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January 2012....What's New?

Happy New Year & Welcome to the second half of the 2011/2012 Victoria Symphony Season! We were delighted to see many CC members at our *Sentimental Christmas* concert and holiday reception on December 11. We enjoyed a festive afternoon at the Royal Theatre with soloist **Emily Braden**, long-time Pops Conductor **Brian Jackson** and guest conductor **Ian Brown**, who joined us for some post-concert bubbly. And a warm welcome to the **24 new CC members** who have joined this season!

We are pleased to share the latest news and highlights about the Conductor's Circle.

Sincerely,

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Arabesque

Introducing a **new program** in 2012 for VS supporters to “**turn your original art into great music.**” Please see house programs for details or call for information.

Artist and Concert Underwriting

There is still time to select Concert (\$5000) and Artist (\$2500) underwriting for spring concerts. If your first choice is no longer available, we'd be delighted to accept underwriting reservations for the exciting 2012/13 season!

Gifts of Stock

More donors are using this **tax-advantaged way to help** the symphony. You instruct your broker to transfer a number of shares to the VS, our agent then sells the shares and sends us a cheque. You **pay no capital gains tax and receive a charitable tax receipt** for the full amount of the sale, which can be deducted on your income taxes.

Strings

Mieka Michaux (viola) and **Müge Büyükcelen-Badel** (violin) are on maternity leave, so you'll notice other faces in their usual chairs. In a novel twist on underwriting, three CC donors have combined gifts to help the VS underwrite Mieka and Müge's leaves. We're very grateful for these gifts in support of our talented musicians and look forward to seeing Mieka and Müge back on stage with the orchestra.

What's New, continued

Three Point Motors Offer

In addition to a generous \$10K sponsorship for the VS in September, **Three Point Motors** would also like to thank the Conductor's Circle Members by offering you **\$1,000 off your next purchase PLUS** they will also donate **an additional \$1,000 to the Victoria Symphony** for each new Mercedes-Benz purchased by a VS donor. The VS has already received our first "new car gift" in December. ***To qualify**, members should say they are a VS Conductors Circle donor at time of appointment and **prior to purchase**. Offer valid until May 31, 2012.

2012 Conductor's Circle Special Event Dates

We are pleased to offer a mix of social, music enrichment and/or gourmet special events to suit a variety of donor interests. Invitations will be mailed in advance with details about time, place, and any possible date changes.

We sincerely hope you can join us for as many of these dates as possible!

Sunday March 4

Eric Charman's 80th Birthday Gala

This new and *ultimate* gala will be a wonderful opportunity to toast Eric in the cheerful company of arts supporters from the VS, POV and VCM.

Sunday March 11

Symphony Sparkle

We are working with **Dupuis Fine Jewellery International Auctioneers** to introduce an innovative "**Gift in Kind**" consignment party, for the **benefit of the VS**, for the June 10 spring auction in Toronto. If you would like to participate but will be away in March, please call Jane Currie to discuss alternate arrangements.

late March

date TBC - VS 2012/13 Season Launch

Exclusively for subscribers and CC members, join Tania Miller and the orchestra for highlights of the exciting new 2012/13 season.

Thursday April 19

Composers' Workshop

Try something new and different: come see how your generous donations support music education and mentorship. Our orchestra performs the first "read through" of the best new compositions submitted to a selection panel headed by Michael Oesterle, Composer-in-Residence. Last year we heard five remarkable new pieces by five very different composers. *Feel every note* of the first live performance of music that until then lived only in the composer's mind!

Sunday May 6

Pre-concert CC Gourmet Brunch

A small pilot last spring was very well received, so we're delighted to open the **Gourmet Brunch** to all CC food-lovers this year for the **Season Finale concert, Beethoven's 9th Symphony!** Pre-paid reservations will be required.

Thursday May 31

Last Calendar Day of the VS fiscal year and last chance for your CC gift to help us reach the Annual Fund goal of \$450K.

THANK YOU for your support!