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Spark To Flame Ignites Musical Spirit for VCM Students

Spark to Flame 2019 is an experience that enriches lives and ignites spirits for both musicians and audience members, one of the most important days of the year at the Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM); the concert takes place on March 1.

Join top student vocalists and instrumentalists from VCM's Ann and George Nation Conservatory School of Classical Music as they perform alongside professional musicians and the VCM Senior String Orchestra at Alix Goolden Performance Hall.

"It is a dream that many aspiring music students have, however few realize: to one day play or sing as soloist with a symphony orchestra, with a famous conductor, in front of a full house of people who support them and share their love for music," said Victoria Conservatory of Music's Dean, Stephen Green. "*Spark to Flame* makes that possible, because we know realizing that dream is enough to turn the spark of talent, and passion for music a young student has, into the flame that their teachers at the VCM will nurture into the roaring blaze that fuels a great career. It all begins with the spark, a great concert program, and a supportive audience."

The concert includes several featured soloists:

Trumpet Concerto in E flat – Haydn soloist: **Evan Overman**; Violin Concerto in G minor, Op. 8, no. 2, RV 315, "L'estate" (Summer) from "Le Quattro Stagione" (The Four Seasons) – Vivaldi soloist: **Elijah Kim**; Piano Concerto No. 19 in F Major – Mozart soloist: **Rohin Arun**, Per pietà, non ricercate, K. 420 – Mozart soloist: **Adam Schmidt**, Chi sà, chi sà, qual sia, K. 582 – Mozart soloist: **Anne van der Sloot**, Serenade for Flute, Harp and Strings – Howard Hanson soloist: **Sujung Lee**, Silent Woods for cello and orchestra – Dvorak soloist: **Lexie Jana Krakowski**.

Spark to Flame takes place March 1 at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.) at Alix Goolden Performance Hall, tickets are \$10.25 to \$12.05 and can be purchased at the Victoria Conservatory of Music at 900 Johnson Street, by phone at 250-386-5311 or online at <http://vcm.bc.ca/events/spark-to-flame/>.

About the Victoria Conservatory of Music:

Founded in 1964, the Victoria Conservatory of Music is one of Canada's most innovative and progressive music schools. Its mission is to enrich lives through music in a thriving community accessible to all. The VCM is a Centre for Excellence and enjoyment of music through education, performance and music therapy, serving its community of over 3,700 students and music therapy clients of all ages, through six outstanding program areas: The Ann and George Nation Conservatory School of Classical Music; The Chwyl Family School of Contemporary Music; the School of Music Technology and Creativity; and the departments of Postsecondary Studies, Music Therapy, and Early Childhood Music. VCM's Music Outreach initiatives further enrich the lives of over 1,000 children in daycares, preschools, and Elementary schools throughout the Greater Victoria Area. The VCM is a non-profit organization located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information visit us online at: vcm.bc.ca

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