

## Concerts live streamed from Victoria's Inner Harbour

Fridays at 7:10pm (PDT)

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**FOR RELEASE MAY 22, 2020 (Victoria, BC): Music by the Sea (MBTS)** in partnership with the **Victoria International Marina** presents a series of casual Friday-night live-stream concerts from the home of pianist and MBTS Artistic Director **Christopher Donison**. The concerts take place at 7:10pm each Friday from now through June 26, 2020, and can be watched live at <https://www.facebook.com/MusicByTheSea/live/>

Donison plays the grand piano in his apartment, occasionally chatting about the music and sipping a glass of wine. Co-sponsors and producers PK Sound, Darcy Beck and Limbic Media have positioned speakers at the Victoria International Marina and on Donison's 4th floor balcony of the Janion Building over-looking the Johnson Street Bridge. The inaugural event last Friday drew a small socially distanced and appreciative audience on the bridge and over 1,000 tuned into the live stream on Facebook.

Join Donison on Friday, May 21, for the music of Jerome Kern, Bernstein, and Beethoven. "I might include some Supertramp and Brubeck too", he laughs. "I'm playing whatever makes me feel good. The goal is to lift spirits with familiar melodies as we emerge from isolation." Future Friday night events will include guest artists – all performing safely and in compliance with BC's Restart Plan.

Since 2006- the annual **Music by the Sea** Festival has gathered professional musicians from around the globe in Bamfield, a speck on the map of Vancouver Island, to make music surrounded by boundless nature. Their music residency culminates in a series of summer concerts that attract a growing number of adventurous music lovers to the beautiful Rix Centre for Ocean Discoveries on the edge of the Pacific. Although the 2020 event in Bamfield is cancelled, **Music by the Sea** looks forward to music-making in Victoria this summer (details to be announced), and a return to Bamfield for **Music by the Sea 2021**.

Full information about Music by the Sea and on-demand access to Friday night concerts can be found at [www.musicbythesea.ca](http://www.musicbythesea.ca).