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## Tickets on Sale for Festival Vancouver's TD Canada Trust Main Stage Series



Vancouver, BC - Festival Vancouver returns **August 5 - 19, 2007** for a seventh dynamic season, bringing some of the best classical, world music and jazz performers from Canada and around the world to Vancouver's concert stages. Tickets for the festival's **TD Canada Trust Main Stage Series** go on sale on April 21, 2007 at **Ticketmaster 604-280-3311** or online at **ticketmaster.ca**

This year the **TD Canada Trust Main Stage Series** offers six extraordinary concerts that showcase the range and depth of the entire festival, which will fill nine Vancouver venues with music from **August 5 - 19, 2007**. The Main Stage lineup also includes artists from Asia and Europe's Nordic countries - the two geographical regions that the festival is spotlighting this year.

♪ **TD Canada Trust Main Stage Series Kick-off Concert:** Vocal phenomenon **Bobby McFerrin** gives the festival an early kick-off with a solo performance at the Orpheum Theatre. The ten-time Grammy Award winner is one of the world's most gifted vocal improvisers, and his irresistible ability to draw audiences into his performances makes for true concert magic! (*July 27 @ The Orpheum*)

♪ **A Gala Opera Evening:** Internationally-acclaimed Canadian tenor **Richard Margison** and soprano **Measha Brueggergosman** appear with the **Vancouver Opera Orchestra**, conducted by **Leslie Dala**. Experience the rare treat of two of Canada's most exciting operatic performers on stage together, singing some of opera's best-loved works (*August 7 @ The Orpheum*)

♪ **La Resurrezione:** Handel's first oratorio, a rich and intimate work performed by some of the most accomplished early music performers in Canada, including sopranos **Suzie LeBlanc** and **Shannon Mercer**, alto **Matthew White**, tenor **Colin Balzer** and baritone **Tyler Duncan** - a superb baroque production (*Co-production with Early Music Vancouver - August 11 @ The Chan Centre, UBC*)

♪ **Los Angeles Guitar Quartet:** Recognized as one of North America's premier instrumental ensembles, these Grammy-winning virtuosi are equally at ease performing classical European masterworks or offering their own inspired arrangements of the music of today (*August 12 @ The Chan Centre, UBC*)

♪ **Rajaton:** After sell-out performances last year, this thrilling six-member *a cappella* ensemble from Finland makes a triumphant return to Festival Vancouver for a not-to-be-missed full concert performance (*August 15 @ The Chan Centre, UBC*)

♪ **The Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra:** a rare opportunity to hear this world-famous orchestra in North America, with its 83 musicians on one stage playing traditional Chinese instruments. The concert will feature both traditional Chinese works and contemporary pieces written especially for the Orchestra (*August 18 @ The Chan Centre, UBC*)

As in past years, the 2007 festival is programmed around special themes, and this year the spotlight is on **Asia** and the **Nordic countries**. The **Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra** headlines the Asian programming, and the **Nordic Music and Musicians** theme offers over 50 performers from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland, including some of the best jazz and chamber music artists from those countries. Highlights include the stunning Finnish women's choir **Philomela**, and the return of popular Swedish jazz singer **Jeanette Lindström**.

In addition to the main festival program between August 5 - 19, Festival Vancouver will be co-presenting over a dozen concerts this year in its province-wide **TELUS Spectacular Music BC** program. Now in its fourth successful season, the goal of the **SMBC** series is to share the talents of Festival Vancouver artists with communities outside the Lower Mainland.

**TD Canada Trust Main Stage** concert tickets go on sale on **April 21** (Ticketmaster 604-280-3311). Complete concert and event details for Festival Vancouver 2007 will be announced in early June, and all individual festival concert and series tickets are on sale as of **June 5** through Ticketmaster and the Festival website - [www.festivalvancouver.ca](http://www.festivalvancouver.ca)

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