



THE CHAMBERFEST GAZETTE

News from Cascade Peaks ChamberFest: May 2026



Cascade Peaks ChamberFest's 2026 concert series **From Fire to Light**, offers a vibrant weekend of chamber music set in the inspiring natural surroundings of RockRidge Canyon near Princeton, B.C. This year's festival runs from **June 19 to 21** and brings together acclaimed artists, distinctive programming, and an unforgettable intimate concert setting.

Audiences can look forward to three concerts with evocative titles—**Fire and Shadow**, **Song and Flight**, and **Light and Celebration**—highlighting a range of repertoire and musical moods across the weekend. The series features standout chamber collaborations, including the **Borealis String Quartet** alongside leading Canadian artists, the **Gryphon Trio**, **Mark Fewer**, and **Sharon Wei**, making this a memorable chance to experience world-class live performance in a beautiful destination setting.

The 2026 concert series also stands out for its strong connection to Canadian composers and fresh repertoire. A major highlight is the premiere of **Imant Raminsh's** new work, **Where Wildness Lives**, performed by the **Chamber Vocal Ensemble** directed by Mark Vuorinen, with the Borealis String Quartet, bringing a lyrical and nature-inspired voice to the

festival's program. The piece was commissioned by the **Langley Community Music School** for the inaugural Cascade Peaks vocal program. As well, Kelly-Marie Murphy's work titled ***Give Me Phoenix Wings to Fly*** featuring the **Gryphon Trio** evokes transformation and renewal through vibrant rhythms and soaring musical gestures.

The series balances the new commission with music from beloved masters and broad chamber-music favourites, creating a program that is both familiar and newly energized, also featuring works by **Beethoven, Shostakovich, Dvorák, Mozart, Haydn, Martinů,** and **Tchaikovsky.**

Festival Access Passes and **single concert tickets** are available now on our website. For out of town guests, accommodation can be arranged at the well-appointed **Wolfe Creek Lodge** right onsite at **RockRidge Canyon** - a two minute walk to the concert venue, dining hall, and all lakeside activities!

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OPPORTUNITIES at ROCKRIDGE CANYON!

We do keep you quite busy with our outstanding concert series, masterclasses, and social events while at RockRidge, but don't forget about all of the other things available for your recreational pleasure at RockRidge Canyon! The site of our Festival offers an impressive array of outdoor activities with something for everyone - from the armchair to the hardcore outdoor enthusiast alike. For those who prefer a more leisurely approach, find a lone bench by the lakeshore to read your book, take a dip in the Olympic-sized pool, or stroll along the path that leads to the dam at the far end of the lake. For the more adventurous, sign up for a thrill ride on the second longest zip line in Canada, which starts from the bluff behind the concert hall clear across to the other side of the lake. Bikes are available for rent for the numerous trails that lead from the resort, or head up to Pinnacle Rock for the spectacular view. And don't forget about the water sports - kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding are all on offer. It's all there. Come prepared!



There are still a few slots left for volunteers during Cascade Peaks this year - we're particularly looking for folks who can spare some time during the week leading up to the Festival Concert Series, from June 15 to 19. Accommodation and meals are provided for all our volunteers - you just have to get yourself to and from the Festival site. Fill out this short form and let us know you're able to help us run the show!

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