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For the Love of Music!

Victoria Conservatory of Music Mother's Day Musical Garden Tour 2021 is going VIRTUAL!

And this year there is a matching opportunity for every gift received – doubling the impact!

Celebrate Mother's Day, spring gardens, and the love of music with the Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM) 39th Annual Mother's Day Musical *Virtual* Garden Tour. Get an exclusive look at some of Victoria's most beautiful private spring gardens online and listen to the wonderful music of VCM students.

Everyone is invited to enjoy extraordinary gardens and [make a donation](#) in honour of that special person in their life – it's a great way to celebrate Mother's Day while supporting the VCM's efforts to keep music education, performance and wellness thriving in Victoria.

Join the VCM as they celebrate Mother's Day, by adding an on-line tribute to your mother or someone special when making a donation in their name of \$35.00 or more. Every gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$20,000. The VCM thanks the wonderful donors who have provided this exciting matching opportunity; **Gary Karr & Harmon Lewis, Robert & Devi Jawl Foundation, Petra Janusas & Bill Majercsik, and Wendy & Robert MacRitchie**. Donations can be made at: vcm.bc.ca/garden-tour.

From April 25 to May 16, uncover hidden garden gems through exclusive virtual tours <https://vcm.bc.ca/Victoria-garden-tour#virtual-garden-tours>. Featuring eclectic plant collections and fabulous garden designs – from a 1926 restored cottage overlooking a picturesque garden of shade-loving perennials and two 90-year-old giant Sequoias, a magical Japanese dry landscape garden, to an award-winning orchid collection and much more! Every garden is a labour of love and will be sure to inspire your own spring gardening plans.

Music remains at the heart of the VCM Mother's Day Musical Garden Tour, throughout every garden video you will hear the beautiful sounds of VCM students performing. As well, every Sunday from April 25 to May 16, the VCM Facebook page will highlight current and past student and faculty performance videos. Follow the VCM on Facebook www.facebook.com/theVCM/events.

And follow the music to the Grande Finale, the VCM's virtual gift in celebration of the 2021 Mother's Day Musical Garden Tour is a special online premiere of "*Opera Studio Duets*", six famous works from VCM's advanced vocal students, on Mother's Day, May 9th at 4:00 p.m. on the Victoria Conservatory YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/victoriaconservatory>.

The event is an essential fundraising event for the Victoria Conservatory of Music. It raises necessary funding to ensure the VCM can continue to provide the exceptional teaching, innovative programming, music therapy, children's outreach programs, and quality performances.

To learn more about this special campaign, visit vcm.bc.ca/victoria-garden-tour/

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