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Pacific Opera Victoria and the Victoria Symphony Present: Gryphon Trio's *ECHO: Memories of the World*

Victoria, BC –Pacific Opera Victoria is proud to present the inaugural *Luminary Series at the McPherson*, a dazzling showcase of exceptional artists bringing their notable projects to Victoria for one-night-only events. The third concert of the series, presented in partnership with the Victoria Symphony on May 29 at 7:30 pm is the Gryphon Trio's *ECHO: Memories of the World*, with Mezzo-Soprano Marion Newman – Nege'ga and Cheri Maracle.

In 2021, Canada's celebrated Gryphon Trio assembled a remarkable team of Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to work collaboratively and create work in a new way. This collective creation journey has resulted in *Echo: Memories of the World*, an emotionally charged experience that combines music, words, and film. *Echo: Memories of the World* delves into the ways history has been erased, manipulated, and attacked, while simultaneously celebrating visionary artists who have defied suppression and breathed life into enduring works of profound significance.

A tapestry of music by Andrew Balfour, Eliot Britton, Ian Cusson, Ry Moran, Kelly-Marie Murphy, Marion Newman, Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Shostakovich and contemporary Ukrainian composer Valentin Silvestrov, interwoven with poignant storytelling, digital audio, evocative imagery, and film, *Echo: Memories of the World* unveils resilient visions of the future, drawing inspiration from three diverse corners of the world: the lands now known as Canada, Norway, and Ukraine.

Gryphon Trio is firmly established as one of the world's preeminent piano trios. For more than 25 years, it has earned acclaim for and impressed international audiences with its highly refined, dynamic, and memorable performances. The Trio's repertoire ranges from traditional to contemporary, and from European classicism to modern-day multimedia. It is committed to redefining chamber music for the 21st century. The Trio's members, violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys, and pianist Jamie Parker are creative innovators with an appetite for discovery and new ideas. They have commissioned over 85 new works, and they frequently collaborate with other artists on projects that push the boundaries of Classical music.

Performing with the trio is local Pacific Opera favourite, and host of CBC Radio's Saturday Afternoon at the Opera, Marion Newman. Marion is Kwagiulth and Stó:lō First Nations with English, Irish and Scottish heritage. Born in Bella Coola, Marion grew up in Sooke, immersed in and embraced by her community and culture. She is one of Canada's most accomplished singers in repertoire ranging from Charpentier to Cusson and has performed with many of Canada's opera companies, orchestras and ensembles. Marion made her Pacific Opera Victoria debut in 2003 as Margret in Alban Berg's *Wozzeck*, and has most recently returned for the role of Maddelena in *Rigoletto*.

Cheri Maracle is an award winning actor, singer, songwriter and playwright of Mohawk & Irish ancestry, of the Six Nations of the Grand River, Ontario. She has performed across Turtle Island and abroad for the past 30 years. Her theatrical repertoire includes standout performances in productions, including, "Kisaageetin Cabaret" at the National Arts Centre, "Paddle Song" at the Firehall Theatre, and "The Rez Sisters" at Belfry Theatre. On television and film, she's appeared in series such as UNSETTLED and The Coroner (CBC), Tribal (APTN), and Murdoch Mysteries (CBC), earning a Best Supporting Actress nomination at the CSA's for her role in Blackstone (APTN).

Developed with the support of the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts, *ECHO: Memories of the World* is a Celebrating Gaia Series Event sponsored by the Gail O'Riordan Climate and the Arts Legacy Fund / Victoria Foundation. Presented in partnership with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. *The Luminary Series at the McPherson* promises unforgettable performances and intimate encounters with some of classical music's most extraordinary talents. Tickets for the *Luminary Series at the McPherson* start at \$65 (with a special price of \$50 for Pacific Opera subscribers). For more information about the *Luminary Series at the McPherson* including tickets, visit: [Pacific Opera Tickets](#)

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