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# Welcome

## Shape the Future

We are delighted to present our 2011-12 concert season in this brochure. We want to be a part of your entertainment choices and are certain that you will find something that appeals to you!

You can shape the future of the Prince George Symphony Orchestra. This year will feature a number of highly-qualified guest conductors who will deliver dynamic, artistically excellent performances. The Music Director search committee will be guided in part by the feedback received from the audience. As such, you can play a role in shaping the direction the PGSO takes into the future with its new artistic leader.

Stay in touch. We see a bright and exciting future and we hope to see you at our concerts!

*Jim Caldwell*  
Board Chair

Artwork: 'The Orchestra'  
by Maureen Faulkner

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Birgit Allgaier

# POPS in the Park



**SUNDAY. September 11. 2011**

**2:00 pm . Fort George Park**

*Guest Conductor: Tim Huebert*

A perfect way to spend Sunday afternoon! Come and enjoy the last taste of summer and feast on familiar musical favourites. Bring your lawn chairs, your blankets, kick back, relax to the music of your very own symphony!

We play for sun, but in the event of rain, 'Pops in the Pews' will be held at St. Michael's All Angels Anglican Church on Victoria & Fifth.

## **THE RED VIOLIN MOVIE**

**SUNDAY, March 25. 2012**

**3:00 pm . UNBC Canfor Theatre**

A perfect red-coloured violin inspires passion. Follow the journey of this incredible instrument in the 1998 award-winning Canadian film, The Red Violin brought to UNBC Canfor Theatre by special arrangement. Then come to the concert on March 31st and hear it played masterfully by its owner!

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**250.562.0800**

The Prince George  
Symphony Orchestra  
welcomes acclaimed  
artists and guest  
conductors to a  
season of great  
classical concerts.



**JORDAN KWAN**

## JUPITER

**SATURDAY . September 24, 2011**

**7:30 pm . Vanier Hall**

*Guest Conductor: Martin MacDonald*

*Guest Artist: Jordan Kwan*

**Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 2 in D. Minor**

**Mozart: Symphony No. 41 in C Major**

Prince George's own Jordan Kwan, the recipient of many prestigious awards comes to the stage to perform Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 2.

This classic evening is paired with Mozart's last composition, the Jupiter Symphony No. 41 --- a tour de force celebration of our 41st season.



**MARTIN MACDONALD**

# SIMPLY CLASSICAL

SATURDAY . November 5, 2011

7:30 pm . Vanier Hall

*Guest Conductor: Jonathan Govias*

*Guest Artists: Lazslo Klein, Simon Cole,  
Erica Skowron, Lynn Giesbrecht*

Mozart:

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Mendelssohn:

Overture to Don Giovanni

Sinfonia Concertante in E Flat Major

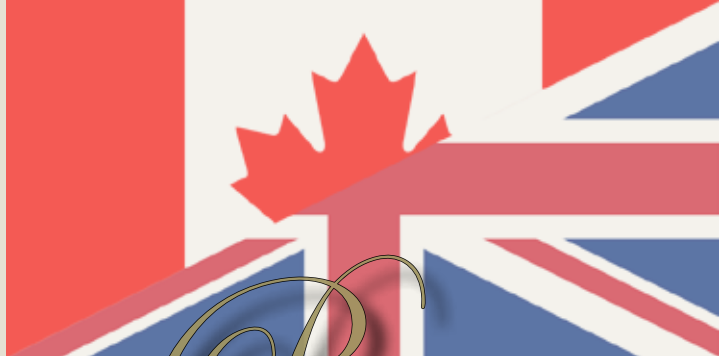
Symphony No. 4

This most elegant piece of Mozart's work, the Sinfonia Concertante, is still hotly contested in many ways by the experts but its beauty remains undeniable.

Like a classic champagne, you will find "The Italian" as Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 has been dubbed, sparkling and often surprising.

**JONATHAN GOVIAS**





# PROMS

## TONIGHT AT THE PROMS

**SATURDAY . January 28. 2012**

**7:30 pm . Vanier Hall**

*Guest Conductor: Calvin Dyck*

*Special Guests: Prince George Cantata Singers*

Elgar: Pomp & Circumstance  
Wood: Fantasia on British Seas  
Parry: Jerusalem

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth to the throne - her Diamond Jubilee! We can't take you to Buckingham Palace, but we can bring you the music of Elgar, Parry and Wood, the patriotic best of Britain.

Then bring it all home with the Prince George Cantata Singers! A jamboree of patriotic nostalgia with a whiff of tradition awaits, so bring your costumes and your flags!



A portrait of Sara Davis Buechner, a woman with blonde curly hair and glasses, smiling and resting her chin on her hand. She is wearing a black jacket and a patterned scarf. A small image of a piano keyboard is visible in the bottom right corner of the portrait.

**SARA DAVIS BUECHNER**

## **THE EMPEROR**

**SATURDAY . February 25, 2012**

**7:30 pm . Vanier Hall**

*Guest Conductor: John Van Deursen*

*Guest Artist: Sara Davis Buechner*

**Beethoven: Symphony No. 4**

**Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5**

Sara Davis Buechner is a classical concert pianist of noteworthy accomplishment, virtuosic mastery, artistic sensitivity and extraordinary versatility. She is Associate Professor of Piano at UBC and is in demand across Canada and internationally.

A concert not to miss!

### **PRE-CONCERT CHAT**

Want to know more about the music? Join our Guest Conductors and special guests for a lively discussion about the music before each concert. Check website for time and location.

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*meet the*

# *Red Violin*

## **THE RED VIOLIN**

**SATURDAY . March 31. 2012**

**7:30 pm . Vanier Hall**

**Guest Conductor:** *Evan Mitchell*  
**Guest Artist:** *Elizabeth Pitcairn*

**Mendelssohn:** *Violin Concerto*  
**Tchaikovsky:** *Symphony No 6*

Celebrated violin virtuoso Elizabeth Pitcairn is distinguished not only by her talent but also her Red 'Mendelssohn' Stradivarius violin, the instrument that inspired the award winning film, *The Red Violin*.

Then, feel the passion in Tchaikovsky's last complete symphony "Pathétique."



# THE SILK ROAD

**SATURDAY . April 21. 2012**

**7:30 pm . Vanier Hall**

*Guest Conductor: Miran Vaupotich, Croatia*

*Guest Artist: George Gao, Erhu*

Italy	Prelude e Danza - World Premiere
Croatia	Istrian Suite
Georgia	Little Daneliade
China	Four Ancient Scores from Dun Huang Gallopig Horses

Follow the music from Italy to China in a cross-cultural extraordinary concert experience. From Italy, a world premiere, to a Croatian folk song. Stop along the trade route in Georgia, the steppes of Central Asia and down into Dun Huang China, the confluence of major routes of the Silk Road.

Master of the Erhu, George Gao is capable of tremendous expressiveness and spellbinding excitement on stage.





*The*

*Nutcracker*

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

### **THE NUTCRACKER**

**December 16. 17. 18. 2011**

**Vanier Hall**

**Guest Conductor: Kevin Zakresky**

A favourite family tradition, The Nutcracker is a magical production filled with seasonal joys, colourful cast and the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky. The wonder of childhood fantasy, sugar plum fairies and a little girl's toys that come to life are guaranteed to make lasting memories.

Choose from five great performances. Perfect for children ages 3 and up!

<b>Adult:</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>
<b>Senior:</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>
<b>Under 25</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>





## Tea & Symphony

# TEA & SYMPHONY

**SUNDAY. MAY 13. 2012**

**3:00 pm . Westwood Mennonite Church**

*Guest Artist: Sebastian Ostertag, Cello*

Haydn: Cello Concerto in D

Of all the 18th Century cello concertos, Haydn's D Major Cello concerto is believably the most popular. Enjoy another symphony of tastes blending the flavours of tea with beautiful music to honour all mothers on Mother's Day.

## SPECIAL EVENT

# THE ELMER ISELER SINGERS

**WEDNESDAY. March 15. 2012**

**7:30 pm . Westwood Mennonite Church**

Canada's foremost professional chamber ensemble, this choir has built an international reputation known for the unique beauty of their sound and has set the standard for all choirs!

One performance only!

Adult: \$25.00  
Senior: \$22.00  
Under 25 \$12.00

Children  
Under 6: FREE

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### **single concert savings**

Groups have more fun! The PGSO invites you to gather your friends, family, clients or colleagues to experience what the symphony has to offer.

Groups of 10

- Available ONLY through the PGSO office.
- Children under 6 Free, but must have a ticket if seat is required.
- Good for one concert per group
- Purchase early to ensure a favourable block of seats

## PREMIUM SERIES

### get it all

Enjoy every concert in the 2011-12 concert season by subscribing now and save. This includes all Mainstage concerts, plus the Mother's Day Tea & Symphony . . . the Elmer Iseler Singers . . . AND

#### SUBSCRIBER BENEFIT:

When you purchase this package, you will also receive a ticket to attend The Red Violin ~ The Movie, now playing at UNBC Canfor Theatre, March 25, 2012 at no charge.

SAVE \$\$ off Single Ticket Prices!

## FLEX PASS

### mix and match

Maximize flexibility for your busy schedule when planning ahead seems hard to do. The Flex Pass contains 4 vouchers valid for (1) seat that you can redeem for any mainstage concert during the 2011-12 concert season. Please note this excludes Special Event concerts.

Purchase and redeem your Flex Pass ONLY at the PGSO office or at the door on the day of the concert.

Bring your friends and use all 4 vouchers for one great concert experience; bring one friend to two concerts; or enjoy all four concerts yourself. Any combination. Your choice!

TICKET VOUCHERS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

## LIBRARY SERIES ~ FREE

All presentations Saturdays at 2 pm at the Prince George Public Library!

01 . October	Drumheller Dinosaur Dance
03 . December	Brontorina
04 . February	The Cremation of Sam McGee
14 . April	Tree Song

Single Ticket Price	Adult	Senior	Under 25
Mainstage Series	\$29.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
The Nutcracker	\$32.00	\$28.00	\$22.00
Elmer Iseler Singers	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$12.00
The Red Violin ~ The Movie	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50
Tea & The Symphony	\$29.00	\$25.00	\$15.00

Packages	Adult	Senior	Under 25
<b>Premium Series</b> <b>Get it All</b> <i>7 Concerts includes Tea &amp; Symphony, Elmer Iseler Singers, plus The Red Violin - The Movie</i>	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$100.00
<b>Flex Pass</b> <b>Mix and Match</b> <i>Choose from any 4 of either Mainstage Concerts and/or Tea &amp; Symphony</i>	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$50.00
<b>Group/Family Pass</b> <i>Group of 10 - One Concert</i>	\$245.00	\$215.00	\$120.00

**Not including applicable taxes**

\*\* Senior is 60+

\*\* Children Under 6 are FREE, but do require a ticket if seat is required (*option not available for Nutcracker*)

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