

Prince Edward County Music Festival



Concertmasters at two of Canada's most venerable institutions to perform at Prince Edward County Music Festival

Picton – 9 August 2011 In a major coup for the Prince Edward County Music Festival, it announces that two celebrated violinists will perform in its September concert season. Jonathan Crow, recently named concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Marie Bérard, concertmaster of the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra, will both perform on the Festival's grand finale weekend, 23 and 24 September.

Jonathan Crow is on stage on 23 September as part of the SuperNova String Quartet along with Mark Fewer, violin, Douglas McNabney, viola and Denise Djokic, cello in the intimate setting of the Oeno Gallery in a program of music by Beethoven, Ravel and Festival guest composer, Ana Sokolovic. Marie Bérard joins Mark, Douglas, Denise and Festival artistic director and pianist Stéphane Lemelin on 24 September for Dvorak's *Piano Quintet in A Major* at the Church of St Mary Magdalene.

Equally enticing are events and concerts in the Festival's first week : the gala opening concert on Friday, 16 September, taking place at the historic Waring House hosted by CBC Radio personality Tom Allen. Mr. Allen will engage in conversation with this year's composer-in-residence, Belgrade-born Montrealer, Ana Sokolovic and the Trio Hochelaga. The Trio will perform one of the masterpieces of the chamber music repertoire, Brahms' *Trio in B major, opus 8*. The Trio Hochelaga has a return engagement on Saturday, 17 September at the acoustically rich Church of St Mary Magdalene, taking the audience on a journey spanning three centuries of music, performing Beethoven's '*Ghost*' *Trio*, Sokolovic's *Danse et interludes* and Smetana's intensely romantic *Trio opus 15*. On Sunday, 18 September, it's the National Arts Centre Orchestra Winds, one of the finest wind sections of any orchestra in the world, in 'Breezes on a Sunday afternoon.' Young musicians from the region will strut their stuff on Tuesday evening in a special showcase concert, while heading into the final weekend, Peter McGillivray, baritone and cover artist last season at the Met Opera, and Stéphane Lemelin will perform a blockbuster multi-media show of Schubert's timeless song cycle, *Die schöne Müllerin* on Thursday, 22 September. Other featured musicians at the Festival are Julian Armour, cello, Camille Churchfield, flute and Ellen Wieser, soprano.

Tickets: www.countytix.ca, info@countytix.ca, 613.584.1991, 1.866.584.1991 or in person at the Festival Players Box Office, Books & Company, 289 Main Street, Picton. For full program info and performers' bios, visit www.pecmusicfestival.com. Follow the Festival on Facebook.

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