

Concert series stays true to Baptist church

It's back to **White Rock Baptist Church** for **White Rock Concerts** and its devoted audience.

Organizers of the popular annual concert series will continue booking into the cozy Baptist venue next season, following a single-gig, trial move to the larger **Peace Portal Alliance Church** for a "bonus" concert Jan. 14 featuring **Borealis String Quartet**.

The Baptist church has been home to White Rock Concerts since 1991; every event is sold out, and a subscriber wait-list had organizers eyeing a larger venue at Peace Portal.

"After careful consideration, we determined that neither the acoustics nor the sightlines (of the Peace Portal church) measured up to those required for a concert series of our nature," the group announced. "We will not, under any circumstances, sacrifice the quality of the concert experience for our loyal membership. Therefore, the board voted to remain at White Rock Baptist Church in the future."

That said, WRC president **Rick Gambrel** praised "the herculean volunteer effort" to make the trial concert happen, and also extended thanks to the administration and staff of Peace Portal "for their helpfulness in planning the trial concert."

The group's 2010-11 concert series continues tonight (Friday, Jan. 28) at White Rock Baptist Church with a performance



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by Toronto-based **Tafelmusik** baroque orchestra.

Looking ahead, WRC's 2011-12 season will include performances by **Musica Intima**, **St. Lawrence String Quartet**, **Angela Hewitt**, **Victoria Symphony Orchestra** and others. For details, visit www.whiterockconcerts.com, or call **Emerson Reid** at 604-535-6692 to get on the wait list.



Toronto-based **Tafelmusik** baroque orchestra performs a sold-out show at White Rock Baptist Church tonight (Friday, Jan. 28), as part of White Rock Concerts' current season.