

EINE KLEINE SUMMER MUSIC

June is always a much-anticipated month for local classical music fans. Artists from across Canada and beyond converge for a festival of chamber music concerts in the countryside. The music happens in two spacious, beautiful and acoustically ideal venues: the First Unitarian Church among the fields of West Saanich Road, and alongside the vines at Deep Cove Winery.

Eine Kleine Summer Music's June 2024 performances are held on four Sunday afternoons (**June 2, 9, 16, 23 at 2:30pm**) in the **First Unitarian Church**, and four Monday evenings (**June 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00pm**) at **Deep Cove Winery**.

The stellar guest list includes, among many others, Conrad Tao and Timothy Chooi.

New York Magazine calls pianist Conrad Tao "the kind of musician who is shaping the future of classical music." He has appeared worldwide as a pianist and composer and has been dubbed an artist of "probing intellect and open-hearted vision" by *The New York Times*. Tao has performed as soloist

with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, and Boston Symphony. Tao will bring us a solo program of his favourites, including music by Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Billy Strayhorn, and Harold Arlen.

Internationally acclaimed violinist Timothy Chooi has mesmerized global audiences with his virtuosity and emotional depth. Chooi's accolades include top prizes at the Joseph Joachim International Violin Competition, the international Verbier Festival and many more. Recently, Chooi has toured as soloist with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and with Anne-Sophie Mutter on a European recital tour.

Concert and ticket details may be found at eksm.ca. Tickets are available April 22nd through Eventbrite or through our box office partners.

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Kathy Demchuk is a woman of many talents, juggling various responsibilities at the 71st annual **Saanich Peninsula Arts & Crafts Exhibition & Sale** at the **Mary Winspear Centre April 27-28**. Alongside her husband Peter, she wears multiple hats - participating artist, standards committee member, hanging committee member, organizer of show greeters, and assistant to patrons. With each hat she wears, Kathy brings dedication and enthusiasm, driven by her love for the annual show.

The SPAC Show is renowned across the island for its display of original paintings, sculptures, pottery, fiber arts, crafts, and jewelry. Kathy and Peter are part of the 20 members of the installation team, who dedicate themselves to the meticulous task of hanging over 700 pieces of art in just 8 hours. Under the direction of the volunteer show designer, Cathy Schulhauser their aim is not just

to position artwork but to curate an experience for the viewers. They often start with a focal point and carefully arrange pieces to complement and elevate each other. Often the common link is the colour palette, but sometimes it is the subject matter, shape or other common denominator.

For Kathy, the art isn't complete without the floral arrangements adorning the displays. To her, it's like adding the perfect accessories to an outfit, enhancing the overall beauty of the show. Setting up such a grand event requires months of planning and over 300 volunteers from the 500 SPAC membership who live throughout Greater Victoria and the Islands.

Artists interested in participating in the show are encouraged to visit the exhibition this year and to join SPAC. Members can volunteer as well as exhibit at a number of venues throughout the year.

The Demchuk's participate

in a number of smaller exhibits throughout the year but they always save their best three pieces for SPAC's annual exhibition. Their creations, from Kathy's intricate fabric art to Peter's charming wooden giraffes, never fail to captivate the audience.

This year, Kathy draws inspiration from a unique source - her experience of undergoing cataract surgery. The vivid light show she witnessed during the procedure sparks a creative idea, one she's eager to bring to life on fabric using French fabric paint, applique, and stitching.

Kathy and Peter find strength and inspiration in each other. For Peter, Kathy is not only his muse but also his most ardent supporter. And Kathy echoes his sentiment, grateful for the mutual encouragement and creative synergy they share.

For ticket information visit: www.spacsociety.com