

*Sold-out series begins Sept. 26*

## New season of concert music for White Rock

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White Rock Concerts will commence another sold-out season of concerts Friday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. at White Rock Baptist Church with a recital by renowned Irish pianist John O'Connor – and the announcement of a new associate artistic director, as yet unnamed, by president Erika Bennedik.

The new director is expected to succeed current artistic director George Zukerman – now in his 58th year in the post – following a two year transition period during which they will work together.

The O'Connor concert will include Beethoven's *Six Bagatelles*, as well as his monumental *Pathetique Sonata*, rounded out by Schubert's *Sonata in C Minor* – one of the composer's last works.

Membership chair Roger Phillips reports that subscribers had almost sold out the season for the 805-seat house by the end

of May, although the organization was able to accommodate 109 new subscribers from the waiting list, which now stands at 405.

Other concerts in the 2014-2015 season include Canadian violinist Lara St. John (Oct. 17); Quebec chamber orchestra *Violons du Roy*, conducted by Matthieu Lussier and featuring French horn soloist Louis-Phillipe Marsolais (Nov. 14); and operatic ensemble *QuintEssence* (Jan. 23).

On Feb. 13 the organization will present *Winter Winds*, with flautist Christie Reside, and an orchestra of Vancouver Opera musicians. This will be followed on Mar 20 by a performance of the rarely-heard chamber version of Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird* by Vancouver's celebrated *Turning Point Ensemble*; and, on Apr. 17, by the world-renowned *Juillard String Quartet*.