

Island Arts Centre Society

ARTSPRING news



100 Jackson Avenue Salt Spring Island BC V8K 2V8 Phone 537-2125 Ticket Centre 537-2102 tickets@artspring.ca www.artspring.ca

PUBLICATIONS MAIL AGREEMENT No. 40022673



Baritone Gerald Finley in Doctor Atomic

Of sopranos and severed heads

The Metropolitan Opera broadcasts got off to a terrific start with a mesmerizing performance of Richard Strauss' *Salome* on September 22. The sound in the ArtSpring theatre is wonderful and the huge image projected onto the cyc made the audience feel as if they were right on stage with the singers.

We are especially grateful to Dorothy Cutting for her generous donation toward the cost of the satellite equipment we needed to make these shows possible. Dorothy had intended to make her donation anonymous, but we forgot and acknowledged her publicly at the first show. So no going back now. Thank you Dorothy.

Jack Hallam and Dan Davies have also made possible the installation of a plasma TV in the lobby so that opera patrons can both enjoy food and drink during the breaks and still see the excellent intermission programming provided by the Met. Thank you Jack and Dan.

We will be offering the full programme of 10 operas from the Met on selected Saturday mornings. All the broadcasts will be live except for Berlioz' *Damnation of Faust* which we will show on January 17 instead of the live performance date of November 22. The reason is that our theatre is in use on the November date.

Please check our web-site for details of operas and dates. Tickets are available at any time, with a 10% discount if you buy tickets to five or more operas at once.

Annual Appeal

Letters have just gone out asking our patrons and other friends to contribute to our Annual Appeal. The money raised each Fall through this appeal is crucial to maintaining our operations through the year. This means everything from paying the Hydro bills and staff salaries to ensuring we can bring you the best music, theatre, dance and youth programming that our community and the world have to offer.

We too listen to the radio, which tells us every day that we are living thorough the most difficult economic times in a generation, so we do understand that this is an awkward time to turn to our friends for financial support. However, we believe firmly that for the arts to carry on during difficult times is as important as it ever is. Perhaps more important.

Please be as generous as your personal circumstances allow so that the arts can continue to cheer and illuminate our lives and here on Salt Spring.

Doctor Atomic (Met Premiere) – Adams
Saturday, November 8, 2008 (10:00 am)

Thaïs – Massenet
Saturday, December 20, 2008 (9:00 am)

La Rondine – Puccini
Saturday, January 10, 2009 (10:00 am)

La Damnation de Faust – Berlioz
Saturday, January 17, 2008 (10:00 am)

Orfeo ed Euridice – Gluck
Saturday, January 24, 2009 (10:00 am)

Lucia di Lammermoor – Donizetti
Saturday, February 7, 2009 (10:00 am)

Madama Butterfly – Puccini
Saturday, March 7, 2009 (10:00 am)

La Sonnambula – Bellini
Saturday, March 21, 2009 (10:00 am)

La Cenerentola – Rossini
Saturday, May 9, 2009 (9:30 am)



Jacinta Green plays at Summer Strings 2008

Come see the future

On Sunday, November 22 at 2:30pm you will have a chance to see some of tomorrow's classical music stars perform at ArtSpring. The Collegium programme of the Victoria Conservatory of Music will perform a wonderful concert featuring some of the very best young musicians around playing a varied programme of solo pieces, chamber work and small ensemble music.

We have already heard a sampling of the extraordinary talent of these students when the Divertente Quartet took part in our Summer Strings 2008 residency in July. They were the stars of the week for many of you, both at ArtSpring and on top of Mt Maxwell. The Divertente Quartet will be back, as will Salt Spring's own fine cellist Rylan Gajek, and many other young players you simply won't want to miss.

Tickets are available now through the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at a mere \$12 for adults and \$5 for youth.

In Memoriam

We were all saddened in July by the death of Phyllis Holmqvist, a former Board member, Treasure Fair Chair and energetic ArtSpring supporter. We have received a number of donations to name a seat in the theatre in Phyllis' memory. If you would care to add your own donation to this memorial to a good friend, we would be most grateful.

Bequest

ArtSpring recently received a generous bequest from the estate of a long-time patron who passed away in early 2007 for which we are very grateful. The executor explained that the patron "appreciated ArtSpring very much; his volunteering as an usher gave him purpose and pleasure, and this was his way to say 'thank you' to you all."



Storks Love Jazz

You will recall the wonderful jazz performance by the Jodi Proznick Quartet in April when Jodi was here fresh from the Juno awards. We are pleased to tell you that Jodi had a bouncing baby boy on September 26 in New Westminster. He is called Tristan James and his parents are looking for an infant-sized double bass.

Dance Outreach

by Anna Haltrecht
Dance Outreach Coordinator

The Lobby Dancers are returning to ArtSpring. Robbyn Scott and I are now teaching contemporary dance classes on Wednesdays 5 - 6:30 pm. In mid-December or early January, Danny McCusker from Boston is coming to teach a week-long dance intensive when we will create "The Lobby Dancers 2009". We will perform the piece in ArtSpring's lobby 4-5 times between January & April before selected performances. Give me a call for the fees for participating in these activities at anna@bonesforever.com 250-537-5681

Even if you don't want to perform with the Lobby Dancers, come & dance! The schedule for classes is:

Oct 22-Nov 26, Antler Ridge, 211 Horel Road

Dec. 3-10, Cats Pajamas, 104 Langs Road



Meanwhile be sure to catch the Karen Jamieson Dance Company's first performance in ArtSpring's dance series on Sunday, November 9 at 2:30 pm. This will be a very exciting afternoon. I took dance classes with Karen in Vancouver over 25 years ago when she began choreographing the signature pieces she is bringing to Salt Spring. The program will include the re-creation of her masterworks *Sisyphus*, *Man Within*, and *Solo from Chaos*. I saw these dances when they were first performed in the 1980's and I look forward to seeing them performed with a new cast of fabulous dancers. Critic Max Wyman describes these dances as a powerful metaphor for one's human journey. *Agon*, a new duet choreographed to mark the company's 25th anniversary, will also be on this Made in BC sponsored program. For more information on the company and the program please visit www.kjdance.ca and click on "current projects". Video excerpts are available by clicking on "body of work". This is a "must see" performance!

See you in class or in the theatre! Please contact me if you are interested in attending workshops with visiting dance artists.



To brighten the darkest night of the year

We have set the date for the annual Community Carol Concert at Sunday, December 21 at 7:00pm.

This is a fine Salt Spring tradition combining stage performances by community choirs, soloists and groups, all interspersed with lots of opportunities for everyone to join in singing carols in which we all hark to the herald and hasten tunefully to Bethlehem.

Mince pies and mulled cider will follow in festive abundance.

So mark your calendars now and start practicing your Noels.

Uplifting

Earlier this year we experimented with raising the seats in the back row of the centre section of the theatre by two inches to see if they would become more comfortable to sit in. We asked you to try them out and give us your reactions.

About 90% of you said you liked the result. However, a number of you, those who were shorter than about 5'6" said that you found the higher seats disconcerting because your feet no longer touched the floor.

We have now changed the rear row to provide an increase of one inch, rather than two, in the hope that this compromise will suit everyone. We ask you once again to try out the new configuration and let us know what you think. If the compromise satisfies most people, we will gradually make changes to the whole auditorium.

Annual General Meeting

ArtSpring's Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 15 at 5:00pm at in the ArtSpring theatre.

All members are encouraged to attend, especially this year as the meeting will segue into a nice reception in the galleries at approximately 6:00pm to greet and honour all former Board Members. We're working on some live music for this reception also.



Hidden Elephant Robert Minden Duo

Sunday Nov 2, 2:30p

The first of the Island Savings Family Series, this hour-long performance uses storytelling and music performed on odd and found instruments to open the window on the world of urban elephants. Suitable for children from 5 up. Inexpensive series passes available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre.

The Geezers T.I.T.S. Candidates Debate

**Friday and Saturday Nov 7 & 8,
8:00pm**

The issues and the candidates presented as only the Geezers can.

All sides equally skewered. They give no quarters and take no sides. The Salt Spring Underground Radio will be taking questions from the audience during their "Shout In Programme".



Doctor Atomic

Doctor Atomic Metropolitan Opera live broadcast

Saturday Nov 8, 10:00am

John Adams's contemporary masterpiece explores a momentous episode of modern history: the creation of the atomic bomb. Baritone Gerald Finley plays J. Robert Oppenheimer. Conductor: Alan Gilbert



Sisyphus Project Karen Jamieson Dance

Sunday Nov 9, 2:30pm

Karen Jamieson has been one of the most important and innovative choreographers in BC. In 2009 she celebrates the 25th anniversary of her company. The Sisyphus Project is a full length program that reveals the new vision of the Karen Jamieson Dance Company, looking both forward and back simultaneously. The programme juxtaposes newly created work with signature works from the repertoire. The original piece *Sisyphus* was created in 1983 and has been named one of the 10 choreographic masterworks of the 20th century by Dance Collection Danse magazine. There will be a post-performance chat with the dancers

Artspring's Annual General Meeting

Saturday Nov 15, 5:00pm

After the AGM, everyone is invited to a reception in the ArtSpring galleries.



St Petersburg Quartet

Sunday Nov 16, 2:30pm

Pre-concert chat 1:30pm

One of the world's leading string quartets, the St. Petersburg was founded in 1985 as the Leningrad Quartet. Renamed at the time Leningrad resumed its original name, the quartet has toured the world and earned standing ovations from Tokyo to Toronto, and from Lithuania to New York. No classical CD collection is complete without recordings by the acclaimed group.

Comedy Night

Friday Nov 21, 8:00pm

An evening of comedy headlined by two of Canada's best comedians. Paul Myrehaug is the \$25,000 dollar grand champion of the Great Canadian Laugh Off seen on The Comedy Network in 2007, while Toby Hargrave was voted Vancouver's Funniest Comedian at the Vancouver Comedy Festival. Partial proceeds from this show go to the GISS Improv Team. For more show info visit www.FreeFoodandBeer.com

**Offenbach and
Gilbert & Sullivan
The Rivals: A Musical Romp
Saturday Nov 22, 2:00pm**

The Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society joins forces with Canadian Pacific Ballet to explore the similarities and differences between the music of Gilbert & Sullivan and Jacques Offenbach. Offenbach was the doyen of French composers in the late 1800's as were Gilbert & Sullivan in England. The show will be narrated by the characters of D'Oyly Carte and Jacques Offenbach and will include a chorus of 30 costumed singers and professional dancers from Canadian Pacific Ballet. Through solos, duets, quintets and rousing choruses and also the CAN CAN, the audience will enjoy a unique introduction to the world as it was during the times of these amazing characters. It is a brand new show and Salt Spring Island will be the first performance of this unique and entertaining gem.

**Victoria Collegium
Sunday Nov 23, 2:30pm**

The Collegium brings together the best students of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. They give a joint concert featuring soloists and small ensembles, including the wonderful Divertente Quartet whose playing we all enjoyed in July at Summer Strings 2008. This is a chance to hear the musical stars of tomorrow's concert stages today.
Adult: \$12.00, Youth: \$5.00

**Compadres
Oscar Lopez &
James Keelaghan
Wednesday Nov 26, 7:30pm**

From fiery instrumentals to heavenly harmonies and highly danceable tunes – Compadres Oscar Lopez and James Keelaghan describe their music as 'celtino', a distinctive blend of Celtic and Latino flourishes that together create an entirely new hybrid. It is a wonderful occasion when two such talented soloists and multiple award-winning guitar players and friends team up. Their live performance is a brilliant reflection of an inspired collaboration!



**Tafelmusik Baroque
Orchestra**

Thursday Nov 27, 8:00pm
Tafelmusik has become internationally recognized as "one of the world's top baroque orchestras." At the heart of Tafelmusik is a group of seventeen remarkably talented, enthusiastic and dynamic permanent members, each of whom is a specialist in historical perfor-

mance practice. Their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound. Tafelmusik performed at ArtSpring in 2004 to everyone's delight and we bring them back now in the lead-up to our 10th anniversary celebrations in Spring 2009. Their repertoire this evening will include Haydn and Mozart and music by the extraordinary Chevalier de Saint Georges, a black contemporary of Mozart's.

**Stravinsky and Beyond
Salt Spring Concert Band
Saturday Nov 29, 8:00pm**

This exciting performance will feature 13 year old piano prodigy Matthew Stubbs in a Salt Spring premiere performance of Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Winds. In addition to the Stravinsky, the concert will also premiere a brand new composition by past band member, alto sax player Seth von Handorf. Titled "Why not kiss the spot to make it well?", it is a beautiful and colourful composition in the style of Bach with modern tonalities and rhythmic complexities. Stravinsky and Beyond also features great composers of the 20th and 21st century with music by Aaron Copland, Eric Whitacre, Frank Ticheli, Stephen Chatman, Mathew Arnold, Vaclav Belhybel, and a stunning interpretation of Lord of The Rings by Johann De Meij.

**Lobby Art November
Catherine Crombie**

*** JUNO AWARD WINNERS
Oscar Lopez & James Keelaghan
**COMPADRES
IN CONCERT**
"Celtic and folk tradition stirred up
with Latin fire and spirit...
we call it inspired and magical!"
NOVEMBER 26 8PM
ARTSPRING
Tickets: 250-537-2102 www.artspring.ca
presented by Global Arts Concerts
globalartconcerts.com

IACS Board of Directors & ArtSpring Staff

John Stewart, President; Judy Nurse, Vice-President; Scott Howe, Treasurer; Pip Moore, Secretary; George Ehring, Lyle Eide, Sharon Farquharson, Wendy Herbert, Scott Howe, Fran McInnich, Judy Norget, Lyle Petch, Jane Winter.

George Sipos, Executive Director; Rita Gauld, Facility and Events Co-ordinator; John Wakefield, I.T. Manager; Meghan Howcroft, Facility and Patron Services Co-ordinator; Elizabeth Nolan, Ticket Centre Manager and Manager of Volunteers; Bob Rogers, Building Manager; Susan Worrall, Bookkeeper; Marv Coulthard, Technical Director.

MEMBERSHIP

I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ARTSPRING MEMBER
_____ number of memberships X \$30

As a Member, you will

- have an opportunity to purchase tickets to ArtSpring presented events before they are made available to the general public
- be kept up to date with the ArtSpring Newsletter
- have voting privileges at Annual General Meeting
- be investing in ArtSpring and providing us with the means to succeed.

DONATION

OPTION 1: ONE TIME GIFT (cheque or credit card information is enclosed)

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 I would prefer to give \$ _____

OPTION 2: MONTHLY GIFT

Here is my monthly gift of \$ _____ for the next _____ months.

Start date / / End date / /
DD MM YY DD MM YY

Total membership \$ _____ + total donation \$ _____ = total payment \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

cheque credit card: MC VISA Card # _____

monthly debit (void cheque required) Exp date ___ / ___

Charitable Registration No. 13286 4414 RR0001 Tax receipts will be issued for donations.

As a donor, would you like your name listed in a donor honour roll? Yes No

How do you prefer to receive ArtSpring News? Mail E-mail

Please mail the completed form,
plus your payment, to ArtSpring.



100 Jackson Avenue • Salt Spring Island • BC • V8K 2V8

Ticket Centre: 537-2102

www.artspring.ca

PUBLICATIONS MAIL AGREEMENT No. 40022673