Vancouver Opera Presents

88 Years, 88 Keys: Celebrating the Music of Philip Glass

Free Concert in the VOICES Series, Supported by TD
Friday, January 31, 2025, 7:30 PM

JANUARY 23, 2025, VANCOUVER, B.C./ / Traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations –With *88 Years, 88 Keys: Celebrating the Music of Philip Glass*, Vancouver Opera invites music lovers to celebrate the 88th birthday of one of the most iconic composers of our time. This free concert is part of Vancouver Opera's VOICES concert series, supported by TD, and will be held on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Martha Lou Henley Rehearsal Hall (1955 McLean Drive).

"Philip Glass's music has an unparalleled ability to evoke deep emotion and reflection, and we are thrilled to honour his extraordinary artistry through this special concert," said Tom Wright, General Director of Vancouver Opera. "The VOICES series is our way of bringing transformative music to the community, and we are proud to make this accessible to everyone thanks to the support of TD."

The evening features a piano recital by Vancouver Opera Associate Conductor and Chorus Director Leslie Dala, who will perform Phillip Glass's *Piano Etudes, Book 2* in its entirety. A distinguished conductor and pianist whose multifaceted career spans opera, symphonic music, choral, and contemporary works, Dala has earned international acclaim for his thoughtful interpretations and technical brilliance. At Vancouver Opera, he has conducted productions of *Carmen* and *The Flying Dutchman*, among others. Next month, he will conduct Vancouver Opera's production of *Flight*, with performances on February 8, 13, and 16. Full of heart and humour, *Flight* is a wonderfully vibrant counterbalance to Vancouver's grey midwinter.

For *88 Years, 88 Keys*, Dala will showcase Glass's innovative minimalist style and ability to create deeply emotional musical landscapes through repetition and simplicity.

The VOICES concert series is dedicated to celebrating the human spirit through music, and the support of TD ensures that these concerts remain free and accessible to all. *88 Years, 88 Keys* is a special occasion to honour a living legend whose powerful, daring, and endlessly imaginative music continues to inspire and captivate listeners around the world.

Event Details:
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When: Friday, January 31, 2025, 7:30 PM
Where: Martha Lou Henley Rehearsal Hall, 1955 McLean Drive
Tickets: Available online

Supported by: TD

ABOUT VANCOUVER OPERA

Vancouver Opera creates extraordinary experiences that engage, inspire and entertain through voice, music and theatre. Vancouver Opera is the second-largest professional opera company in Canada and is regarded worldwide for its fine mainstage productions, country-leading education programs and innovative community programs. Learn more at www.vancouveropera.ca.

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Supported by TD, the pioneering VOICES concert series offers a vibrant array of free performances that embrace opera, music, theatre, and related art forms while creating a nurturing and inclusive environment in the heart of Vancouver.

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