



# MUSIC IN THE MORNING

Coffee, Concerts & Commentary

2023–2024 SEASON



## OUR 39<sup>TH</sup> SEASON

is guaranteed to surprise and delight, with 19 of some of the world's greatest artists gracing our stage and extending exquisite music throughout our community. We begin the regular season with the Isidore Quartet (fresh from their 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at the Banff International String

Quartet Competition) and end with renowned pillars of our industry, pianist Marc-André Hamelin and cellist Johannes Moser, in a rare collaboration and meeting of artistic minds. Viano String Quartet's second two-week residency as our June Goldsmith Quartet-in-Residence, with guest artist Stephen Prutsman, has a meaningful focus on how music is a powerful channel for connection for the autism community.

Please note that our concerts in the regular season begin in October and end in April. Our Friday concerts will also return to the beautiful (and very accessible) Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Vancouver.

**Start your mornings this season on a positive note!**

**Adrian Fung**  
EXECUTIVE AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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## MAIN CONCERT SERIES

### TUE, WED, THU

Vancouver Academy of Music  
Coffee 10am | Concert 10:30am

### FRI

Christ Church Cathedral  
Coffee 10am | Concert 10:30am

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### October 10–13, 2023

Isidore String Quartet

### November 7–10, 2023

Jonathan Biss, piano  
Mark Steinberg, violin

### December 12–15, 2023

Nikki Chooi, violin  
Timothy Chooi, violin

### January 9–12, 2024

Viano String Quartet\*

### January 16–19, 2024

Viano String Quartet\*  
Stephen Prutsman, piano

### February 20–23, 2024

Julie Nesrallah,  
mezzo-soprano  
Kinza Tyrrell, piano

### March 19–22, 2024

Rob Kapilow's 'What  
Makes It Great?'®  
Beethoven's *Pathétique*  
Sonata. Performed by  
David Fung, piano

### April 17–19, 2024

Marc-André Hamelin,  
piano  
Johannes Moser, cello

\*June-Goldsmith Quartet-in-Residence

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JONATHAN BISS, PIANO | MARK STEINBERG, VIOLIN

**The Isidore String Quartet** triumphed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at the 2022 Banff International String Quartet Competition (BISQC), and brings opens the season with joyful exuberance and a thirst to connect. They will bring perform Bach's *Contrapunctus 1* from "The Art of the Fugue," Canadian Dinuk Wijeratne's "Disappearance of Lisa Gherardini" (BISQC's commissioned work for the 2022 competition), and Mendelssohn's brilliant String Quartet No. 5 in E-flat, Op. 44, No. 3. The Isidore String Quartet appears with the support of The Banff Centre.

Internationally acclaimed musicians **Mark Steinberg** and **Jonathan Biss** offer powerful interpretations of Mozart's Sonata in A for Violin and Keyboard, K. 526 and Brahms' gorgeous Violin Sonata in G, Op. 78. Our audiences will remember Mr. Steinberg from his work as first violinist of the Brentano String Quartet in residence at Yale University. Jonathan Biss makes his first series performance, but audiences may know him from his remarkable solo and chamber music career, as well as serving as co-Artistic Director of the renowned Marlboro Music Festival. You will not want to miss this rare duo appearance from two of the foremost chamber musicians of our time!

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DEC 12–15

NIKKI  
CHOOI  
AND  
TIMOTHY  
CHOOI

NIKKI CHOOI, VIOLIN | TIMOTHY CHOOI, VIOLIN



JAN 9–12

VIANO  
STRING  
QUARTET

LUCY WANG, VIOLIN | HAO ZHOU, VIOLIN  
AIDEN KANE, VIOLA | TATE ZAWADIUK, CELLO  
June Goldsmith Quartet-in-Residence, Week 1

The jaw-dropping **Chooi brothers** return to our series! With recital and concerto performances all over the globe, these two phenoms bedazzle our audiences with their virtuosity, humour, and sensitive musicianship—and incredible ensemble of execution and intention. It pays off to have played together their entire lives! For this season, the brothers offer the rich story-telling of Sergei Prokofiev's Sonata for Two Violins, Op. 56; Fritz Kreisler's exhilarating *Recitativo und Scherzo-Caprice*; Bach's *Largo* from Sonata No. 3, BMV 1005; John Corigliano's famous Red Violin Caprices; and others!

The June Goldsmith Quartet-in-Residence started in the 2022–2023 season and expands upon the original vision of Music in the Morning with multiple consecutive concerts of the same program throughout a week. This “residency model” of artists being in the city for several days is how the organization has grown its audiences without sacrificing its reputation for intimate and connective performances, as well as presenting meaningful outreach to the corners of the city.

**The Viano Quartet** holds the June Goldsmith Quartet Residency for three years and will offer an exciting recital of quartet works in the first residency week. Viano will be offering a program with rarely heard works by Florence Price and culminates with the emotionally powerful quartet “From My Life” by Bedřich Smetana.

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JAN 16–19

VIANO  
STRING  
QUARTET  
WITH  
STEPHEN  
PRUTSMAN

LUCY WANG, VIOLIN | HAO ZHOU, VIOLIN | AIDEN KANE, VIOLA  
TATE ZAWADIUK, CELLO | STEPHEN PRUTSMAN, PIANO  
June Goldsmith Quartet-in-Residence, Week 2

With two weeks of concerts, the Quartet-in-Residence features a special guest artist in the second week; this year, the inimitable pianist and composer, **Stephen Prutsman** joins the Viano performing concerts both for our mainstage as well as a focus on performances for our communities touched by autism. The program will include a performance of the Dohnanyi Piano Quintet as well as an original work by Stephen Prutsman.



FEB 20–23

JULIE  
NESRALLAH  
AND  
KINZA  
TYRRELL

JULIE NESRALLAH, MEZZO-SOPRANO  
KINZA TYRRELL, PIANO

**Julie Nesrallah** will light up our morning stage with her trademark charisma and artistry alongside the critically praised collaborative abilities of pianist **Kinza Tyrrell**. You may not need your morning coffee this month! In a program traversing some of the vocal repertoire's most loved arias and songs, our audience will leave the hall transported by tapping feet, humming tunes, and a bounce to their step.





MAR 19–22

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ROB KAPILOW  
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APR 17–19

MARC-ANDRÉ  
HAMELIN  
AND  
JOHANNES  
MOSER

MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN, PIANO  
JOHANNES MOSER, CELLO



Those in our audience who remember **Rob Kapilow's** spiritous, hilarious, and compelling presentations will remember laughing, nodding, and walking out of the hall with a deeper understanding of classical music's best known masterworks. Still others will remember pianist **David Fung's** rousing performances with our summer series in 2022. Whether you attended either of these probing artists before or are discovering them anew with us this season, this concert will be a highlight among highlights of our season – musically and educationally!

The regular season concludes with a special concert week showcasing the excitement of a first collaboration with two of classical music's brightest stars, **Marc-André Hamelin** and **Johannes Moser**. These two Canadian artists are household names who have chosen to combine their powers for the first time, exploring the rich depths of the cello and piano repertoire. The program will include Boulanger's three Pieces and sonatas by Debussy and Franck.

ROB KAPILOW'S PHOTO BY PETER SCHAAF  
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\* Please note: no concert will be held Tuesday, April 16.  
Tuesday subscribers will receive a ticket for the Friday,  
April 19 concert held at Christ Church Cathedral.

MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN'S PHOTO BY SIM CANNETY-CLARKE







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