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## Spark To Flame Ignites Musical Spirit for VCM Students

Victoria, BC - *Spark to Flame* 2021 is a student concert experience that enriches lives and ignites the spirits of both musicians and audience members, it is one of the most important performances of the year at the Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM); streamed live this year for the first time. The concert will be livestreamed on the [Victoria Conservatory YouTube Channel](#) on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The *Spark to Flame* program supports young, emerging artist's development and is open to all students of the VCM. Selected through audition, students are given the opportunity to work with VCM faculty in the weeks leading up to the performance to develop their professional and artistic skills. The final concert is a magical evening featuring these students performing with faculty artists.

"Spark to Flame offers our student musicians the opportunity to perform in the limelight, as solo artists, while showcasing the incredible music education offered at the VCM," said Victoria Conservatory of Music's CEO, Jane Butler McGregor.

The VCM congratulates this year's featured soloists, who through audition have earned the opportunity to take the stage as part of this exciting concert:

**Camilo Aybar** (clarinet) – taught by Patricia Kostek will perform André Charles Prosper Messenger's *Solo de Concours*

**Galen Boulanger** (voice) – taught by Nancy Argenta will perform J.S. Bach's *Mache dich mein Herze rein* from *St. Matthew's Passion*

**Alex Chen** (voice) taught by Nancy Argenta will perform W.A. Mozart's *Der Vogelfänger bin ich ja* and *Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen* from *Die Zauberflöte*

**Charlie Dutton** (piano) taught by Roger Buksa will perform Frédéric Chopin's *Piano Concerto No.2, Op.21 I: Maestoso*

**Lexie Krakowski** (cello) taught by Brian Yoon will perform Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op. 33*

The VCM suggests that everyone who enjoys *Spark to Flame* and the joy of music, make a \$15 donation, or more, in lieu of purchasing a ticket. To make a donation and for more information visit: <https://vcm.bc.ca/event/spark-to-flame-2021/>

"Generous support from our donors and supporters ensures the VCM can continue to bring concerts to our community and keep music education affordable and accessible for all." added McGregor.

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](http://vcm.bc.ca)