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Sixth Annual *Joy of Life Festival* weekend exults fiddling, singing -- and dancing to the music!

VICTORIA – For the sixth year, the Victoria Conservatory of Music is pleased to present, Daniel Lapp’s *Joy of Life Festival* on May 3 and 4 at Victoria’s iconic Alix Goolden Hall. May flowers arrive this year along with some extra special musical treats, brought to you by Daniel Lapp, his very special guests, Stephanie Cadman and David Vest, the Joy of Life Choir, Folkestra, and the BC Fiddle Orchestra.

“Next to Christmas, the word JOY really finds its home during this wonderful SPRING season” says Daniel Lapp, the musical inspiration behind the Joy of Life Festival. “We carefully curate our festival music to embody everything you hope to get from this word...uplifting FIDDLE music and soulful SINGING performed together by local heroes alongside our neighbours.”

Joy of Fiddle happens on Friday, May 3, celebrating the BC Fiddle Orchestra’s 25th Anniversary with special guest [Stephanie Cadman](#). Stephanie is that rare, extraordinary thing: a quadruple threat. A world-renowned dancer, an accomplished actress of stage and screen, a virtuoso musician, and a knockout singer, Stephanie’s talents know no bounds. Maintaining a busy touring schedule both as a Canadian Folk Award-nominated solo musician and as a member of the all-female country trio Belle Starr, Stephanie has rocked audiences across North America and beyond.

The second concert on Saturday, May 4 is **Joy of Song**, celebrating Canadian Women Songwriters. The choir will be singing Daniel’s original arrangements of iconic songs by iconic Canadian Women, including Connie Kaldor, Rita McNeil, Feist, Joni Mitchell, Kate McGarrigle, Shari Ulrich, Lorena McKennit, and others. Special guest, Maple Blues award-winning pianist [David Vest](#) will bring his unique boogie boogie, jump, and blues piano styles that will also include a tip of his hat to Canadian Women songwriters including his Montreal friend, Cecile Doo-Kingue.

Joy of Fiddle featuring Stephanie Cadman and **Joy of Song** with David Vest: If you can’t decide between the two concerts, choose both. Treat yourself to some delicious, inspiring music at the VCM **Joy of Life Festival**.

WHAT: Daniel Lapp’s Joy of Life Festival

WHERE: Victoria Conservatory of Music’s Alix Goolden Performance Hall, 907 Pandora Avenue, Victoria

WHEN: Friday, May 3rd, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. show Joy of Fiddle (Doors open 7p.m.) Saturday, May 4th, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. show Joy of Song (Doors open 7p.m.)

HOW MUCH: \$14.85 - \$25.85 (incl. tax and service charge) Senior/student: \$22.11

HOW TO BUY TICKETS: Order Online: [TicketFly](#) Order by Phone: 250-386-5311. Or tickets available at: VCM Front Desk, 900 Johnson St. Victoria, BC

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 3700 students and music therapy clients of all ages, through six outstanding program areas: The Ann & 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 1000 children in day-cares, 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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