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## **Pacific Opera Victoria presents the inaugural Luminary Series Barbara Hannigan & Bertrand Chamayou**

Victoria, BC – Pacific Opera Victoria is proud to present the inaugural *Luminary Series*, a dazzling showcase of exceptional artists bringing their notable projects to Victoria’s McPherson Playhouse for one-night-only events. The first concert on December 2 at 7:30PM features world-class artists, soprano Barbara Hannigan & pianist Bertrand Chamayou, as part of their Canadian Tour that includes stops in Montreal (Montreal Museum of Fine Arts), Toronto (The Royal Conservatory), Vancouver (Vancouver Recital Series), and Victoria (Pacific Opera Victoria). The *Luminary Series* promises unforgettable performances and intimate encounters with some of classical music’s most extraordinary talents.

This special evening of music, showcasing the incredible talents of Barbara Hannigan and Bertrand Chamayou, will also include special guest appearances by local artists Terence Tam (violin) and Benjamin Butterfield (tenor). The musical programme features Messiaen’s *Chants de terre et de ciel*, Scriabin’s *Poème-nocturne* and *Vers la flamme*, and John Zorn’s *Jumalattaret*. Audience members will be whisked away on a fascinating and eclectic journey through diverse musical landscapes.

Barbara Hannigan, an unparalleled artist, embodies music with remarkable dramatic sensibility. Collaborating with luminaries like John Zorn, Simon Rattle, and Sasha Waltz, she’s at the forefront of musical creation. Her commitment to contemporary music is evident in premiering over 90 new works and collaborations with composers like Boulez and Ligeti. Recently, she debuted Poulenc’s *La Voix Humaine*, blending singing and conducting with live video. Her conducting debut with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and ongoing collaborations with esteemed orchestras mark her as a leading figure in the music world. Her recordings, including the Grammy-winning “Crazy Girl Crazy”, showcase her exceptional talent. Barbara’s dedication to mentoring young artists led to initiatives like Equilibrium Young Artists and Momentum. Recognized with prestigious awards like the Gramophone Magazine’s Artist of the Year, Barbara Hannigan continues to inspire and innovate in the world of music from her home in Finistère, France.

Bertrand Chamayou stands as one of today’s most brilliant pianists, acclaimed for his virtuosic and deeply imaginative performances. Renowned for interpreting French music, he’s explored major works by Ravel, Liszt, and Messiaen. Chamayou’s collaborations with contemporary composers demonstrate his passion for innovation. Performing worldwide at esteemed venues and festivals, he’s graced stages with renowned orchestras and conductors. This season, he’s featured in an ‘Artist Portrait’ series with the London Symphony Orchestra and anticipates the release of his forthcoming album, “Satie-Cage.” His acclaimed recordings, including Messiaen’s *Vingt Regards sur l’enfant-Jésus*, have garnered numerous awards and accolades, showcasing his mastery. Chamayou’s artistic endeavors extend beyond performance, as he co-directs the Festival Ravel, a prominent celebration of Maurice Ravel’s legacy. With a multi-award-winning discography and an unparalleled dedication to musical innovation, Bertrand Chamayou continues to captivate audiences worldwide.



As part of their visit to Victoria, both artists will be offering masterclasses to voice and piano students at the University of Victoria, as well as a free public lecture, "Composing for the Voice" as part of the Orion Series in Fine Arts Lecture on Tuesday, December 3 at 12-1:30pm. Lecture registration available through the [University of Victoria School of Music](#).

Tickets for the *Luminary Series at the McPherson* start at \$65 (with a special price of \$50 for Pacific Opera subscribers). Upcoming concerts feature Lawrence Brownlee on March 19, 2025 and, and the Gryphon Trio's *ECHO: Memories of the World* on May 29, 2025. For more information about the *Luminary Series at the McPherson* and 2024/25 Opera Season at the Royal Theatre, including tickets & mini-subscriptions, visit: [Pacific Opera Tickets](#)

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