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ChamberFest West is thrilled to announce "Resonance", our 2023 festival, July 19 to 23. There are a few details to finalize before we launch ticket sales, but we want to share our excitement with you in advance.

WHY RESONANCE

It's a word with deep meaning:

From the physical dynamics of sound waves floating, to layers of emotional significance for the listener - resonance is about ideas, feelings and expressions that are evocative, maybe new, maybe familiar or perhaps

confident our 2023 program will resonate on all those levels, and more!

The five-day Festival begins **Wednesday** July 19th with our “Blue Dress” concert at the Bella Concert Hall. The audience will delight in Schubert’s *Shepherd on the Rock* for clarinet, voice and piano; tap their feet to Julia Wolfe’s *With a Blue Dress On* for five violins plus voices; and bask in the lyrical expressiveness of Ernest Chausson’s *Concerto for solo violin, piano and string quartet*.

Thursday’s concert will ripple with the “Emotional Echoes” of Respighi’s *Il Tramonto*, for soprano and string quartet. The tango-influenced *Last Round* by Argentine composer Oswaldo Golojov, described by Diana as “cool, groovy and danceable”, will follow. The evening will end with Mendelssohn’s *String Quartet in F Minor* – an intense, dramatic, outcry written after his sister Fanny’s death.

“Resonance Through the Centuries”, on **Friday** at Studio Bell, includes complex technical and electronic elements — not to be missed. There will be dances from Purcell’s *Fairy Queen*, Saariaho’s *Petals*, Korngold’s *Shakespeare Songs*, and *Two Pop Songs on Antique Poems* by contemporary Canadian composer Dinuk Wijeratne. Finally, Ravel’s *La Valse for two pianos* is considered one of the most important works of the twentieth century. Studio Bell will reverberate with this virtuosic and evocative arrangement, where the interplay between the two pianists promises an exciting spectacle.

Saturday’s “Loops” will ripple with William Byrd’s *Bells* and Ligeti’s *Hungarian Rock*, both for harpsichord. John Adams’ rhythmically complex *Shaker Loops*, described by Diana as “notoriously challenging for musicians”, will captivate the audience. Beethoven’s *Archduke Trio*, described by Roman as “one of the greatest pieces ever written for a piano trio” rounds out a spectacular program.

ChamberFest West returns to the wonderful Bella Concert Hall on **Sunday** evening, closing the Festival with “If Music Be the Food of Love”. You will revel in Mozart’s *Clarinet Quintet*. You will luxuriate in Schumann’s *Piano Quintet*. And we are confident you will be enchanted by CFW’s newly commissioned work composed by [Michael Steven Brown](#) expressly for the exquisite voice of New York Metropolitan Opera soprano [Suzanna Phillips](#).

All this incredible music will be presented by a cast of internationally renowned musicians, coming from the Netherlands, Sweden, France, across Canada and the United States to join some of Calgary’s best. We’ll introduce them in this newsletter over the next few months. Of course, our founders/artistic directors, Diana Cohen and Roman Rabinovich, will perform, along with Diana’s brother Alex (percussion) and father Franklin (clarinet).

Ticket sales will be announced in early April, via this newsletter. Sales will be online only, although purchases at the door can be made if seats are available. Last year, our Festival Passes sold out quickly, as did our

Roman Rabinovich Performs at the Phillips Collection



ChamberFest West Co-Founder and concert pianist Roman Rabinovich will be performing a recital at the Phillips Collection on Sunday March 12, 2023 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm MST. We encourage you to listen to what will surely be a remarkable performance. The event will be broadcast live on Sunday, and will be available for ticket holders to watch up to 48 hours after the broadcast time.

For program and ticket information, please click this link:

[Phillips Collection: Roman Rabinovich, piano](#)

*please note that the website's advertised times are in Eastern Daylight Time.

SIX MINUTES, WIN TICKETS!

A gentle reminder that we have released a survey to help ChamberFest West build sustainable growth. This survey should take about **six minutes** and will help CFW going forward. We encourage everyone to share this link with friends, family, and colleagues.

Each survey participant will be entered to **WIN** one of two sets of two tickets to a festival performance at the Bella Concert Hall. The winner will be contacted directly and announced on ChamberFest West's Facebook on March 31, 2023.

The survey and contest will close on March 10.

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