

METHOW VALLEY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE FESTIVAL STAFF

Thank you, THANK YOU, for supporting our 16th delightful summer season of chamber music.

This year's festival brought an extraordinary choir of eight cellos to our Valley, along with the Grammy award-winning Parker Quartet, sopranos Deane Meek and Gale Odom, and many of our favorite returning stars, including Yuri Namkung, Mara Gearman, and Jing Wang. All the artists appreciated the warm reception afforded their performances in our new venue at Signal Hill Ranch, as well as the hospitality of our local housing volunteers, who opened their homes to the artists during their stay.

If you haven't seen the new venue, drop by next season to experience the incredible acoustics and breathtaking outdoor scenery.



KEVIN KRENTZ, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

In a climate this year where major symphony orchestras in Detroit, Honolulu, New Mexico, and Syracuse have closed—and where Philadelphia and Dallas hang by a thread—I can proudly report that our Methow Valley festival is growing, ticket sales are up smartly, and the music just keeps getting better. The audience here loves and supports great music, and we like playing it. All trends point towards a long and satisfying musical relationship.

I'm working now to finalize our lineup for next year and will announce the players as soon as we have

contracts in hand. I will continue our popular formula of playing something familiar, something new, and something flamboyantly virtuosic at every concert. The concerts will feature a host. The theme for 2012 will be the music of Beethoven. By popular demand, each concert will feature a piece of his music.

Until you have a chance to hear her again at next year's Festival, do not miss a chance to catch pianist Elizabeth Joy Roe in a terrific performance with her piano-duo partner in Bellingham Jan. 26th at the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall in Bellingham, WA.

Next month I'll be in New York with the Finesterra Trio to premier a collection of twelve pieces by American

and Chinese composers as part of the Phoenix Concert Series. The same music will be played simultaneously in New York and Beijing.

Please check our website in Spring for further updates about other artists and repertoire as next summer takes shape. Thanks so very much for your generous support.

Summer Main Concerts

Friday, July 27 through Saturday, August 4, 2012.

MEET THE NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

Jennifer Epps, long-time member of the popular western singing group Horse Crazy, contributes her good spirit and enthusiasm to our festival this year as the Festival Business Manager. We welcome her talents in the areas of event planning, graphic arts, and computer technology. Jennifer says, "I am excited to be working with such professional people who know what good music is all about."



SURVEY RESULTS

Our survey results are in! Check our website for the results, plus read Nancy Acheson on the joys of housing a professional musician during the concert week, and Dave Chantler gives his reaction to the Bachianas.

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Sample quotes from the survey: "Verne was great." "The students were phenomenal." "I liked hearing the musicians speak." "The venue is charming, the snacks tasty, and the performances outstanding." "The music just keeps getting better. Plenty of things to chew on and nothing old, musty or boring here. Definitely worth the price of admission."

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