



6TH ANNUAL

A HOLIDAY CELLOBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 | 7 PM
Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building
University of Victoria

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PROGRAM

- I Love My Cello Very Much

Yvonne Tait (1955-2012)
- O Come, Little Children

Traditional from Suzuki Bk. I
- Jolly Old St. Nicholas

James R. Murray (1841-1905)
Arr. Robert Frost

Victoria Suzuki Cello Class of Karen Whyte
Sebastian Fraser, Lucina Huang, Kayla Liu, Jeremiah Mao, Bodhan Nair, Jasper Panthaki, Emmaline Quigley,
Maeve Quigley, Alice Yao, Sophie Zhang, with adult assistants Maneesha Deckha and Gillian Quigley

- The Prayer

Carole B Sager (b. 1944) and David Foster (b. 1949)
Arr. M. Wang

Cello Class of Maria Wang
Maria Wang, Dominic Ely, Arpit Birdi, Tristan Abbink, Amelia Zhang, Goga Samson, Daniel Lum,
Alexander Hann, Tony Zhang, Andreas Kelkerhals, Jacqueline Liu, Kaia Chandler

- “Romance” from 12 Trios for Three Violoncellos

Rudolf Matz (1901-1988)
- VCM Adult Cello Choir

Paul Dickson, Eleanor Shambrook, Dan MacDougall, Kathleen Ready,
Tokiko Asai, Barbara Silvergold, Maria Wang.

- Requiem, Op. 66

David Popper (1843-1913)
Arr. D. Alabaster and G. Haslett
- Andante Sostenuto
- UVic Cello Class Ensemble

Pamela Highbaugh Aloni, Gabrielle Haslet, Jayda Thor, Garron Stuart, David Kim, Matteo Toyato

- “Feierliches Stück” from Lohengrin

Richard Wagner (1813-1883)
Arr. F. Grützmacher
- Erin Tinney, Maria Wang, Mahtab Saadatmand, Silvina Samuel

- Fade to Black

Metallica
Arr. B. Yoon
- Cellists of the Victoria Symphony

Hannah Craig, Vinci Chen, Amy Laing, Brian Yoon

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921)
Arr. S. Samuel

Bella Cello Studio

Rachael Wadham, Teri Bennet, Sharon Tomlinson, Noreen Dennis, Nina Kang, Debby Funk,
Nancy Chave, Murray Polson, Sandy Miller, James Toews, Oscar Currie Toledo, Noah Taber,
Isabelle Kroll, Chandler Townsend, Emma Chang, James Baldwin, Silvina Samuel

Ave Maria (1964)

Fran Xaver Biebl (1906-2001)
Arr. P. H. Aloni

Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra Cello Ensemble

Joanne Jiang, Dominic Ely, Adam Li, Tristan Abbink, Max Webster, Celina Holt, Ilias Mehta,
Audrey Zha, Adrian Zhang, Abby Jang, Carys Yu, Clarita Pelligra, Emma Chang

Christmas Concerto in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
Arr. unknown

Allegro
Pastorale

UVic Student and Alumni Cello Ensemble

Erin Tinney, Maria Wang, Alasdair Money, Alex Klassen, Mahtab Saadatmand, Sandra Espinola,
Silvina Samuel, Karen Whyte, Matthew Ross, Jayda Thor, Garron Stuart, Gabi Haslett, Matteo Toyato,
David Kim, Curtis Vetter, Liam McDonald-Horak, Pamela Highbaugh Aloni

Brief pause for setup

Victoria Play-Along Cello Ensemble

- Christmas Carol Medley:**
The First Noel, Silent Night, Joy to the World

French Carol, Franz Gruber, G F. Handel
- Rudolf the Red nosed Reindeer**

Johnny Marks, Arr. Gail O’Riordan
- The Shepherds Pipe Carol**

John Rutter, Arr. Gail O’Riordan
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

Traditional, Arr. Joanne Martin
- Italian Song**

C. D. Critelli
- In the Bleak Midwinter**

Gustav Holst, Arr. Gail O’Riordan
- Jingle Bells**

James Pierpont, Arr. Joanne Martin

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