

Songfire

Concert Calendar

May 22 – 8:00 pm

Erato Ensemble

Queens Avenue United Church, 529 Queens Avenue, New Westminster

Music's Modern Muse: The Princess de Polignac and her Salon Circle

An evening of french chanson and chamber music, in honor of one of the most influential figures in music history.

\$20 /\$15 • (604) 522 1606

May 26, 27, 28 – 7:30 pm; May 30 – 2:30 pm

City Opera Vancouver

Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC

Sumidagawa/Curlew River

Two modern re-tellings of the immortal Noh drama *Sumidagawa*: Benjamin Britten's opera *Curlew River* and Natsu Nakajima's Butoh Dance *Sumida River*.

\$40 /\$26 • ticketstonight.ca

May 29 – 8:00 pm

Erato Ensemble

St. Andrew's-Wesley Church, Burrard & Nelson, Vancouver

Music's Modern Muse: The Princess de Polignac and her Salon Circle

An evening of french chanson and chamber music, in honor of one of the most influential figures in music history.

\$10 advance/ \$20 door • ticketstonight.ca

June 3 – 10:30 am

VISI

Silk Purse, 1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver

Animal Passions: Romping the Romantic Realms

Phoebe MacRae, soprano & Rena Sharon, pianist

Blending song with an original script, you'll laugh no matter how star-crossed your love-life has been!

\$12 • (604) 925 7292 • silkpurse.ca

June 5 – 8:00 pm

Phoenix Chamber Choir

**Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 West 33rd., Vancouver
Britain Exposed!**

Experience British music in all its glory! With organist Roy Campbell.
\$25/ \$20 • (604) 584-4755

June 6 – 3:00 pm

Elektra Women's Choir

**Ryerson United Church, 2195 West 45th Avenue, Vancouver
Romance: Schumann, Brahms & Fauré**

An invitation into a musical age where fantasy, imagination,
and a quest for adventure played an important role.
\$26/ \$20 • Ticketmaster (604) 280 3311



June 8 – 10:30 am

VISI

**The Silk Purse, 1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver
Robyn Driedger-Klassen, soprano & Terence Dawson, pianist**

Vancouver-based duo present songs of Mendelssohn, Barber and Viardot.
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June 10 – 12:15 pm

VISI

**Dodson Room, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, UBC
The Healing Art: Art Song as catharsis**

Gayle Shay, Arlene Shrut, Lynne McMurtry, Alison d'Amato, Martha Guth

A contemplative hour of powerful works from the *AIDS Quilt Songbook* and *Evidence of Things Not Seen*, and performance/discussion of "Race for the Sky," with texts found at the site of the September 11, 2001 attack.
Free Admission

June 11 – 7:30 pm

VISI

Vancouver Public Library, Alice Mackay Room

**Ideas and Songs: The Romantic Self - Robert Schumann and his legacy
Benjamin Binder, Benjamin Butterfield, Lynne McMurtry, Rhonwen Derbez,
Alison d'Amato, Kinza Tyrrell**

Musicology professor and pianist Dr. Benjamin Binder guides a journey of Romantic Self-discovery joined by VISI artists.
Free Admission

June 12

VISI

Samuel Barber turns 100! A Day of Celebration

• 10:00 am • **Lecture with Barbara Heyman, Barber's biographer**

Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC • \$10/ \$5

• 1:30 pm • **Masterclass on Barber's songs with Alison d'Amato & Barbara Heyman**

Vancouver School of Theology Chapel, UBC • \$10/ \$5

• 8:00 pm • **Concert**

Benjamin Butterfield, Julie Simson, Gayle Shay, Lambroula Pappas, Lynne McMurtry, Rena Sharon, Alison d'Amato, Robyn Driedger-Klassen, Erika Switzer

Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC • \$20/ \$10

Hear Barber's *Hermit Songs*, directed by Alan Corbishley, his luminous *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*, and other wonderful songs performed by VISI artists.

June 13 – 8:00 pm

VISI

West Vancouver United Church, 2062 Esquimalt Avenue, West Vancouver

BC Birthdays with a touch of Barber

With special guests The Phoenix Chamber Choir and the Lyric Singers

2010 is a banner year for birthdays. Join the party - VISI artists present a world premiere by Lloyd Burritt, songs by Stephen Chatman, Ramona Luengen, B-day boys Schumann, Mahler, Wolf, and Barber. Share B-day cake and meet some composers.

Tickets \$20/ \$10 available at the door

June 14 – 12:15 pm

VISI

Dodson Room, Irving K Barber Learning Centre, UBC

Emerging Artists in Recital

The audience completes the creative circuit for an Emerging Artist – your enthusiasm lifts them to new heights!

Free Admission

June 15 – 10:30 am

VISI

Silk Purse, 1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver

Robert Schumann's Myrthen lieder

Martha Guth, Tyler Duncan, Erika Switzer

An hour of beautiful songs – Robert Schumann's wedding wreath to his bride, Clara – with a trio of great VISI artists.

\$12 • (604) 925 7292 • silkpurse.ca

June 15 – 8:00 pm

VISI

Regent College, UBC

Schumann cycles: The Complete Dichterliebe, and the last oeuvre

Scott McCoy, tenor; Kenneth Griffiths, pianist; Martha Guth, soprano

Dichterliebe is the voice of Robert Schumann as a young man in love. His final song cycle is the haunting *Poems of Mary Stuart*, directed by David Walsh. This renowned trio of artists will also share some insights about the history of the works.

\$20/ \$10 available at the door

June 17-20 – 8:00 pm; June 19 – 2:00 pm

Turning Point Ensemble

Fei and Milton Wong Experimental Theatre, SFU Woodward's

149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Imprint

A daring, site-specific work for dancers, large music ensemble and telepresence technology exploring the resonance of cultural artifacts and stories as transmitted from place-to-place, time-to-time, and person-to-person.

\$35/ \$15 • (604) 873 3311 sfuwoodwards.ca

June 18 – 8:00 pm

VISI

Frederick Wood Theatre, UBC

The Art of French Melodie

François Le Roux, baritone & Erika Switzer, pianist

Hear French Melodie performed by a singer who epitomizes his culture's history of ideas and art, joined by Vancouver's brilliant Erika Switzer for an unforgettable evening of stunning collaboration.

\$20/ \$10 available at the door

June 20 – 8:00 pm

VISI

Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC

The Schumanns – A Love Story in Song

Special guest artist Gabrielle Rose; Tyler Duncan, Martha Guth, Robyn Driedger-Klassen, Laura Loewen, Lambroula Pappas, Erica Switzer

VISI is honoured to present celebrated Canadian actress Gabrielle Rose in the role of Clara Schumann for this rose in the wreath of VISI concerts. Reprised from the acclaimed 2009 MusicFest event, this staged version of *Myrthen* directed by Tom Scholte brings the Schumanns to life with tender-hearted letters and glorious songs. The evening is encircled by a group of floral songs with exquisite VISI artists.

\$20/ \$10 available at the door

June 21 – 12:15 pm

VISI

Dodson Room, Irving K Barber Learning Centre, UBC

Emerging Artists in Recital

Our wonderful young singers and pianists from across North America offer collaborative song performances prepared and coached at the Song Institute by internationally-renowned experts. Join us and help generate the power of Song!

Free Admission

June 21 – 8:00 pm

VISI and Music On Main

Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables Street

TransCanada Songbook

From icons like R. Murray Schafer and Claude Vivier to rising stars like Ana Sokolovic and Jocelyn Morlock, the composers highlighted on this trans-Canada journey of song are as eclectic as our nation's people. Join VISI and Music on Main at the Cultch for this one-night-only musical celebration, including a world premiere by Leslie Uyeda.

\$20/10 available at the door.

June 21 & 28 – 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Chor Leoni

Bard on the Beach, Vanier Park, Vancouver

Chor Leoni Country

Saddle up, buckaroos! Chor Leoni goes country and Nashville may never be the same!

\$35 • Bard box office (604) 739 0559

June 22 – 10:30 am

VISI

Silk Purse, 1570 Argyle Avenue, West Vancouver

Emerging Artists take the stage!

Cheer on the next generation of Art Song performers as they practice their passion for song.

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June 22, 23 – 8:00 pm

VISI

Regent College, UBC

21st Century Song Theatre

VISI is the nexus of a movement fostering new directions in staged Art Song performance. Our 21st-century artists present experimental works in Song Theatre, directed by Gayle Shay and David Walsh.

Free Admission, Donations Appreciated