



RICHMOND
ORCHESTRA
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MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

May 4, 2024

7:30 pm

Fraserview MB Church
11295 Mellis Drive
Richmond, BC



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IN A GALAXY FAR FAR AWAY

"I've got a bad feeling about this..."

I remember those words well along with several other lines that became regularly recited snippets in our Pop culture.

In 1977, my friends and I, just graduated from High School, first met Luke, Leia and Han and were introduced to amazing new special effects. I'm not sure any of us, at the time, knew who John Williams was but that opening theme, presented to us in the new Dolby sound, was about to change that. Fast forward 40 plus years and I don't know anyone who isn't familiar with Williams' music with Star Wars ranking among his most iconic. From a galaxy far far away we'll return to earth for another iconic work, with Brahms' Violin Concerto, arguably one of the greatest concertos ever composed.

I've got a good feeling about this...

Continuing our tradition of engaging with fellow charitable and non-profit organizations I'm pleased to welcome tonight's Community Partner, Chimo Community Services. Through their various programs, Chimo's professionals and volunteers have been educating and supporting individuals and helping people in crisis for over 50 years, here in Richmond. I hope you'll take a moment to visit with them before the show or during intermission.

And speaking of volunteers, have you ever thought about what it would be like to help a wonderful, local, non-profit, musical organization? We'd be so happy to show you. Drop us a line at roca@roca.ca or check out our website, www.roca.ca

May the fourth, and the force, be with you..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernie Barrett', written in a cursive style.

Bernie Barrett, President



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James Malmberg, Conductor

JOHN WILLIAMS

Star Wars Suite for Orchestra (1977, 1980)

- I. Main Title
- II. Princess Leia's Theme
- III. The Imperial March (Darth Vader's Theme)
- IV. Yoda's Theme
- V. Throne Room & End Title

INTERMISSION

JOHANNES BRAHMS

Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 77 (1878)

- I. Allegro non troppo
- II. Adagio
- III. Allegro giocoso, ma non troppo vivace

Isabel Lago, violin solo

Filipino-Canadian violinist Isabel Lago performs extensively as a soloist, chamber, and orchestral musician. She has performed as a concerto soloist with the Fraser Valley Symphony and the Richmond Orchestra. Ms. Lago's chamber and orchestral career have taken her across Germany and Canada to halls such as the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, Koerner Hall, the Musik- und Kongresshalle in Lübeck, and the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg.



Competition highlights include receiving top prize at The Friends of Chamber Music Competition and third prize at The Glenn Gould School of Music Chamber Competition. Ms. Lago played alongside the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in Koerner Hall's 21C Music Festival in 2019. She has served as concertmaster on several occasions for The Royal Conservatory Orchestra and The Hochschule für Musik und Theater Orchestra in Leipzig. In 2020, she participated in The Canadian Opera Company Orchestra Academy as one of five academy members. Ms. Lago has been fortunate to work with world-renowned conductors, including Gábor Takács-Nagy, Leon Fleisher, Ton Koopman, Krzysztof Urbanski, Michael Sanderling, Manfred Honeck, and Christoph Eschenbach. Festivals include the National Arts Centre Young Artist Program, the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival Orchestral Academy, Symphony in the Barn, and Music By The Sea Festival. She has performed in masterclasses for artists such as Rachel Podger, Barnabás Kelemen, Almita Vamos, and the Vogler Quartet.

Ms. Lago first picked up a violin two months before her third birthday. She holds a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree and an Artist Diploma from The Glenn Gould School of The Royal Conservatory of Music, studying under Mayumi Seiler and Paul Kantor. She was a recipient of The Michael & Sonja Koerner Scholarships, providing her full-tuition scholarship studies. Ms. Lago is currently pursuing her master's degree at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater "Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy" in Leipzig, Germany studying with Professor Carolin Widmann. Ms. Lago is very grateful for the teachers who have guided her throughout her musical life, including James Malmberg and Calvin Dyck, and attributes who she is as a musician to these mentorships. Outside of music, she enjoys nature, knitting, crosswords with friends, and a good cup of coffee. Ms. Lago always strives to grow as a musician and hopes to touch others through her music.

Ms. Lago plays on a 2022 Hermann Janzen violin generously on loan from the maker.



JAMES MALMBERG | Artistic Director

A graduate of the UBC School of Music, James Malmberg enjoys a career of teaching, performing and conducting. He is the Artistic Director of the Vahalla Suzuki Institute in New Denver BC and has adjudicated at festivals in Langley, Powell River, Sechelt, and the Kootenays. He has performed with the National Youth Orchestra, Lions Gate Sinfonia, the Orca String Quartet, Vancouver Opera, Vancouver Island Symphony and the Kamloops and Okanagan Symphonies.

Since graduating from UBC he has continued his studies in Suzuki Pedagogy in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Edmonton and has spent his summers teaching at the Yukon Summer Music Festival, the UBC Summer Music Institute, and the Edmonton Suzuki Institute. He was a conductor with the Richmond Delta Youth Orchestra for many years and was appointed the conductor of the Richmond Orchestra in 2007 after being concertmaster for several years. His work with youth is his most satisfying accomplishment both through his private violin studio as well as having featured over 50 young soloists through the Rising Stars concert series as well as reaching thousands of elementary school children through the education outreach program of ROCA.

RICHMOND ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN 1

Larisa Lebeda
James Hung
Clare Palmer
Angus Yuen
Maya Khayrallah
Tony Tse
Michelle Poon
Caleb Chiu

VIOLIN 2

Marcus Chiu
Robin Anderson
Bernhard Zinkhofer
Linda Mei
Matthew Sun
Jane Zhao
Hiron Poon

VIOLA

Jennifer Middleton
Rook Bridson
Robin Hammond
Lorraine Ma

CELLO

Leah Rowe
Pearl Chang

CELLO *(continued)*

Doris Yeung
Greg Warren
Nic Lago

BASS

Wiktor Lebeda
Shawn Hillman

FLUTE

Dragana Hajduk
Sulola Amani
Nina Hajduk
Harold Kwan

OBOE

Deborah Tin Tun
Shannon Lon

CLARINET

Annette Wood
Susan Yatsuda

BASSOON

Ron Schubank
Mike Berton

HORN

Susi Hobbs
Albert Wu

HORN *(continued)*

Maureen Hole
Nick Bartlett

TRUMPET

Graeme Lister
Bob Lilly
Owen Rusticus

TROMBONE

Ruth Stephens
Eugene Khandyshko
John Jackson

TUBA

Rich Balrdry

PERCUSSION

Evan MacNamara
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Oscos Mak
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Mina Stefanovic

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Created in Richmond, B.C. in 1973, Chimo is a non-profit organization serving people through crisis care, transition and education.

Chimo aims to prevent tragedies and save lives. They strengthen and empower individuals, families and communities. They build bridges of understanding and connect all clients to essential community resources.

Each year, Chimo serves over 10,000 individuals and families from different cultural backgrounds, age groups, family lifestyles, and economic situations. Through ten program areas, they provide diverse services in twelve languages. Chimo's services span a continuum from community building, counselling and individual crisis support, to legal advocacy, housing support and education. We engage in collaborative community planning and develop innovative resources to address emerging needs.

What Does Chimo Mean?

Chimo is a friendly way of greeting someone in Inuktitut. The word 'Chimo' is believed to mean a special friend for people in need of someone to talk to.

It is said that when the Inuit people would greet each other with the word 'Chimo', they would simultaneously circle their hearts with their left hands.

ROCA is proud to partner with this important organization serving our community. Please visit the information table in the lobby to learn more.

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