



WESTBEN

Season 2016

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

The Pencil Salesman (world premiere)

Piano Mania

Voices of Summer

From Broadway to Cape Breton

Jazz—Out of This World !

and more...

Tickets available to Members ONLY, until January 25, 2016



GADENCE at The Barn



PIANO MANIA



New Now—Young Pianists: Christy Groot Nibbelink and Leonid Nediak



Thursday, July 7, 7 pm \$28/\$26

Two new voices on the Piano Front! **Christy Groot Nibbelink** is in her final year of the Bachelor of Music degree in Performance at the University of Western Ontario, studying with Leslie Kinton. In addition to being grand prize winner of the 2013 and 2014 Canadian Music Competitions, 12-year old **Leonid Nediak** has performed with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra the Toronto Sinfonietta Orchestra, the Quebec Symphony Orchestra and McGill Chamber Orchestra, as well as in New Jersey and Florida.

TGIJazz! Lorraine Desmarais & Friends

\$42/\$40 Friday, July 8, 7 pm

Jazz pianist and composer **Lorraine Desmarais** is known in Canada, the US, Mexico, Europe, China, Indonesia and Africa for her solo, trio, big band and symphony orchestras. With 11 albums to her credit, she has performed in concert with international artists ranging from Oliver Jones to Chick Corea.



Buzz Salutes Gershwin

Saturday, July 9, 2 pm \$42/\$40

Montreal's acclaimed **Buzz Brass Quintet** teams up with multi-faceted pianist **Matt Herskowitz** to present George Gershwin's timeless works including *Rhapsody in Blue* and other favourites.

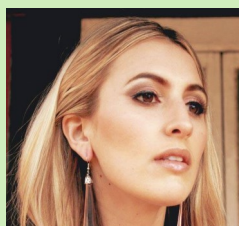
Great Pianists: Charles Richard-Hamelin plays Chopin

Sunday, July 10, 2 pm \$45/\$43

The latest young Canadian on the world stage! Winner of the Silver Medal at the 2015 Chopin International Piano Competition, Montreal pianist **Charles Richard-Hamelin** has been described as:

"...every inch an artist, an extraordinarily mature musician who focuses on the beauty of Chopin's works..."
- Róża Świątczyńska, Polish Radio 2 (October 7, 2015)

Having also won top prizes in the Montreal International Music Competition as well as the Seoul International Music Competition, his recent Chopin CD was number one on CBC Music's Top Ten of the best classical music albums of 2015.



New Now—New Voices: Ben & Kat

Thursday, July 14, 7 pm \$28/\$26

Following a recent recording of their adaptation of Barber's *Sure on This Shining Night* at Capitol Records, Los Angeles soprano **Kathryn Shuman** and bassist **Ben Finley** share their latest explorations into an array of electronic, acoustic, improvised and movingly creative music.

TGIFolk! Ashley Condon

\$39/\$37 Friday, July 15, 7 pm

PEI singer/songwriter **Ashley Condon** is an uncommonly-talented entertainer who jokes and tells stories to audiences as if they were guests in her living room.

"...a voice as fresh and pure as a forest stream..."
- Glenn Meisner, CBC Atlantic Airwaves



Elles

Saturday, July 16, 2 pm \$42/\$40

Montreal soprano **Andréanne Brisson Paquin** teams up with the **Pallade Musica**, Grand Prize winners at the 2012 *Early Music America Baroque Performance Competition* in New York for an afternoon devoted to the power and splendour of the Baroque Woman.



Follow the Lieder—A Summer Schubertiad

\$45/\$43 Sunday, July 17, 2 pm

A festive afternoon featuring the sunny music of Franz Schubert including the *Piano Sonata in A*, favourite lieder and the ever-popular *Trout Quintet*. Featured artists include **Donna Bennett**, **Brian Finley**, **Kathryn Shuman**, **Ben Finley**, **Marie Bérard**, **Teng Li** and **Elinor Frey**. Enjoy special Viennese treats at intermission!

Artists, dates and programs are subject to change. Please confirm all events with the Box Office.



VOICES OF SUMMER



Connecting is as simple as letting go.

The Pencil Salesman

A new opera by Brian Finley
based on an idea by Agnes M. Herzberg

John Fanning, Donna Bennett, Alexander Dobson, Olivia Rapos
Virginia Hatfield, Keith Klassen, Gabrielle Prata, Robert Longo
directed by Michael Mori

June 25 & 26, 2 pm
July 1, 7 pm
July 2 & 3, 2 pm

All is rosy with Boris Ball. The patriarch of a family of inventors, Boris lives blissfully in the past, in the beloved company of his wife Rose and his prize invention, the Personal Touch Typewriter. But ever cynical of the frenzied world of technological advancement swirling dizzily around him, Boris becomes increasingly oblivious to the challenges ripping his family apart. It is up to a wayward pencil salesman who draws him into the present by introducing him to someone he never knew: his own granddaughter.

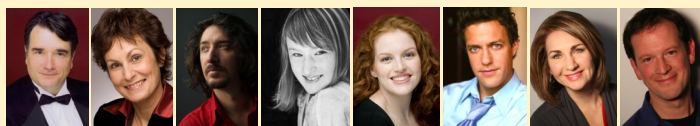
Westben presents the world premiere of a brand new opera composed by Brian Finley, based on an idea by Dr. Agnes M. Herzberg. Fully staged, with chamber orchestra

Gala Opening—Saturday, June 25 at 2 pm \$75/\$73

Sunday, June 26 at 2 pm; Friday, July 1 at 7 pm \$55/\$53

Saturday, July 2 at 2 pm; Sunday, July 3 at 2 pm \$55/\$53

PRE-CONCERT CHATS 1 HOUR BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE



John Fanning, Donna Bennett, Alexander Dobson, Olivia Rapos, Virginia Hatfield, Keith Klassen, Gabrielle Prata, Robert Longo

Watch for details about **Connecting Through Song**,

a week including a **Vocal Intensive** with Michael Warren and workshops & seminars in conjunction with performances of **The Pencil Salesman**.

From BROADWAY ...



Kisses on Broadway

July 20, 21, 22, 23 at 2 pm \$39/\$37

Favourite "kisses" from *West Side Story*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and more with Caitlin Wood, Kim Dafoe, Adam Fisher, Frank Moore & Brian Finley

...to
CAPE BRETON!

Coig

\$45/\$43 Sunday, July 24, 2 pm

2014 Canadian Folk Music Award for Traditional Album of the Year, 2015 East Coast Music Award for Roots/Traditional Group Recording of the Year. A Cape Breton Celtic kitchen party you can't miss!



"One thing led to another..." Linda Kash & Friends are back!

TGIFun! All-Star Improv Friday, July 22, 7 pm

\$39/\$37



JAZZ—Out of This World!

New Now: I Double You

\$28/\$26 Thursday, July 28, 7 pm

The Toronto creative music scene with drummer Ian Wright & 9-piece ensemble

TGIF! Ken Whiteley

& the Beulah Band

\$39/\$37 Friday, July 29, 7 pm

Echoes of blues, gospel, swing, string and jug band sounds

Heather Bambrick & Friends

\$39/\$37 Saturday, July 30, 2 pm

"High standards" with a great Canadian jazz songstress

Cadence

\$45/\$43 Sunday, July 31, 2 pm

They're back! Our favourite foursome of a cappella jazz singers returns to the Barn for our summer finale!

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Another way to look at it:

NEW NOW—three summer concerts celebrating new music and young musicians

YOUNG PIANISTS: Thursday, July 7, 7 pm
Christy Groot Nibbelink & Leonid Nediak

NEW VOICES: Thursday, July 14, 7 pm
Kathryn Shuman & Ben Finley

CREATIVE: Thursday, July 28, 7 pm
Ian Wright & 9-piece Ensemble

TGIF!—to end your week on a high note!

TGIZazz! Friday, July 8, 7 pm
Lorraine Desmarais & Friends

TGIFolk! Friday, July 15, 7 pm
Ashley Condon

TGIFun! Friday, July 22, 7 pm
All-Star Improv with Linda Kash & Friends

TGIF! Friday, July 29, 7 pm
Ken Whiteley & the Beulah Band

Also Ahead:

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Chat & Views—at the Aron:

Amadeus (date tba)

West Side Story (date tba)

Fundraisers

Ceilidh Kitchen Party—A rollicking celebration of Celtic music, poetry, food & drink—February 21, 2 pm (scotch tasting at 1:30) at the Clock Tower

Garden Gala—June 19

Chestnut Cabaret—September 25

Spring

Mozart 1791—Mozart's *Requiem* & excerpts from *The Magic Flute* with the Westben Festival Chorus & Friends (dates & locations tba)

CDHS Music Night—Saturday, May 28, 7 pm

Ron Hynes Tribute—Ken Tizzard & Friends, Friday, June 3, 7 pm

To Be!—Westben Youth & Teen Choruses & Wind Ensembles, June 5

For Kids

Tune Tales—Andrew Queen & the Campfire Crew

January 23, February 20, "Family Day Concert" February 15

August 1st Long Weekend—Jazz Fringe Festival July 29-31

SUMMER 2016 - At a Glance

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					JUNE 25 The Pencil Salesman Chat: 1 pm Opening Gala: 2 pm	26 The Pencil Salesman Chat: 1 pm Performance: 2 pm
27 CONNECTING THROUGH SONG Voice Intensive, workshops, seminars & special events	28	29	30	JULY 1 The Pencil Salesman Chat: 6 pm Performance: 7 pm	2 The Pencil Salesman Chat: 1 pm Performance: 2 pm	3 The Pencil Salesman Chat: 1 pm Performance: 2 pm
4 PIANO MANIA	5	6	7 NEW NOW: Pianists Christy & Leonid 7 pm	8 TGIZazz! Lorraine Desmarais 7 pm	9 Buzz Salutes Gershwin 2 pm	10 GREAT PIANISTS: C. Richard-Hamelin Chat: 1 pm, Perf: 2 pm
11 VOICES OF SUMMER	12	13	14 NEW NOW: Voices Ben & Kat 7 pm	15 TGIFolk! Ashley Condon 7 pm	16 ELLES Paquin/Pallade Chat: 1 pm, Perf: 2 pm	17 SCHUBERTIAD: Follow the Lieder 2 pm
18 BROADWAY to CAPE BRETON ...	19	20 KISSES on Broadway 2 pm	21 KISSES on Broadway 2 pm	22 KISSES - 2 pm ; All-Star Improv 7 pm	23 KISSES on Broadway 2 pm	24 Cape Breton COIG 2 pm
25 JAZZ—Out of This World!	26	27	28 NEW NOW: Creative Ian Wright & Co. 7 pm	29 TGIF! Ken Whiteley 7 pm	30 Heather Bambrick & Friends 2 pm	31 Vocal Jazz: CADENCE 2 pm
JAZZ FRINGE FESTIVAL—TRENT HILLS						



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