

## *Celebrate the Arts: My Favorite Things*

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### *Concert Performers* (alphabetical)

#### **2Smooth, Vocal Classics**

2Smooth has Paul Talbot on lead vocals and rhythm guitar and Frank Paunins on lead guitar and backup vocals. Paul has sung and played guitar since his early teens and particularly loves the songs of the Big Band era. He has sung with Début Opera and Festival Chorus and performed with Twelve To The Bar. He studied voice with Iris Talbot. Paul is also singing tenor tonight with **Impromptu**. Frank loves anything resembling a guitar and has tried other instruments as well. He loves to sing and play and has a talent for picking up songs by ear. 2Smooth performs classics from the 40's, 50's and 60's for all of your special occasions. Email Paul@CalgaryFamilyHomes.com or phone 607-7755.

#### **Brazier School of Highland Dance**

The school is the first and only Highland dance school in the N.E. Calgary and Chestermere area. Dedicated to the fun and dynamic instruction of traditional Scottish dancing, it develops co-ordination, rhythm and physical and mental discipline in young students. Founded in 2000 under the direction of Clare Brazier. Clare is eight-time Provincial Champion, Canadian Champion and World Championship finalist and runner-up. Boys and girls ages 4 and above are welcome. Email the event co-ordinator for the school Lesli Kellow at leslik@shaw.ca.

#### **Celeste Aviles, Soprano**

Celeste has been playing flute and oboe for 6 years now. Four summers ago, at the age of 13, she received a scholarship to study flute at the University of Calgary. While attending Glenmore Christian Academy, she had leading roles as a singer in their productions of Annie (title role), Oliver (Nancy), Fiddler on the Roof (Chava) and Aladdin (Jasmine). She has also sung professionally with her father and coach, Jorge Aviles, such renowned pieces as The Prayer and Pie Jesu from Lloyd Weber's celebrated Requiem. Almost three years ago, Miss Aviles started studies on acoustic guitar and has made it her choice instrument when accompanying herself. Presently Celeste plays oboe with Central Memorial's Wind Ensemble with whom she'll be touring Scotland this month.

#### **Jorge Aviles, Tenor**

Argentinean tenor who made Canada his home more than twenty-five years ago. Jorge studied voice and oratorio with the International Bach society in his native city of Buenos Aires. Operatic repertoire includes many title roles from Dido & Aeneas, La Traviata, Magic Flute, Marriage of Figaro, Falstaff, to the Mikado, Fledermaus, A Night in Venice and The Fantastiks. The Oratorio realm includes the lead tenor roles in Judas Machabeus, Elijah, Misa Criolla, St. John's Passion, Te Deum, The Company of Heaven, the Creation and the Messiah. Last July toured with a group called "Sing to the Lord" as a soloist, with Barbara Thorson as part of the group. They gave many concerts in several east European cities including Dresden Germany, Warsaw Poland and Prague Czech Republic among others. Member of the quartet INTUNATION. Email j.aviles@telus.net.

#### **Jeff Bancroft (Impromptu), Baritone**

Jeff Bancroft is a full time student at the University of Calgary majoring in Computer Engineering. Upon completion of his degree, Jeff plans to attend graduate school and study the newly created field of Cognitive Informatics. He loves to sing and studied for two years with Iris Talbot prior to returning to school.

### **Chinook Arch Harps, Harp Choir**

Chinook Arch Harps has been playing in and around Calgary for five years, and during that time we have grown from seven to fourteen players. The group began by playing at the Water Valley Celtic Music Festival, which we enjoyed so much that we began playing at other venues. We play music in two or more parts for lever (Celtic) harps. We play a lot of Celtic music, but we also play classical, Latin, and original compositions for harp ensemble as well. Our harps are in one key at a time, so you may notice us using the levers at the top of each string to change keys between pieces. The players in this group are Barbara Stewart, Connie Frank, Emily Contos, Janet Dracek, Kathy Peppers, Laurel Farrow, Linda Cochrane, Marjorie Stakenas, Maureen Maryka, Merissa Korsholm, Patt Scrivener, Wendy Lee, and Joanne Meis. Connie Frank (246-5423) teaches piano and lever harp. Merissa Korsholm (226-8440) teaches piano and lever harp in the Airdrie area. Several of the members play background music for dinners, seasonal parties and other celebrations. The contact number for the harp choir is Joanne Meis (210-0158) who organizes the group and also teaches lever harp.

### **David Daly (Impromptu), Baritone**

David has sung in opera and choruses since university, where he completed a minor in music performance. Since 1990 David has been active with the Calgary Opera Chorus, Debut Opera and as a soloist singing national anthems at various functions in Calgary. David has acted in Brothers for the One Act Play Festival in 1994. David has also volunteered on the board of arts organizations including Debut Opera, the Petro-Canada Chorale and the Calgary Philharmonic's Wonderland of Light festival. When not performing, David can be found representing the petroleum industry to governments and the media through the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. David has an MBA and BA from McGill and an MA from McMaster University.

### **Dawn Doucet (Impromptu), Mezzo-Soprano**

Dawn moonlights as an HR Manager when not rehearsing for the next big show. She "got her start" with Iris by fluke but has never regretted their 16+ years' student/teacher relationship and friendship. She has sung with Debut Opera and Twelve to the Bar and has performed in the musicals Pajama Game and Nunsense. She is currently a member of the Second Chants choir and still loves to dabble in musical theatre whenever she gets the chance.

### **Kathleen Fraser (Impromptu), Mezzo Soprano**

Kathleen began to discover her voice when she met Iris in 2006 when purchasing a new home. She has found singing to be a metaphor for life. "You get more out of it by not trying so hard and by being willing to try new things". Often the best sounds are discovered after making the most awful noises. Between voice lessons and singing practices, Kathleen is also an actor and an engineer.

### **Susan Fulmer (Impromptu), Mezzo-Soprano**

Susan has sung with Iris since they met at the University of Calgary in the previous century. She has an operatic voice with a passion for choral music. She is a founding member of the Calgary Philharmonic chorus and served on the board of directors for Début Opera. Most recently, she has performed with the Calgary Bach Festival Society.

### **Andrew Hawryluk (Impromptu), Tenor**

Andrew is a native Calgarian. He is a University of Calgary graduate in engineering with a music minor. He also played the flute prior to his piano studies. An accomplished organist and pianist, Andrew has broad musical tastes, as well as a fine singing voice. He composes and arranges music in his spare time. Andrew is a former piano student of Ron Proctor.

### **Caroline Horne (Impromptu), Mezzo Soprano**

Caroline has performed in numerous shared and solo recitals as well as oratorios in and around Calgary and has also been a member of the Calgary Opera Chorus and Debut Opera. . Other than singing and creating handcrafted jewellery, her main occupation is spoiling cats. Contact Caroline at divahorne@yahoo.ca.

**Kindred, Vocal Trio**

Kindred consists of Theresa Wasden, Andrea Morton and Sheila Ross. Theresa Wasden works as a vocal, leadership and business coach. Andrea works as Executive Administrator for Cognera. Sheila is the Executive Administrator for Red Box Productions and Music in Common Educational Programs. Together these women perform for corporate and community events throughout Alberta. Some of the recent venues include: Alberta Children's Hospital, the 8th annual My Child Concert at the Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie in support of the Children's WISH foundation and various charities under the name of My Child Concerts. Their music is about Joy and Inspiration. As host of the Airdrie Festival of Lights, the group represented Alberta to thousands of visitors in December. Theresa is a motivational speaker and individual life and leadership coach for Awesome Journey [www.awesomejourney.ca](http://www.awesomejourney.ca). To meet with her or book Kindred or one of the other RED BOX artists, please contact Theresa at [www.theresa@awesomejourney.ca](mailto:www.theresa@awesomejourney.ca) or go to [www.theresawasden.com](http://www.theresawasden.com) for more information. Phone 891-9458.

**Mia Kuhn (Impromptu), Soprano**

Currently studying hard at the University of Calgary. Mia has sung all her life starting with Kodaly Music. She was a member of the Calgary Youth singers for 5 years. She sang in the production Little Shop of Horrors and was soloist with the I Believe concert at Calaway Park in the Summer of 2004.

**Marjorie McCarthy-Cairns, Piano**

Well known in the music community in Calgary, Marjorie was a long-time music librarian in the Department of Music, University of Calgary. She sang for many years with Calgary Opera, also with Debut Opera. Earlier, she was organist and choir director at St. Cyprian's (now renamed Holy Cross) Anglican Church. Marjorie plays as a volunteer for the Kerby Centre, the Agape Hospice and the Calgary Women's Canadian Club luncheons. She also plays professionally for parties, cocktails, fashion shows and art shows. Email [pianostyles@shaw.ca](mailto:pianostyles@shaw.ca) or phone 282-5805.

**Randall McGinnis (Impromptu), Tenor**

Randall started singing in the shower years ago. Under Iris Talbot's excellent voice instruction he has managed to exit the shower and perform in public. A member of the Calgary Men's Chorus for the last decade their next concert will be here at the Roza Centre June 20, 2008. When not tending to the needs of his patients Randall likes to fish on the Crowsnest River, travel abroad, and yes, still sing in the shower.

**Barbara Newman (Impromptu), Soprano**

Barbara received her Bachelor of Music from the University of Calgary and currently teaches music with the Calgary Board of Education. A student of Kenneth Neilsen, she has performed with Debut Opera as the mother and grandmother in Red Riding Hood and the Countess in Marriage of Figaro. She has been a soloist with the Calgary Bach Festival Society, as well as other Calgary choirs over the course of her career. She is very pleased to be singing for you tonight. Email [hylton@shaw.ca](mailto:hylton@shaw.ca).

**Ron Proctor (accompanist for soloists and Impromptu), Piano**

Ron Proctor studied piano at the U of A with Dr. Ernesto Lejano and later in Calgary with Dr. Mary Munn. He has performed in recitals, vocal programmes and chamber music. He teaches piano, organ and music theory, works as a ballet accompanist and operates the Proctor Academy of Music at 1609 – 14 Street SW. His favourite composers are Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Email [ronproctoro@canada.com](mailto:ronproctoro@canada.com) or phone 541-1427. New students welcome.

**Wilma Rothbauer, Piano**

A native Calgarian who loves to play the piano. Wilma has a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Education. She currently teaches band and choral at the Calgary Arts Academy. She has recently worked with Front Row Center, Storybook Theatre, Marquee Players and Morpheus Theatre. She accompanies Old-Time fiddling and opera and plays with The Southern Stardust Big Band. She is thrilled to be included in this concert! Email [wrothbauer@hotmail.com](mailto:wrothbauer@hotmail.com).

**Clayton Seidlitz (Impromptu), Bass**

Clayton was born in Pincher Creek but has lived in Calgary for the last 26 years, where he now works as a Dentist. He has studied piano in his younger years and is re-uniting with his love of music through voice lessons with Iris as well as lessons in Guitar. He spends the rest of his spare time in the Mountains, generally on a pair of skis or a bike.

**Iris Talbot, Conductor of Impromptu**

Iris teaches singing and loves to sing when she's not selling real estate or playing with her grandchildren. She has a Bachelor of Music Degree from The University of Calgary with a postgraduate diploma in Kodály music. She has performed with the Calgary Opera Chorus and Debut Opera. Though singing and teaching is her passion, her career is Real Estate and she loves the opportunity to do both. Email [iris@calgaryfamilyhomes.com](mailto:iris@calgaryfamilyhomes.com) or phone 284-6346.

**Barbara Thorson, Lyric Soprano**

Barbara Thorson has been performing in Calgary for many years. She has been a member of the Calgary Opera Chorus since 1988 and is founder of ISING4U. She has sung with Calgary Opera, and Story book theatre as well as Folksopera and sings a wide variety of styles. Most recent endeavors include Frobisher for Calgary Opera in January of 2007, and a tour of Czech Republic, Poland, Austria and Hungary in 2006 and 2007, singing the repertoire of Mozart, Dvorak and Janacek. This past December and January 2008 Barbara also starred in a joint project with Canadiana Productions, bringing the musical theatre show entitled Don't Hug Me to Canmore, Alberta and Niagara Falls, Ontario. Future projects include Tosca with Calgary Opera in April 2008 and Waiter, There's A Singer in My Soup for Banff, Alberta in July 2008. Visit [www.barbarathorson.ca](http://www.barbarathorson.ca).

**Artists and Displays (alphabetical)****Kasia Adrian, Artist**

Katarzyna Anna Adrian (Kasia) was born and raised in the North of Poland where she obtained a diploma in Bronze sculpture. At present Kasia creates mostly in oil and pastels, which have become her favorite mediums to express color and form. Her background and sentiment to her homeland of Europe is the inspiration for the landscapes that appear in her art. Kasia can be contacted at 703-5242 or [kaska\\_adrian@yahoo.ca](mailto:kaska_adrian@yahoo.ca).

**Anita Studios, Pottery**

Anita Dumins and Valdis Vilks take pride in producing a large selection of functional, quality, handmade pottery. Occasionally they have limited production, studio line and individually crafted display pieces available. They also do custom work like their line of *REALLY IRIS*, inspired by Realtor Iris Talbot. Phone 1-888-977-POTS (7687).

**Caroline Horne, Jewellery**

Caroline is singing as one of our performers this year. She has also agreed to show off her art skills. This very talented woman has branched out to display her custom jewellery. Contact Caroline by email [divahorne@yahoo.ca](mailto:divahorne@yahoo.ca).

**Nina Klaiman, Artist**

Nina is a professional artist who has spent her years painting, teaching, exhibiting and writing. For the past few years, she worked in Korea and Taiwan teaching English and Art. On her return to Canada, she again took up her art, making one-of-a-kind pieces and custom jewellery and more recently, handmade mobiuses. Nina has a degree in Fine Arts, has received two Canada council Grants for writing, and won a scholarship from the Banff School of Fine Arts. Nina is available for workshops and classes. Phone 242-0289 or email [klaimandesigns@yahoo.ca](mailto:klaimandesigns@yahoo.ca).

**Ingrid Koller, Artist**

Ingrid graduated from the University of Lethbridge with her BFA in 2003. She works primarily in oil and acrylic and enjoys painting from her own photographs. She has taught various community art classes and lessons in recent years. She is currently focusing on her works-in-progress as a stay at home mother of three, but continues to create commissioned portraits when time allows. Commission inquiries can be made by contacting her at aikoller@telus.net.

**Amanda Payne, Artist**

Amanda teaches junior high in Airdrie. Previously, she taught high school art in Whitecourt, Alberta. In 2003, Amanda graduated from the University of Lethbridge with a combined fine arts and education degree. Oil paint, charcoal and graphite are the mediums she enjoys to work with. Her favorite subject matters are of personal significance and most of her inspiration comes from subjects that move her. Inquiries can be made by contacting her at amandapayne79@hotmail.com.

**Stella Tsang, Mortgage Specialist**

Stella is a very knowledgeable and helpful mortgage advisor and available for all your banking needs. She is with the Scotia Bank and can be reached at 403-862-7111. When not helping put real estate transactions together she enjoys spending time with her hubby and little daughter. A trusted advisor to Iris and Sara's real estate team.

**Thank you, Stella, for the donation of the Spa basket door prize.**

**Lori Walker, Foxy Rocks**

Busy mother of an almost 2 year old and a physiotherapist, Lori is also Regional Manager of Foxy Rocks. Home parties for unique artisan jewellery, fashion handbags and designer jeans. Great looks for a great price. Contact LoriWalker5@gmail.com or 463-9198 to book party or buy products. Visit foxyrocksboutique.ca.

**Thank you, Lori, for the donation of the Bag and Jewellery door prize.**