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VANCOUVER VIBRATES

Celebrating the work and influences of R. Murray Schafer

January – May 2008

Throughout spring 2008, Vancouver New Music, in partnership with a number of other Vancouver arts organizations, presents Vancouver Vibrates – a series of events that celebrate the spirit and work of Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer.

The city of Vancouver will be the stage, the public and the orchestra of a major musical and acoustic consciousness-raising celebration. Throughout the spring **Vancouver New Music, Chor Leoni, Redshift Music, Vancouver Chamber Choir** and the **Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra** will stage concerts and community aimed at transforming audience, participants, musicians and Vancouver's inhabitants in general into active, sensitive and critical listeners to the environment. R. Murray Schafer has joined Vancouver New Music in this project as both a special guest and co-curator.

Celebrating his 75th birthday this year, Schafer is Canada's pre-eminent composer. His works have ranged from orchestral compositions and choral music to musical theatre and multi-media productions. He has won national and international acclaim not only for his musical compositions and role in founding the World Soundscape Project, but also as an educator, environmentalist, literary scholar, visual artist and provocateur.

Schedule of events follows; go to www.newmusic.org for more details.

Vancouver New Music presents *Molinari Quartet*

13 March 2008 | 8pm

Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie Street

Vancouver New Music presents a selection of Schafer's string quartets, performed by the Molinari String Quartet. www.newmusic.org

Chor Leoni Men's Choir presents *Love*

5 April 2008 | 7:30pm

Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 West 33rd Avenue

Includes selections from Schafer's Magic Songs. www.chorleoni.org

Vancouver Chamber Choir presents *Unexpected Gifts: Music from the VCC's Canadian Tour*

11 April 2008 | 8pm

13 April 2008 | 3pm

Ryerson Church, 2195 45th Avenue West

Programme includes R. Murray Schafer's Alleluia. www.vancouverchamberchoir.com

Vancouver New Music presents *Soundwalks*

Free sound art events organized by Hildegard Westerkamp and VNM

Go to www.newmusic.org for details; call 604.633.0861 to reserve a place.

Baba Yaga's Journey: A Storytelling Soundwalk

4 May 2008 | 2pm

Led by Wende Bartley

From Dawn till Dusk: Wanderings in Orbit

11 May 2008 | 5 am + 8 pm

Led by Pessi Parviainen

Surf and Turf Soundwalk

18 May 2008 | 2 pm

Led by Jean Routhier

SOUND.GARDEN.SCAPE

25 May 2008 | 2pm

Led by Eric Powell with Will Hall and Alison Powell.

Vancouver Youth Symphony Orchestra presents *Salute to R. Murray Schafer*

11 May 2008 | 2:30 pm

Christchurch Cathedral, 690 Burrard Street

Features Schafer's Threnody (written for the VYSO in 1966/67), with the Vancouver Children's Choir.

www.vyso.com

Redshift Music presents *Schafer on the Lake*

31 May 2008 | 2pm

Beaver Lake (performers will encircle the lake), Stanley Park

Selected works from Schafer's Patria Cycle, featuring soprano Wendy Humphries; free event.

www.redshift.org

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