



August 21, 2023

Two fantastic concerts concluded our 2023 Season on a high note!

Phillip T. Young Recital Hall

"Excellent acoustics, uninterrupted sightlines, and intimate setting!"

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Dear Friends of the VSMF,

Our 2023 festival concluded with two excellent concerts, featuring the UK-based **Marmen Quartet**. Victoria's own **Yariv Aloni**, **viola** joined the quartet in the second concert.

The first performance in our final week included Mozart's Quartet in E flat Major, K428 and Beethoven's Quartet op. 59 no. 2. A well-deserved standing ovation was rewarded with an encore of a lovely rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow".

In the second concert, the quartet performed Haydn's Quartet op. 50 no. 2, and, with Yariv Aloni, the Ralph Vaughan Williams Phantasy Quintet. The quartet then played Salina Fisher's "Heal", a commissioned piece, and the evening concluded with Bartok's Quartet No. 4. Following another standing ovation, the enthusiastic crowd was treated to the third movement of Mozart's K159: Rondo - allegro grazioso.

Here are some photo highlights!



Festival photographs courtesy of Gilda Good, Randy Romanin, Rob Charles, David Zussman, Andreas Wissmann and Mimi Chiu

Wrapping up the 2023 festival - a wonderful 3 weeks!

We are grateful that so many of you were able to attend our concerts this year. Our attendance was up from last year, when many people did not yet feel comfortable attending indoor events. The festival closed with great enthusiasm from you, our audience, about this year's experience, as well as excitement and anticipation for what the festival might bring next year.

In addition to our audience, there are many individuals and organizations we

wish to thank for helping to make our festival a success. These include all our volunteers, members, donors, sponsors, underwriters and granting agencies. We are also grateful to the music organizations who partnered with us to cross-promote each other's programs.

Those of you who attended the final concert heard our Artistic Director, Arthur Rowe, announce that the much-loved Dover Quartet will feature at the festival in 2024. As next year's festival takes shape, we will keep you informed.

We would welcome your feedback!

To continue providing a quality experience for our audience, we would be grateful for your input in several areas.

1. We made a colour palette change to our logo that is featured on our website, Facebook, business cards, postcards, posters, programs and banners. What do you think of our new look?
2. This year, we mailed out postcards for the first time (we hope that you received one!) with the idea of providing a convenient reference to our full program. Do you think we should do this again next season?
3. How do you feel about the frequency and content of our newsletters? Would you like to receive fewer, or more newsletters? Should they be longer or shorter? What information would you like to see added?
4. Apart from our newsletter, where did you see information about this year's festival? As examples, did you: notice announcements in printed or on-line newspapers; see a listing in printed or on-line sources highlighting "what's on" in Victoria; see our postcards or posters; spot postings on Facebook; hear us mentioned on radio; or learn of us by word of mouth?
5. Do you have any other comments?

Please [email](#) us to let us know what you think!

Lost and Found

A few items were left at the hall during the festival.

Thursday, August 3

-pullover sweater with "Point Zero" label

-seat cushion

Wednesday, August 9

-scarf

If you recognize any of these, please [email](#) us or leave a message on our service at 250-294-7778.



Support the VSMF

Be a part of this wonderful Victoria Summer Music Festival!

You can participate in several different ways:

Become a member of our society

Membership in the Victoria Summer Music Festival Society is crucial to its existence, and is a great way to play an active role in the city's cultural scene. Individual members ensure the ongoing vigour of the festival by showing their support. Members are treated to advance notice of festival planning and events, and are invited to attend and vote at our Annual General Meeting. The membership fee is a modest \$5.00. The annual membership period runs from January 1 to December 31. Sign on to become a [member](#) and be a part of something special!

Volunteer with us

We are a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to make the festival possible. Our volunteers can offer invaluable assistance for tasks large and small. It's fun, interesting and rewarding! If you would like to be part of this fantastic music festival, please [volunteer](#)!

Donate

We are sincerely grateful for the continuous and generous financial support we have received from so many of you. In addition to putting together an impressive array of internationally acclaimed performers at our main series, we also presented three free Outreach Concerts at seniors' residences, to bring music to people who would not normally attend or would be unable to attend our concerts.

Our festival would not be possible without your support. Ticket sales cover only a portion of our costs, with much of our support coming from individuals, businesses and government. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to consider making a [donation](#) to help the Victoria Summer Music Festival continue to bring you the joy of chamber music.

Kieth Mullback
President, Victoria Summer Music Festival Society

Thank you to all who make VSMF possible!

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Watch for future VSMF news!

We look forward to seeing you next summer.

If someone has forwarded this newsletter to you, and you wish to receive information regarding the Victoria Summer Music Festival and related events, please sign up on our [website](#) by clicking on the '[Join our Mailing List](#)' button.

We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples on whose traditional territory we live and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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