



November 25, 2019

Victoria's Favourite Tradition – Daniel Lapp's Home for Christmas Is Back!

Victoria – Now in its 16th year, Daniel Lapp's *Home for Christmas*, presented by The Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM), is back for another year. Led by the renowned fiddler and jazz trumpet player, this toe-tapping and joy-filled Christmas tradition returns to Alix Goolden Performance Hall for three special concerts this December 20 & 21 and tickets are now on sale.

Feel the Christmas spirit come alive as Daniel leads his legendary ensembles: the B.C. Fiddle Orchestra, Folkestra!, and the Joy of Life Choir, accompanied by the renowned Shiny H'ornaments, Swing'n Shepherds, and the Strings of Lights house band. Highlights include special performances by founder and director, Daniel Lapp, and Nicholas Fairbank, who will play "Cassie", Alix Goolden Performance Hall's beloved 1910 Casavant pipe organ.

This year's special guest is B.C. Fiddle Orchestra Alum, Kendel Carson. Kendel has performed with the folk music band, The Paperboys, Elvis Costello, John Prine, the Barenaked Ladies, Spirit of the West, and is currently a member of the Beautiful Beautiful Band with Alan Doyle.

These three performances bring together nearly 200 current students and VCM alumni to share a variety of Coast-to-Coast Canadian Christmas inspired tunes and welcome family and friends back to Victoria for the beloved holiday season. Every year, somehow Daniel manages to fit all of these performers on the stage, for the concert finale, *I'll be Home for Christmas*.

The concert takes place at the VCM's Alix Goolden Performance Hall, an elegant 800-seat venue at 907 Pandora Ave. referred to as "a jewel box of a building," by performer Emmylou Harris.

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WHAT: VCM Presents: Daniel Lapp's 16th annual Home for Christmas

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

WHEN: Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$15.96 - \$30.25 (including tax and fees)

WHERE TO BUY TICKETS: Order online <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/daniel-lapps-home-for-christmas-2019-tickets-71536416347> , 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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