

JANUARY QUARTER NOTES 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHRISTMAS IN THE KOOTENAYS, FUN FOR ALL!

The Symphonie Board would like to thank **Evan Bueckert** and the eighty **Mount Baker Secondary Student Singers** for their participation in the December 2nd and 3rd Symphonie concert. An enthusiastic audience enjoyed the expressive tenor voice of Tyrel Hawke as he sang solo parts with the choir in the performance of Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. The diverse programme began with the joyful sounds of sleigh bells and marching toys and finished with the popular dances of the Nutcracker Suite. The Christmas spirit moved freely in the hearts of all those who were able to attend this fine performance. We want to express our sincere thank you to **Assante Wealth Management** for making this concert possible.



GOOD NEWS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SYMPHONIE OF THE KOOTENAYS

I am sure that most of you have heard about the wonderful Christmas gift of \$10,000 that was made by **Casey and Corrine Hanemayer** to the Symphonie of the Kootenays for the purpose of creating an **Endowment Fund**. This donation, managed by the Cranbrook Community Foundation, will be invested in the Vancouver Foundation. The resulting interest is then received in perpetuity by the Symphonie of the Kootenays. But wait! There is more good news! **The Symphonie Endowment Committee: Mike Burnham and Susan Selby** will be applying federally and provincially in October for matching funds. This means that whatever funds we have raised by October of 2007 will be multiplied by three. Already, there have been donations that have increased the Hanemayer \$10,000 gift to \$15,000 which means that after matching grants the Symphonie will have \$45,000 in the **Endowment Fund** and will receive interest on this total every year forever! We thank the **Hannemayers** and all of you who have taken the opportunity to secure the future of the Symphonie with your donations! Please read the enclosure or e-mail attachment for more information.

DINNER DATE FOR EIGHT RAFFLE

Not to be confused with the opportunity to donate to the Endowment Fund, the raffle for the Dinner Date for Eight raises funds for our present concert series. Winners of the Dinner Date are treated to an amazing dining experience provided by the Symphonie Board. **Lorenzo, Roberto, Ronaldo** and their 'staff' will pamper you for several hours with their charm and delectable menu. "It was an evening we will never forget!" exclaimed one winner. Don't miss the opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for only \$20.00 at the next two concerts. The winner will be chosen at the Frank Leahy 'Don Messer's Violin' concert on February 24th.

A Gentle Reminder...

It is very tempting to clap when you hear silence after a fine performance, but the end of a section within a longer work signifies a shift of mood or pacing, not a complete stop. Movements are part of a continuum, in other words, not complete starts and stops. Do applaud at the end of complete pieces; that's the time to show your appreciation of the performance.

Support for the Symphonie comes in a variety of ways...

Our corporate sponsors know that we could not present our concert series without them. We thank: Assante Wealth Management, Investors Group Financial Services, Dr. A. Aleem, Dr. W. Dean Nish, Assiniboine Environmental Ltd., BDO Dunwoody, BMO Bank of Montreal, Bridge Interiors, Canadian Tire, Cranbrook and District University Women's Club, Dr. Perry LeRose Inc., Finning (Canada), Larry G. Schafer Law Corporation, Pharmasave Cranbrook Pharmacy, Riemann Painting, Royal LePage East Kootenay Realty, The Bedroom Furniture Plus and Miles, Daroux, Zimmer & Sheard.

We also would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who billet our musicians: Liz Kranabetter, Michael & Andrea Grossman, Marianne Nahm & Daryl Calder, Terri Kennedy, Leanne Franklin, Judy Blakley, Ab & Noelle Aleem, Gerry & Fran Fagan, Laura & Stewart Wilson, Jim & Carolyn Shepherd, Barbara Bilinski, Michael & Anne Jones, Judy Winterbottom & Sheila Reynolds, Enid Barnhardt, Martin & Elizabeth Ross, Alan Ansell & Marianne Rennick, Mark & Lee Pinnell, and Harry & Nancy Rose. Thank you Catherine Ogden for donating time on the phone to find billetters for our musicians.

The next two concerts...

MINIATURE CLASSICS: Saturday, January 27th 8:00 PM Key City Theatre.
Sunday, January 28th 2:00 PM, Christ Church Trinity, Invermere.

Twelve principal players of the orchestra will present an intimate and delightful contemporary performance with a variety of texture and style, shifting between atmospheric and romantic. The final piece by Stride incorporates jazz elements in a traditional classical style.

DON MESSER'S VIOLIN: Saturday, February 24th, 8:00 PM, Key City Theatre.

You won't want to miss the story of Don Messer, filled with nostalgia and humour. This entertaining concert features our guest artist, the very talented Canadian fiddler, Frank Leahy, who really does play Don Messer's violin.

***Subscription holders please note: There may be a misprint on your April concert ticket. The April concert is Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 PM. Your ticket will be honoured at the Sunday concert.**

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