

Winter Tour 2010

Harrison

Fri., Nov. 26, 8 p.m.
Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa
\$20 at 604-796-3664
www.harrisonfestival.com

Sechelt

Sun., Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m.
Raven's Cry Theatre
Tickets \$25 at Wind Song, Gaia's
Fair Trade & Shanti Gifts

Winnipeg

Fri., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Pantages Theatre
\$40 at 1-866-656-6838

New Westminster

Sun., Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m.
Massey Theatre
This is a joint concert with the
Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir
\$25 at 604-878-1190 or
604-521-5050
www.vwmc.ca

Courtenay

Wed., & Thurs., Dec. 8 & 9,
7:30 p.m.
Sid Williams Theatre
250-338-2430
www.sidwilliamstheatre.com

Victoria

Fri., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Alix Goolden Performance Hall
Tickets \$30 at Munro's Bookstore,
Ivy's Books, In Bloom Floral
Design (on Quadra St.), The
Shieling

Nanaimo

Sat., Dec. 11, 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Port Theatre
250-754-8550
www.porttheatre.com

Duncan

Sun., Dec. 12, 2 p.m.
Cowichan Theatre
250-748-7529
www.cvr.d.bc.ca

North Vancouver

Wed., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Capilano University Theatre
\$36.96 at 604-990-7810
www.caplianou.ca

Vancouver

Sat., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's-Wesley Church
\$33 at Tickets Tonight
604-684-2787 or
www.ticketstonight.ca, Zulu
Records or Celtic Creations

Maple Ridge

Sun., Dec. 19, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
The ACT, 11944 Haney Place
\$42 & \$38 at 604-476-2787
www.theactmapleridge.org

Details at www.winterharp.com.

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Little Drummer Girl...Baby Scarlet takes to the drums

Percussionist Lauri Lyster has rejoined Winter Harp after taking last winter off to give birth to Scarlet. As you can see, Scarlet is already practicing her skills so she can join Winter Harp soon. Besides being a mom, Lauri has had a great year visiting family in Australia where she swam with a turtle and a shark at the Great Barrier Reef. She has also been busy performing with the New Orleans Ale Stars and other groups.

Lori Pappajohn receives special award

Winter Harp director Lori Pappajohn was this year's recipient of the Bernie Legge Cultural Award. The award recognizes her contribution to the arts in New Westminster. In 1994, Lori founded the annual Victorian Parlour Concert Series which features some of Vancouver's top musicians performing in ornate Victorian homes. Over the decades the series has raised money for local nonprofit organizations.

In addition, Lori has brought into the city some of the world's leading harpists to give workshops

and lessons. She has performed for numerous city events, and in local schools, senior centres, children's summer camps and as the harpist at Woodward's Westminster Room. As a reporter Lori has been a diligent supporter of the arts, and over the years has written numerous articles about singers, dancers, writers, painters, composers, sculptors and poets -- promoting their work to the public. She has also worked with local musical and theatre groups helping promote their events in the newspaper.



Damsels in Venice harpist and singer Janelle Nadeau (left) and her sister Kara fulfilled a childhood dream last summer -- they backpacked through Europe and had the adventure of a lifetime visiting London, Cologne, Prague, Paris and Venice. Earlier this year Janelle performed daily during the Olympics in the heart of the action, crowds and energy at David Lam Park in Vancouver. She also performed with famous jazz-pop harpist Deborah Henson-Conant at the American Harp Society Conference last summer in Tacoma.



Cycling to Santiago

Last March, medieval instrumentalist Joaquin Ayala rode his mountain bike along the ancient Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route across northern Spain. He first dipped his wheels in the Mediterranean Ocean, and then completed the 1,100 km trek all the way to Finisterre, where he dipped his wheels in the Atlantic.

The pilgrimage was filled with many adventures and amazing sights, ideal weather, fabulous wine and food, and friendly, happy people. The ancient route is dotted with the world's largest collection of Romanesque churches, with their cryptic allegorical carvings and their often remote and desolate locations.

Welsh Choir & Harps

This has become an annual tradition -- Winter Harp and the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir performing a Christmas concert extraordinaire. You can hear the acclaimed 90-voice male choir singing with Winter Harp at Massey Theatre in New Westminster Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

The concert features the choir and Winter Harp each performing on their own and then together. It's like two concerts in one. The concert will sell out quickly, so order your tickets today at 604-878-1190 or 604-521-5050 or www.vwmc.ca.



Harps and horses -- that is what participants enjoyed who attended Lori Pappajohn's Harp Summer School last August at Silver Hills Health Spa in the Okanagan. Participants played harps, hugged horses, walked in the woods and spent the afternoons at the beach swimming, water-skiing and tubing. Oh, and then there were the decadent spa treatments and the absolutely delicious food.

From left to right are: Lori Pappajohn, Brittney Brewer, April Kornitsky, Kelsi Brewer and Maureen Bodie.

If you are looking for a beautiful place to relax, rejuvenate and improve your health, visit www.silverhills.ca.

Hear Winter Harp in Budapest -- almost.

Hungarian harpist/singer and architect Marianna Luca Csillag is performing Winter Harp songs and arrangements with a flutist and cellist in Budapest this December. So, if you are on that side of the globe -- be sure to catch her concerts.

See you in Duncan & Harrison

Winter Harp is making its Duncan debut Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Cowichan Theatre. And its Harrison Hot Springs debut Friday, Nov. 26. So, if you live in these areas, spread the news -- and we'll see you and your friends there.

Learn to play the harp, or polish up your harp skills at the famous International Celtic Harp School this August in Wells, BC. Info at 1-800-442-2787 or www.imarts.com.

What's new at our concerts this year

While researching carols I recently discovered one I'd never heard before. Down in Yon Forest is a haunting 500-year-old carol that is seldom ever performed. Set in northern medieval Europe, it paints vivid scenes of a knight lying on a scarlet bed in a magnificent hall over which the moon shines bright. Through the cold, snowy forest, bells ring. The carol offers an intriguing blend of Christian and solstice traditions.

This year, we also have a sweet lullaby to the baby Jesus and a gorgeous new song written by renowned physicist and Winter Harp fan Dave Huntley.

For the Celtic music lovers, Lord Galway's Lamentation is set in the dark of the year, featuring powerful singing and drumming -- welcoming the return of the sun.

This year's addition of flutist Jeff Pelletier with his many different flutes, including alto flute and a medieval fife-like piccolo, gives us a whole new palette of sounds to choose from. And his passionate playing adds yet another depth. So enjoy!

Winter Harp features Celtic and classical harps, flute, rare medieval instruments, percussion, poetry and song.

The harp event of a lifetime

This will likely only happen once in your lifetime -- so don't miss out. In July 2011, more than 100 of the world's greatest harpists will be performing in Vancouver at the week-long World Harp Congress. This spectacular event, usually held in Europe, is being held for the first time ever in Canada.

Expect an unbelievable feast of harp music. You'll hear the world's leading classical harpists, baroque harpists, jazz harpists, South American harpists, Chinese harpists, Scottish harpists, medieval harpists and the list goes on and on. And harp makers from far and wide will have their harps here for you to try and buy.

Winter Harp will perform at the Vogue Theatre on July 27 with a fabulous flamenco dancer. Also, we will be performing the powerful Lord Galway's Lamentation with the thunder of taiko drums.

Following us, one of the world's great harper/storytellers will take to the stage. Patrick Ball will relate the tale of Ireland's last harper-bard -- the famous Turlough O'Carolan of the 1600s. Honorary Patron of the congress is Loreena McKennitt. More info at www.worldharpcongress2011.com



Mozart Magic . . . Caroline Markos performed the role of Queen of the Night in Mozart's Magic Flute in Prague last summer as part of the UBC Opera Ensemble's European production. Here she poses on Prague's Estates Theatre stage. Said Caroline: "It was an amazing experience to perform in the Estates Theatre, because Mozart himself conducted many of his operas on this very stage."

Pied Piper and his pumpkin

What does a flutist do when he's not fluting? He grows giant pumpkins. Winter Harp's new member this year is the acclaimed flutist Jeff Pelletier. Jeff has acreage in Langley and amongst his veggies such as beans, corn, peas and carrots, you'll find his giant pumpkin weighing in at 350 pounds. We are thrilled to be performing with Jeff as he has an amazing collection of flutes. So expect many delicious flute sounds and colours this year.

Longtime Winter Harp fans have asked us where our former flutist Kenichi Ueda is. He, his wife and daughter are in Japan. They hope to return to Canada in a few years.

We will be missing our violinist Mark Ferris this year, but as concert master of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, he has a full schedule of opera and Nutcracker this December.

And we are missing percussionist Bruce Henczel who last year did a stellar job sitting in for Lauri Lyster while she was on maternity leave.

With us again this year is our narrator Ron Halder and classical harpist Scott Hughes who is working on his PhD at Queen's University.



Winter Harp CDs

Winter Harp Live

This CD captures the magic and energy of a live performance. The CD features some of our most-requested songs such as Ave Maria, Little Drummer Boy and Huron Carol. The CD features music only.

A Night in Winter

Medieval, English and Spanish carols -- from upbeat tunes with percussion solos to gentle lullabies. Harps, flute, violin, medieval instruments, oud, sitar, percussion and singing combine for exotic, delicious Yuletide music at its best.

A Child's Christmas in Wales

Dylan Thomas' timeless tale is beautifully and evocatively retold by Alan Woodland making this CD a Christmas classic. The recording also includes Laurie Lee's touching tale Carols in the Cotswolds. Both stories interspersed with carols on harp. A magical literary journey to Christmas' past.

Christmas Night

Warm your winter nights with ancient Spanish carols, Celtic carols and well-known favorites. This gorgeous collection of songs will have you dreaming of falling snow and crackling hearth fires.

Winter Harp

Well-known carols and rare medieval carols, this CD has been featured numerous times on CBC Radio. Winter Harp was named one of the top 10 CDs of Christmas by the Georgia Straight. "Everything about this album reflects beauty and balance." - Christmas Reviews

Winter Harp - Stories & Music

Some of our best-loved stories, poems and songs. Perfect for Christmas Eve. Featuring Alan Woodland and the Winter Harp ensemble.

Celtic Harp for Christmas

The quintessential Christmas album - all your favourite carols to warm your heart on a cold winter night. Harp, flute and cello. A top-seller for its distribution companies Canada wide.

Harp Dance

Harp Dance features some of Winter Harp's most popular pieces including Camel Caravan and the fiery Baroque Flamenco. Celtic dances mix with Spanish and medieval music to create an upbeat collection. Harp Dance was nominated for a Westcoast Music Award.

Celtic Harp of Dreams

A hauntingly beautiful collection of Celtic and medieval songs. A favourite of CBC Radio's Jurgen Gothe. Lori Pappajohn on Celtic harp and flutes with cello, medieval instruments and percussion.

To order CDs

To order CDs, send \$22 (includes shipping) in cheque payable to Lori Pappajohn, and mail to 63 Courtney Cres., New Westminster, BC V3L 4M1. CDs can also be ordered gift wrapped in Christmas paper. The name of the recipient will be handwritten on a small card together with your message. Gift wrapped, mail-ordered CDs cost \$27 (includes shipping).

Hear samples of the CDs at www.winterharp.com.

To join our mailing list or for information contact: winterharp@telus.net.



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