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Welcome

For a laudable span of time, Friends of Chamber Music has brought renowned chamber music ensembles from around the world to Vancouver. Each season, our mandate is to offer a series of concerts that make chamber music enjoyable and accessible. Our concerts combine extraordinary artists with works spanning the prodigious chamber music repertoire.



Audience from an FCM concert
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We are delighted to announce a return to live performances after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the 2021-2022 concert season, we look forward to hearing the Modigliani, Takács, Bennewitz, Esmé, Pavel Haas and Emerson Quartets, and the Han Finckel Setzer and Vienna Piano Trios. We anticipate stellar presentations from these outstanding returning and new groups.

Join us for our 74th season of live chamber music experiences for music that will uplift the soul!

We appreciate the support of our audience, donors and sponsors, and welcome new listeners.

Please note that all concerts in the 2021-2022 season will take place at the Vancouver Playhouse on either Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. To enter the theatre and attend a concert, you must follow any COVID-19 requirements in place at the time of the concert.



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Other ways to give include In Memoriam donations, concert sponsorships and bequests. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss possibilities.

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We are a volunteer, board-run, not-for-profit organization. We welcome your support and involvement.

Contact us at: volunteer@friendsofchambermusic.ca

Young Musicians Competition



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Friends of Chamber Music has organised an annual youth chamber music competition since 1954. This alternative to solo and orchestral challenges encourages collaboration between young musicians. Groups of three or more Juniors (up to age 18) or Seniors (up to age 26) play short selections of chamber music, ranging from the classical to post-modern. A music professional adjudicates the entries and awards cash prizes in each category. Join us each spring for the free public concert and competition. Attendees vote for their favourites to award special audience prizes –and may spot tomorrow’s professional musicians amongst the performers!

1

Modigliani Quartet

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7:30 pm

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:

String Quartet No.17 in B-flat major, K458 "*The Hunt*"

Béla Bartók: String Quartet No.3. Sz.85

Franz Schubert:

String Quartet No.14 in D minor "*Death and the Maiden*"

Our first engagement with this French Quartet, celebrating their 15th anniversary this season. "It is a real treat to hear with what panache, what witty playfulness, what youthful energy the quartet plays, yet never yielding to casualness." "...balance, transparency, symphonic comprehension, confident style." (*Süddeutsche Zeitung*)

2

Han Finckel Setzer Trio

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7:30 pm

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor:

"*African Dances*" for Violin and Piano, Opus 58

Ludwig van Beethoven:

Piano Trio in D-major, Op.70, No. 1 "*Ghost*"

Antonín Dvořák: Piano Trio No.3 in F minor, Op. 65

This "super-trio" has become an audience favourite. "When...genuine artists explode on the stage, exuding not only glamour and theatrical flair but also superb musical insight, the audience's thrill is twofold." (*Chicago Sun-Times*) "Now it's the Han-Finckel-Setzer triumvirate that is the standard bearer." (*Reichel Recommends*)

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Takács Quartet

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:30 pm

Franz Joseph Haydn: String Quartet in B-flat major, Opus 76, No.4 "*Sunrise*"

Stephen Hough: String Quartet No. 1, *Les Six Rencontres*

Antonín Dvořák: Piano Quintet No. 2 in A major, Op. 81

An exceptional opportunity to hear one of the first performances of Stephen Hough's first string quartet, dedicated to the Takács. Pianist Hough will be in attendance at the performance, and joins the ensemble for the Dvořák quintet. "...rare to see an ensemble that so consistently seeks to find the coherence and greatness of each work on its own terms." (*Geoffrey Newman*) "Simply the best I have ever heard in concert." (*The Guardian*).



Concert #1: Modigliani Quartet



Concert #2: Han Finckel Setzer Trio



Concert #3: Takács Quartet

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Concert #4: Bennewitz Quartet



Concert #5: Pavel Haas Quartet



Concert #6: Esmé Quartet

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Bennewitz Quartet

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:30 pm

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:

String Quartet No.4 in C major, KV157

Felix Mendelsohn: Quartet No.2 in A minor, Opus 13

Antonín Dvořák:

String Quartet No.13 in G major, Opus 106

A return engagement by this renowned international ensemble. "Downright wonderful, with a perfect balance of warmth and objective clarity." (*Gramophone*) "The Bennewitz Quartet carries the listener into another world." (*Münchener Merkur*) "...enjoyment and vitality of a young ensemble at the height of its powers." (*Süddeutsche Zeitung*)

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Pavel Haas Quartet

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3:00 pm

Franz Joseph Haydn:

Quartet in G major, Opus 76, No.1

Bohuslav Martinů:

Quartet No.7, "Concerto da Camera", H.314

Franz Schubert:

String Quartet No.15 in G major, D887

We welcome back the Pavel Haas with their new violist, Luosha Fang. "They represent the best qualities of the Czech tradition – warmth, sonorousness, individuality, intensity; but what's striking here is their fearless risk-taking, their fervency and... absolute confidence." (*Süddeutsche Zeitung*)

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Esmé Quartet

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Soo Yeon Lyuh: Yessori, A Fantasia for Haegeum

Claude Debussy: String Quartet in G minor, Opus 10

Ludwig van Beethoven: String Quartet No.8 in E minor, Opus 59, No.2 "Razumovsky"

Our first opportunity to hear this young Korean quartet, located in Germany and appearing with pianist Soo Yeon Lyuh. "An incredible week for the string quartet in London and the standard of playing fills us with great confidence for the future." (*John Gilhooly, Wigmore Hall*)

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Vienna Piano Trio Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Franz Schubert: Notturmo in E flat major, Opus 48, D897
Felix Mendelsohn: Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Opus 49
Franz Schubert: Piano Trio No.1 in B-flat major, Op.99, D898

A thrilling programme to bid farewell to this trio, who retire at the end of the season. "The Vienna Piano Trio's liquidity, marvelous shaping and sexy classicism in no way compromised the vigor—even the occasional bullishness—of the musical utterance." (*The Strad*) "One does not know where to begin with the praise." (*Klassik Heute*)



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Emerson String Quartet Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Béla Bartók:
String Quartet No.1 in A minor, Opus 1, Sz40
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: String Quartet No.22 in B-flat major, K589
Ludwig van Beethoven: String Quartet No.15 in A minor, Opus 132

A much-loved ensemble that has delighted us for many years. "...complemented their customary power, finesse and unanimity with a fresh, palpable vigor... technically resourceful, musically insightful, cohesive, full of character and always interesting." (*New York Times*) "...with musicians like this, there must be some hope for humanity" (*The Times, London*).



Concert #7: Vienna Piano Trio



Concert #8: Emerson String Quartet



Han Finckel Setzer Trio in concert with FCM. Photos: Mark Mushet



Takács Quartet in concert with FCM. Photos: Mark Mushet

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