

Winter Tour 2008

Richmond

Fri., Nov. 21, 8 p.m.
Gateway Theatre
\$28/\$24 at 604-270-1812

Sechelt

Sun., Nov. 23, 2:30 p.m.
Raven's Cry Theatre
\$25 at Coast Books, WindSong or
604-886-2481

Winnipeg

Fri., Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Pantages Theatre 1-866-656-6838

New Westminster

Sun., Dec. 7, 8 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

Courtenay

Wed., & Thurs., Dec. 10 & 11,
7:30 p.m.
Sid Williams Theatre
\$40, \$35 & \$10 at 250-338-2430

Victoria

Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Alix Goolden Performance Hall
\$30, go on sale Oct. 25 at Munro's
Books, Ivy's Book Shop, In Bloom
Floral Boutique, & Heritage Cat
Clinic

Nanaimo

Sat., Dec. 13, 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Port Theatre
\$34, \$30 & \$17 at 250-754-8550

North Vancouver

Wed., Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Capilano College Theatre
\$33 & \$30 at 604-990-7810

Vancouver

Sat., Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's-Wesley Church
\$32 at Tickets Tonight
604-684-2787, Zulu Records, or
Celtic Creations

Maple Ridge

Sun., Dec. 21, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
The ACT, 11944 Haney Place
\$30, \$26, \$19 at 604-476-2787

Winter harp

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Medievalist takes to bath tub racing

It is hard to imagine that a man who loves baroque music, restores harpsichords and plays rare medieval instruments, would also be a passionate bath tub racer. But that's exactly what Winter Harp's medieval instrument player Joaquin Ayala is. Every year he attends this crazy, but fun event in Nanaimo. And this year Joaquin decided to race. So, he got an engineer to design him a bath tub with a fast hull, painted the words 'Winter Harp' on the side - and in mid July, Joaquin and 43 other bath tub racers took to the cold waters of the bay in front of the Port Theatre where Winter Harp performs each December.

Joaquin got a great start out of the gate and began the arduous 36-mile journey over rough and salty seas. He was gaining on just about everyone, and was close to about seventh or eighth from the lead when, unfortunately, he sank. (Continued on Page 3)

BC Touring Artist of the Year nomination

This year, Lori Pappajohn was nominated BC Touring Artist of the Year for her "artistic excellence and for demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism in touring with her ensemble Winter Harp."

The nomination came from the BC Touring Council which has numerous performers, agents and music societies as members nationwide. Lori joined the BC Touring Council in 1989 when she did her first tour of the province with her trio Harps International.

"I was completely taken back when I heard the news," said Lori. "I want to thank the members of Winter Harp, as the honor also belongs to each one of them for their hard work and dedication to Winter Harp."

Buy your tickets early

If you are planning on attending a Winter Harp concert, be sure to buy your tickets today, as almost every show sells out.

Winnipeg tickets went on sale September 2. A week later almost half the 1,200-seat Pantages Playhouse was sold. People were buying entire rows of seats for themselves, their friends and co-workers. One person even organized a bus load of people to come from out of town to see the show.

Last year the Winter Harp Courtenay concert sold out in September, so this December a second Courtenay concert has been added. Other concerts are selling briskly – so don't delay. We don't want to miss seeing you this year!

Standing ovations, sold-out concerts, rave reviews from audiences – these are the hallmarks of Winter Harp – a musical journey deep into the heart of winter, deep into the heart of Christmas.

Celtic and classical harps, violin, medieval instruments, percussion, poetry and song combine for a magical celebration of Christmas.

Winter Harp features harpists and singers Lori Pappajohn and Janelle Nadeau; violinist Mark Ferris; percussionist and singer Lauri Lyster; medieval instrumentalist Joaquin Ayala; narrator Ron Halder; and alternate harpist Scott Hughes.



Lauri Lyster atop Ayer's Rock and then didjeridoo-ing.

What we've been up to

Winter Harp members have been busy this year performing and travelling here and there.

Lauri Lyster is drummer in her husband Simon's jazz band the New Orleans Alestars. The band recently won the Jeff Healey Award for Best Album in the Traditional/Classic Jazz Performance category from the Canadian Collectors' Congress.

This past summer Lauri and Simon headed to the wild Australian Outback, sleeping in a 'swag' under the stars and eating 'bush tucker' with other like-minded folks from around the world. They climbed the famous iconic Uluru/Ayer's Rock. And at the local bar, Lauri won the didgeridoo contest. Nothing like a Canadian drummer showing those Aussie's how to work a didgeridoo!

Violinist **Mark Ferris** is always in demand playing here and there. Among his appearances was a performance of Vivaldi's Four Seasons with Ballet BC and the Bernstein Serenade for Violin with the New Westminster Symphony Orchestra.

This fall Mark packed his bags and violin for Korea and China on a two-week tour with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Destinations included Dajeon, Korea, Macao, Guangzhou, Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou in China.

Classical harpist **Janelle Nadeau** won first place in the Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg competition. Also, she was one of two dozen performers chosen from hundreds of applicants for the popular Home Routes – a concert tour through Manitoba.

Watch for Janelle on TV this December on the national French station TVA. The program features a 10-minute spotlight on Janelle, including her performing with Winter Harp in Winnipeg's beautiful Pantages Theatre.

Narrator **Ron Halder** has been in high demand this year doing voice overs for commercials and cartoons. You could even hear his voice on the cute and cuddly Care Bears cartoon. Ron was also the narrator in the Oct. 3 White Rock concert of bassoonist George Zukerman whose musical career has spanned more than fifty years and some 40 world tours.



The Wells Harp School - Class of 2008

Become a harpist in five days

Sounds crazy – but it's true – you can become a harpist in five days.

Each August, Lori Pappajohn teaches beginning harpists at BC's International Celtic Harp School. And people who have never harped before, graduate five days later as full, bona fide harpists – graduation cap included!

The harp school is in the quaint hamlet of Wells (near Barkerville) and includes harp classes for all levels. Call 1-800-442-2787 or visit www.imarts.com.

Thank you Jurgen!

CBC Radio's Jurgen Gothe finally got his chance – to take a harp lesson from Winter Harp. Pictured here, Jurgen looks like a pro, joined by Detroit jazz harpist Christa Grix (far left).

In September, Winter Harp was part of a multi-harp concert paying tribute to Jurgen and Disc Drive. Over the years, Jurgen has played a generous amount of harp music on his show – and we harpists wanted to thank him for putting harp music on the airwaves. After the concert, Winter Harp persuaded Jurgen to try his hand at harping – we think he's a natural! Maybe he'll join the band!

The concert was a fundraiser for the World Harp Congress which will be held in Vancouver in 2011. The congress will showcase the world's greatest harpists in a week-long harp extravaganza.

Welsh Choir performs with Harps

For the third year in a row, Winter Harp is teaming up with the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir for a Christmas concert extraordinaire.

If you want to see this concert, buy your tickets today, as they get snapped up quickly. You can hear the acclaimed 90-voice male choir singing with harps at Massey Theatre in New Westminster Sunday, Dec. 7 at 8 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. Tickets at 604-878-1190 and 604-521-5050.



Winter Harp sponsors tub racer

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The seas were so rough that the continuous pounding of the tub on the waves had cracked the hull. When Joaquin's boat slowed down and was no longer flying across the tops of the waves, the tub settled into the water which then came pouring through the cracks.

Says Joaquin: "I was laughing so hard and then a big wave washed over the swamped tub and rolled it over throwing me in for a swim. Some quick rope work by my assistants on the escort boat saved the tub from going to the bottom in 300 feet of water, and we managed to drag it on board. Gallons of water spilled out. She was a wreck."

Joaquin vows that he'll be back next year to win the race for sure.

Read more about Joaquin's adventure and see his photos and videos on the Winter Harp blog at www.winterharp.com.

Harps and hot tubs

Can you think of a better combination than harps and hot tubs? In the photo (left), harpists Jan and Judy take a break from harping at Silver Hills Health Spa last February. They took Lori Pappajohn up on her offer to 'play the harp while being massaged.'

This winter give yourself a treat – stay for five days at the Silver Hills Guest House – a beautiful health retreat in the wilderness. If you want to be spoiled and pampered – this is the place to be. Enjoy massage, gourmet meals, walking through the quiet woods, or relaxing in the hot tub, steam room or sauna in this spectacular retreat just north east of Vernon. Oh, and if you can find time between massages, you can learn the harp, too! Lori has a spare harp there that you can play in-between your glorious hot stone massages and delectable meals. For details, visit www.silverhills.ca.



Winter Harp CDs

A Night in Winter

A Night in Winter is a beautiful mix of medieval, English and Spanish carols -- from upbeat tunes with percussion solos to hauntingly beautiful lullabies. Harps, flute, violin, medieval instruments, oud, sitar, percussion and singing combine in gorgeous carols that will have you dreaming of falling snow and crackling hearth fires.

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 this CD which features ancient Spanish and Celtic carols as well as well-known favorites. Exotic, delicious Yuletide music at its best. This CD was nominated for a VIBE award.

Winter Harp

Well-known carols and rare medieval carols. One of our most popular CDs, featured numerous times on CBC Radio. This CD 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 – Poetry & Music

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

Celtic Harp for Christmas

The quintessential Christmas album -- all your favorite 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.

Winter Harp would like to say thank you to CBC Radio, Celtic Creations (at Lonsdale Quay), M & P Mercury Sales, Tony Antonias, Kevin Mooney, and to Ange Frymire of Vocal Point Communication.

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