostly visitations brings Henry face to face with the human cost of his tragic legacy. Libby Larsen's stark and searing settings of historical texts are fused with rich excerpts from Shakespeare's Henry VIII, framed with original dramatic text, illuminated with cutting edge digital scenography, and ignited by the explosive power of Bard on the Beach's Dean Paul Gibson, soprano Robyn Driedger-Klassen, pianist Terence Dawson, and actress Barbara Kozicki in the premiere of a SONGFIRE Theatre work created and **directed by Tom Scholte.**

D'AMATO, DAWSON, DERBEZ, DRIEDGER-KLASSEN, GIBSON, GUTH, KOZICKI, LOEWEN, MACRAE, MCMURTRY, SATTERFIELD, SHAY, SHRUT, with guest KONSTANTIN BOZHINOV, lutenist

Click for [TICKETS](#) or cash/cheque at the door: \$25 Adults, \$23 Senior or VISI member, \$10 Student

SUNDAY JUNE 12

8:00pm Choralfest

West Vancouver United Church, [2062 Esquimalt Avenue, West Vancouver](#)

Choral Concert: We Move Homeward

A night of shining community in the beautiful West Vancouver United Church sanctuary - a great space for musical celebration of Choral singing from three ensembles. Hear World premieres of two exquisite song cycles by West Vancouver's own Lloyd Burritt. Contemplate the moving poetry of Marilyn Lerch's We Move Homeward with **soprano Edith Pritchard and the West Vancouver United Church Choir** with their dynamic **conductor Gerald van Wyck**; Robin Blaser's mystical Winter Words in a Dark Love Song features **mezzo-soprano Julie Simson, pianist Laura Loewen, and oboist Geronimo Mendoza.** It's also an opportunity to honour **Dr. Diane Loomer**, who is receiving a richly-deserved Honorary Doctorate from UBC and joins us to **conduct her EnChor choir.** The VISICHOR with **conductor Kevin Zakresky** rounds out the guest list in a concert of revelations.

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TUESDAY JUNE 14

11:15am Lecture

Chapel of the Epiphany, [Vancouver School of Theology, UBC](#)

Arts of Conscience: Garrett Rubin - Beyond the Stage: The Young Artist's Responsibility to Social and Civic Service

Eastman School Voice and Cultural Diplomacy student and social activist Garrett Rubin reflects on ways in which artists can enact social change at the local and global level. His pursuit of music-based service has led to projects in community engagement for US music schools and with war-traumatized children in the developing world.

\$10 Adult, \$5 Student Cash or cheque at the door.

1:00pm

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

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Recital: To Be Sung on the Water

A recital of unforgettable "Heart-Songs". New to VISI, renowned **Tenor James Taylor** joins much-beloved **soprano Martha Guth** and fabulous **pianists Erika Switzer and Terence Dawson** to present a fantastic evening of lyrical and tumultuous summer storms and romances. Immerse yourself in the music of Schubert, Brahms, Britten and more. Bring your galloshes and life jacket, or suffer the watery abyss. Your reward for daring the depths? Float away on the sounds of *Auf dem Wasser zu Singen* -and the special pleasure of Schumann's rarely-heard vocal duets.

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 15

11:00am Lecture

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

Arts of Conscience: Reena Lazar - Peace it Together: Bridging Worldviews through Collaborative Film-making

They said it was impossible - but this peace building project with Israeli, Palestinian, and Vancouver youth has repeatedly demonstrated that Art can be a catalyst for stunning shifts in understanding across great gulfs. Collaboratively-created films will take your breath away with their wisdom and power. Learn about the journey from the project's Director, Reena Lazar.

\$10 Adults, \$5 Student Cash or cheque at the door.

4:30pm

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

VISIONary Fusions: Art Song settings of Langston Hughes

Soprano/scholar Kristina Jackson and pianist Miguel Brito Lopez offer a 45-minute tribute to the great American writer in settings by diverse composers.

Admission is free.

7:30pm

VSO School of Music, [843 Seymour Street, Vancouver](#)

Art Song Lab: SongSparks: Interactive Song Workshops

Become a partner in the collaboration! Seize the opportunity to dialogue with composers, poets, and VISI performing artists about the interpretive practice and performance of new song. Constructive audience feedback is key to the mix, so add your sparks of inspiration – the songs will change before your eyes!

Admission is free.

THURSDAY JUNE 16

10:30am

Silk Purse, [1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver](#)

VISI @ the Silk Purse: By Special Request

VISI Faculty Singers with Emerging Artists of Collaborative Piano

Hear exquisite **sopranos Phoebe MacRae** and **Rhonwen Derbez** with the **VISI emerging pianists**. Rhonwen will also be joined by sparkling Vancouver **pianist Terence Dawson** for a group of beautiful French songs.

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SATURDAY JUNE 18

1:30pm Workshop

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

Arts of Conscience: Michelle LeBaron -Artists and Alchemy Sans Frontiers: Creativity, Collaboration and Conflict

Join us for a remarkable two hour workshop with one of the world's leading experts on the use of the arts in Conflict Resolution. UBC Law Professor Michelle LeBaron's sweeping knowledge, skill, and friendly manner make deep concepts readily accessible - prepare to be moved and surprised. In her words, "Across the world, artists are collaborating across contexts and forms to promote peace, deepen cross-cultural understanding and give voice to the voiceless."

\$20 Adult, \$10 Student Cash or cheque at the door.

7:30pm Gala Concert

[Telus Theatre at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts](#)

Schubertiade Harmonious Hearts & Gemütlichkeit

VISI 5th Anniversary Gala Concert & Party

Schubert: the young Bohemian who really did live in garrets while sparking the Art Song Revolution.

Schubertiade: a party by his friends who recognized his genius. Many immortal works were premiered in their living rooms during nights of wine, laughter, and wild musical Revelation.

Gemütlichkeit (Don't even try to pronounce it...): A comfortable, cosy ambiance.

"The glory of friendship is not (just) the outstretched hand...nor the joy of companionship; it is the inspiration that comes to one who discovers that someone else believes in him." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Without his friends, would Schubert have had the heart to keep pouring his soul into song? Would we even have known about the vast trove of beloved music he left for us when he died at 31?

Join us for a fabulous party celebrating artistic community and Emerson's salute to friendship! Start with a glass of wine, relax and enjoy three gorgeous sets of music framed by more wine, appies, and conversation. Amazing performances of Schubert and Brahms Vocal Quartets, a beautiful new cycle by Lloyd Burritt, songs by great Vancouver composers, insane musical antics, possibly some ghosts... that's all we're saying... you'll have to find out the rest for yourselves...

WITH THE VISI FACULTY OF SINGERS AND PIANISTS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

\$40 Adults, \$35 Senior or VISI member, \$15 Student Tickets at www.ticketmaster.ca or 1-855-985-5000 or cash/cheque at the door.

SUNDAY JUNE 19

8:00pm

[Fei and Milton Wong Experimental Theatre, 149 W Hastings Street, Vancouver](#)

Art Song Lab: World Premieres - Playing With Fire

The culmination of all our collaborations -the poets and composers are in the hall to hear their 13 songs premiered in performances by acclaimed VISI artists **Drake Dantzer, Alison d'Amato, Phoebe MacRae, Laura Loewen, Lynne McMurtry, Michael Robert-Broder, Gayle Shay, Erika Switzer**. Join us to celebrate the launch of new works!

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MONDAY JUNE 20

1:00pm

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TUESDAY JUNE 21

1:00pm

[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

One-of-a-Kind: Savage Parade: Love, Torment, and Paul Verlaine

The great poet's interior realm is revealed through settings of his exquisite poetry, joined to a compelling theatre script by Adrienne Paulsen performed by **baritone Michael Robert-Broder and pianist Damien Jinks**.

Admission by donation.

5:00pm Concert

[The Landing Atrium, 375 Water Street, Vancouver](#)

VISI @ the Fête de la Musique: La Musique Poétique

There are certain things for which French culture simply has the edge on perfection! Revel in the delightful realm of Mélodie - its stunning poetry-music fusions, soaring delicacy, hilarious ironies, and surreal evocations from the great creative era of fin-de-siècle Paris.

Songs in a spectacular setting overlooking the North Shore vista. This concert is a proud participant of Vancouver's Fête de la Musique celebration, **featuring great VISI young artists** in a casual drop-in ambiance. Admission is free.

8:00pm

[The Orpheum Annex Theatre, 823 Seymour Street, 2nd Floor, Vancouver](#)

Musique Poetique: "Nuit d'Étoiles" - A Night of Stars

Some of the world's top experts are here from Paris and Quebec to amuse the auditory palate and fascinate the mind in an exquisite cabaret performed by wonderful faculty artists. The ticket price is minimal and the joie de vivre is at maximum!

BERGERON, D'AMATO, DAWSON, DERBEZ, DRIEDGER-KLASSEN, GAETANNE, GUTH, MCMURTRY, MACRAE, LE ROUX, LAPLANTE, LOEWEN, PAPPAS, PERRON, ROBERT-BRODER, SWITZER

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8:00pm

[Vancouver Unitarian Church, 949 West 49th Avenue, Vancouver](#)

Harold Brown Tribute Concert

To honour the spirit of Art Song's most beloved Vancouver advocate, VISI dedicates an evocation of his legacy. Harold Brown's warmth always made young performers feel that their art mattered, encouraging them to aspire and reminding them to always sing from their own humanity. Cheer on the next generation of great singers and pianists in a concert hewn from the heartfelt poetry and music Harold Brown loved.

Emerging Artists from VISI's international training program share the stage with great VISI faculty artists. Ralph Vaughan William's radiant Songs of Travel and Schubert's lyrical Auf dem Strom are reason enough to come - but your participation in the artist-audience circuit is what makes it all matter. **With Michael Robert-Broder, Drake Dantzer, Laura Loewen, Francis Perron, Joanna Schulz & VISI emerging artists.**

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[Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music](#)

One-of-a-Kind: Orfeo - Rilke/Kirchner

The intense Rilke/Kirchner monodrama is given an experimental staging by **director David Walsh, in performance by baritone Michael Robert-Broder, pianist Francis Perron, and hornist Joanna Schulz.**

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8:00pm SongFire Theatre FW

Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC

SONGFIRE Apprentice Theatre

Experience the new realm of Art Song Theatre with its new generation of artists. Two very different premieres form an unforgettable evening of story-telling and fantasy.

Songs From Spoon River

In early 20th-century Illinois, the departed inhabitants of Spoon River sing out from beyond the grave in a bittersweet meditation on love, loss, and life. Elegant and haunting settings of Edgar Lee Masters' lyric masterpiece, Spoon River Anthology are combined with powerful dramatic staging and otherworldly digital scenography.

That Way Goes the Game

What happens when Lady Macbeth, Ophelia, and the shrew Katherine find themselves in a graduate student's room one night? The only way out is to convince the sullen young man of their true nature, and he isn't buying it. They rant. They cajole. They sing! Three of Shakespeare's formidable females against one hapless student? It hardly seems fair, but "that way goes the game."

Admission is free.

SATURDAY JUNE 25

7:30pm

Roy Barnett Recital Hall, UBC School of Music

VISI Emerging Artist Gala

There's nothing quite like "Last Night" of a Song Festival to cause the roof to raise up with energy, intensity, and a "give-it-all-you've-got" attitude. Join the party!

Admission is free.