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A day in the country with the Borromeo String Quartet

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(Vancouver, BC) – The Vancouver Recital Society is offering chamber music lovers an unforgettable one-day summer adventure: a day in the country with the critically acclaimed **Borromeo Quartet** performing **Bela Bartók's Six String Quartets**. The concert will take place on Sunday, July 20 at 11.15am at Westacres, home of the Maple Ridge Music Society. To hear all six string quartets in one concert is a truly great and unique musical experience. The quartets will be performed in the order in which they were written, spanning a remarkable set of years in human history from 1908 to 1939.

Considered "simply the best there is" by the Boston Globe, the Borromeo Quartet is one of the most sought after string quartets in the world, performing over 100 concerts of classical and contemporary literature across three continents each season. The Quartet consists of Nicholas Kitchen, violin, Kristopher Tong, violin, Mai Motobuchi, viola and Yeesun Kim, Cello. Since their explosive debut in 1989, the Borromeo Quartet has been regularly heard in the world's most illustrious concert halls, including the Philharmonie, Casals Halls, the Concertgebouw, Opera Bastille, and Wigmore Hall. In the United States, the group is a favourite at Weill Recital Hall and Alice Tully Hall, Jordan Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, and the National Gallery. The Quartet was the winner of the 2007 Avery Fisher Career Grant.

On the day of the concert, a luxury coach will depart from downtown at 10.00am. En route there will be a lecture on the quartets by David Gordon Duke, Dean of the Faculty of Languages, Literature and Performing Arts at Douglas College. The venue, Westacres, is a picturesque acreage in Maple Ridge which boasts a stunning concert/living room where one can hear chamber music as it is meant to be heard. Between the morning and afternoon performances a summer lunch will be served with wine. Tickets are \$150 all inclusive. For those who opt to use their own transport, tickets are \$130. Space on the bus is limited to 50 and the capacity of the concert room is 120.

Tickets and further details are available from the Vancouver Recital Society at 604-602-0363.

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