



**PRAIRIE
DEBUT**

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Prairie Debut presents the Fung-Chiu Duo, one piano four hands

On Sunday, October 5, 2014, the Fung-Chiu Duo, one piano four hands, will begin the first of three segments in an extensive tour under the auspices of Prairie Debut. Janelle Fung and Philip Chiu will be performing in 14 communities throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Yukon in October and November/14 and January/15. The duo will present *Notes on Shakespeare*, a program which captures the timeless magic of Shakespeare's most beloved plays. Characters and stories come to life through the (literally!) inspired compositions of Mendelssohn, Prokofiev and Bernstein, and silly meets sublime in Canadian composer Emily Doolittle's cheeky take on "The Taming of the Shrew". From the enchanted forests of Athens to the mean streets of New York, from star-crossed lovers to feisty rats and donkey heads, *Notes on Shakespeare* explores the stunning synergy that results when great composers meet the greatest playwright.

This tour has been generously supported by The Canada Council for the Arts, Manitoba Arts Council, Saskatchewan Arts Board, Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation, RBC Foundation Emerging Artists Project, Calm Air and Golden West.

Prairie Debut 18th Season

Prairie Debut is a Canadian classical and world music touring network that focuses on bringing the highest artistic standard of classical and world music artists to communities of all sizes throughout Western Canada. Throughout its 18 years, Prairie Debut has cultivated some of Canada's best musicians by providing performance opportunities, exposure and experience and connecting them with thousands of people across the Prairies. An organization with charitable status, Prairie Debut is based in Manitoba and incorporated in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Fung-Chiu Duo

With their unique programming and captivating stage presence, The Fung-Chiu Duo has quickly become one of Canada's premiere piano duos. The complicity between Janelle Fung and Philip Chiu simply has to be seen and heard to be believed. Their repertoire ranges from the popular to new discoveries, and includes their extraordinary transcriptions of orchestral masterpieces. Janelle and Philip break down the "fourth wall" during concerts: telling stories, sharing insights... and answering a few questions about music, life on the road, and, most importantly, Montreal bagels.

Winners of the 2013-14 Artist of the Year award from the BC Touring Council, The Fung-Chiu Duo has performed extensively throughout Canada, including three major tours and appearances at the Festival International de Lanaudière and the Elora Festival. They have been heard on CBC, Radio-Canada and Classical 96.3 FM, and their self-produced debut CD, *Fairy Tales and Folklore*, was released in 2008 to wide acclaim.

www.fungchiuduo.com

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The Fung-Chiu Duo Concert Tour Schedule

Sunday, October 5/14 Lacombe AB
Presented by Canadian University College in CUC Auditorium Theatre

Tuesday, October 7/14 Snow Lake MB
Presented by Ravna House Concerts in Ravna House

Saturday, Nov 1/14 Yorkton SK
Presented by Yorkton Arts Council in Anne Portnuff Theatre, Yorkton Regional High school

Monday, Nov 3/14 Estevan SK
Presented by Estevan Arts Council in Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, Nov 5/14 Shaunavon SK
Presented by Shaunavon Arts Council in Centre Street United Church

Thursday, Nov 6/14 Watrous SK
Presented by Watrous Area Arts Council in Watrous Civic Centre

Friday, Nov 7/14 Rosthern SK
Presented by Station Arts Centre in Station Arts Centre

Saturday, Nov 8/14 Biggar SK
Presented by Biggar & District Arts Council in Majestic Theatre

Sunday, Nov 9/14 Regina SK
Presented by Regina Musical Club in University Theatre, Riddell Centre

Monday, Nov 10/14 Carman MB
Presented by Golden Plains Arts Council in Carman Collegiate Community Theatre

Saturday, November 15/14 Whitehorse YT
Presented by Whitehorse Concerts in Yukon Arts Centre

Thursday, January 8/15 Fort Saskatchewan AB
Presented by City of Fort Saskatchewan in Shell Theatre

Friday, January 9/15 Westlock AB
Presented by Westlock Cultural Arts Theatre Series in R.F. Staples High School

Saturday, January 10/15 Camrose AB
Presented by Performing Arts Centre Camrose in PACC Theatre

As of Sept. 18/14. Performance dates and venues are subject to change. Full length concerts, schools shows, workshops & master classes may be scheduled in addition to the concerts listed.