



For more than 50 years, Eric Charman has dedicated ceaseless time and effort towards raising funds and advocating for the arts in Victoria. His greatest passion is music and, thanks in great part to his lifelong work and dedication, Victoria enjoys one of the most vibrant musical scenes in the country.

Eric's stellar work on behalf of the arts has been recognized nationally through the distinguished Edmund C. Bovey Award, the Governor General's Award for Volunteerism in the Performing Arts, and his appointment to the Order of Canada, to name just a few of his many honours.

Now it is time for Victoria to honour its greatest arts champion.

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The Victoria Conservatory of Music,  
Pacific Opera Victoria,  
and the Victoria Symphony  
are honoured to host the  
Ultimate Gala Celebration for the Ultimate Arts Advocate,  
Mr. Eric Charman, C.M., O.B.C., LL.D

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Take your seat for an  
Ultimate Gala Celebration of  
Mr. Eric Charman  
on the occasion of his 80th birthday



“Music  
gives soul to  
the universe,  
wings to  
the mind,  
and life to  
everything.”

— Plato

The Boards of Directors of the  
Victoria Conservatory of Music,  
Pacific Opera Victoria,  
and the Victoria Symphony  
request the pleasure of your company at

**Eric Charman's  
80th Birthday  
Ultimate Gala Celebration  
Sunday, March 4, 2012**

**5:00 pm at McPherson Playhouse Theatre**

a champagne reception with silent auction

a concert with the Victoria Symphony, conducted by Maestro Timothy Vernon,  
featuring outstanding musicians and soloists from  
Pacific Opera Victoria, the Victoria Conservatory of Music  
and the Victoria Children's Choir

a spectacular grazing supper prepared by the chefs of the  
Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour

a short live auction by the Man of Honour

a fabulous twist with unique works of art made out of chairs,  
created and donated by fifteen of BC's most prominent artists

Black Tie Preferred

Tickets: \$250/person

RSVP preferred before Feb 15, 2012

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## Eric's Only Birthday Wish

Eric's only birthday wish is that  
this event raise \$300,000 to benefit  
three of Victoria's leading music organizations  
that he holds so close to his heart.

To help raise funds, the celebration will  
include a special tribute to honour Eric  
through a commemorative program  
which features numerous opportunities  
to extend a personal birthday message:

\$500

personal birthday wishes (approx 25 words)

\$1,000

special birthday greeting (supplied graphic)

\$2,500

quarter page greeting (photo or graphic of your choice)

\$5,000

half page display ad

\$10,000

full page display ad

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In these challenging times  
it has never been more important  
to invest in our cultural institutions  
and to celebrate the richness  
they bring to our lives.