

Duo Beija-Flor

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Pender Harbour-Egmont highlights: Joy of spring heralded with Duo Beija-Flor

Also, Bargain Barn Fashion Show and Lunch coming up May 4

Dilys Williams
Apr 11, 2025 10:30 AM



The Pender Harbour Music Society is heralding the joy of spring with guitarist Charles Hobson and flautist Marie-Noelle Choquette Sunday, April 27. This acclaimed musical duo met while completing their graduate studies at Concordia University in Montreal and have been hailed by San Francisco's Flute Talk magazine as "...an incredibly dynamic and creative team." In 2010, they formed Duo Beija-Flor, taken from the Portuguese name for hummingbird, which is known for its habit of feeding on nectar from a variety of flowers. It could be said that this is a perfect metaphor for Charles and Marie-Noelle as they have developed a unique brand of ethno-classical music, presenting a varied repertoire of works inspired by traditional and folkloric music from around the world, arranged in their own personal style. Duo Beija-Flor have performed extensively throughout Canada, the United States, and Argentina and Sunshine Coast audiences are afforded the opportunity to enjoy their newest program, "Musings from Elsewhere: Music from Parallel Visions." This captivating program pairs classical works with diverse musical styles via shared inspirations. The program features six unique pairings drawn from composers and influences across the globe. Some pairings blend composers from different regions, while others merge distinct time periods, yet each pair shares a common muse. Duo Beija-Flor has created a classical flute and guitar duo that breaks the mold. Come enjoy on April 27. You will be taken on a journey from the depths of the soul to the most joyous celebrations shared by cultures around the world. Tickets to this beautiful adventure are \$30, available at Harbour Insurance in Madeira Park and the Visitor Centre in Sechtel or on the PHSM website penderharbourmusic.ca.



Margaret Skelley

À moi, Karen

lun. 28 avr. 17:25



Good afternoon Marie-Noelle and Charles,

I hope your ears are happily ringing as you wing your way back home....

Highest praise is coming from everyone who attended your absolutely splendid recital yesterday.

Your artistry is spell-binding....and the research you have done to prepare your arrangements and then so articulately introduce these gems.

What a privilege to finally have you on our stage.

Please do keep in touch....we would love to have you back.

We have our 25/26 concert series finalized now, but come fall will be searching out artists for 26/27 and of course always looking to the future.

Our very best wishes as you resume your hectic pace at home...

Thinking of your doctoral recitals, collaborations.....

And also recording the splendid repertoire of yesterday...and researching more.

Wishing you a wonderful return home (have Marie-Noelle's plants all survived your absence?)

....and we look forward to your return west.

With sincere thanks and kindest wishes from your huge fan club in Pender Harbour,

Margaret Skelley,

Chair, Concert Committee,

Pender Harbour Music Society



Publication de École des Pionniers de Maillardville



École des Pionniers de Maillardville est à l'endroit suivant : École des Pionniers de Maillardville.

24 avril · Port Coquitlam

Une matinée musicale inoubliable à notre école !

Cette semaine, nous avons eu le plaisir d'accueillir le Duo Beija-Flor, composé de la flûtiste Marie-Noëlle Choquette et du guitariste Charles Hobson. Ce duo canadien, reconnu pour son style "ethno-classique", fusionne musique classique et traditions du monde entier.

Leur performance a transporté nos élèves dans un voyage sonore captivant, mêlant mélodies envoûtantes et rythmes entraînants. Les enfants ont été émerveillés par la richesse culturelle et la passion dégagée par ces musiciens talentueux.

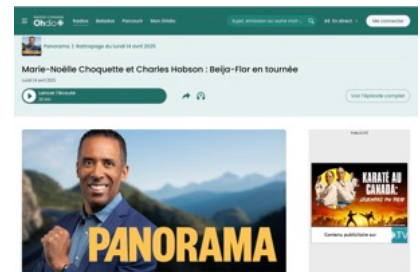
Un grand merci au Duo Beija-Flor pour cette expérience enrichissante qui a éveillé la curiosité musicale de nos jeunes.

Pour en savoir plus sur leur travail : duobeija-flor.com



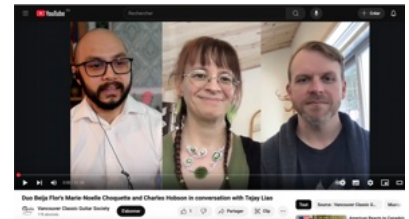
14 avril 2025

Entrevue par Grégory Bernard à l'émission Panorama de Radio-Canada Vancouver en vue de notre tournée de la région.
<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/panorama/episodes/932206/rattrapage-lundi-14-avril-2025>



9 avril 2025

Entrevue par la Vancouver Classic Guitar Society en vue de notre concert au Pyatt Hall de Vancouver le 19 avril 2025.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVYvwXfvBro>



CAPE BRETON POST

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Winter Waves opens Feb. 6 with ethno-classical Duo Beija-Flor

New concert series to debut

TJ Colello

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Duo Beija-Flor, which includes flutist Marie-Noëlle Choquette and guitarist Charles Hobson, will be the first featured act for the Winter Waves concert series set for Feb. 6 at St. Patrick's Museum in downtown Sydney. PHOTO BY CONTRIBUTED

A chance meeting in 2007 created a duo that's toured multiple countries and will make a tour stop in Sydney for a new concert series next month.

Duo Beija-Flor, composed of flutist Marie-Noëlle Choquette and guitarist Charles Hobson, met at Concordia University in Montreal. Choquette was looking for someone to help perform "a really impossible" flute and guitar piece. Choquette was referred to Hobson, originally from Indianapolis, Ind., who was doing a graduate diploma at the school.

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"I don't think anything was done consciously too much," said Hobson. "When we were practicing her impossible piece, we noticed that we had a lot of fun practicing together and our practices became really long because we talked so much and had a lot of fun.

"We decided to continue things after school and we started off playing just ambience music kind of gigs. ... Eventually, we just said why don't we play concert music and see what happens? I don't think it was ever like we set out to do a duo that will last 15 years plus, but it kind of happened that way.

"The more we were exploring the repertoire for flute and guitar, we realized there was plenty of repertoire, and we both love classical music and world music," added Choquette, originally from Montreal's South Shore. "So at the same time, most of the repertoire for guitar is a bit world-based, so it brings together our two passions, so we started playing what was already written and then we started to arrange a lot of pieces. That's where we are now."

Duo Beija-Flor and local chamber music ensemble Belkolora, featuring recent Cape Breton University honorary degree recipient Barb Stetter, will be the opening show of the Winter Waves concert series on Feb. 6 at the historic St. Patrick's Church Museum in Sydney. It will be one of four concerts scheduled for the new series.



Duo Beija-Flor has performed in Canada, the United States, Argentina and Costa Rica. They'll be in Sydney for the Winter Waves concert series on Feb. 6. PHOTO BY CONTRIBUTED

'ETHNO-CLASSICAL'

Choquette and Hobson, who now call the Laurentian Mountains village of Val- David, Que., home, have performed in Canada and internationally, with show stops in the United States, Argentina and Costa Rica.

They described their musical style as "ethno-classical," where classical music meets world music. It's what Choquette described as classical music but "always with a little groove" from a different culture.

"It makes people relate better to the music I think when there's an actual story behind it," she said. "That's what we find more and more in the more world-inspired music than just the concept of like a sonata or something where there's less inspiration to share with the public, too, so I think that's really what makes us love what we choose as a type of repertoire."

Playing that style of music at the nearly 200-year-old St. Patrick's Church Museum seems like a natural fit for Duo Beija-Flor.

"We've played museums before and just the vibe of a place with lots of history, it's really inspiring, especially for music," said Hobson. "Again, it's folkloric music, so there's a lot of history in what we're playing, not just because they're old pieces but because they're usually based on stories that have been passed down for generations, so it's a perfect spot for us to play."

Duo Beija-Flor will premiere a new piece written by Cuban composer and conductor Leo Brouwer called "Danza Cubana No. 1" at the Feb. 6 concert in Sydney. Hobson said it will be the first time the piece will be played outside of their practice room.

Makin' Waves presented by Sydney Credit Union
6 février

The grade 7 students at Malcolm Munroe Middle School were treated this morning to a wonderful concert with Duo Beija-Flor. A great way to kick off the morning in preparation for tonight's show at St Patrick's Church Museum!

Grab your ticket at <https://loom.ly/3cAh-u4> or at the door (cash only). Doors open at 7pm with music from Belkolora to begin at 7:30pm.

Voir la traduction

Jeu, 6 fév

Winter Waves: Duo Beija-Flor (Classical)
St Patrick's Museum
74 personnes intéressées

Intéressé

Makin' Waves presented by Sydney Credit Union est à l'endroit suivant : St Patrick's Museum.
6 février · Sydney

From start to finish, today's kick off of #winterwaves with @duo_beija_flor and #belkolora was absolutely wonderful. Near a full house in a cranky and cold but magical ... **Afficher plus**

Voir la traduction

Debut Atlantic et 20 autres
4 commentaires 5 partages

J'aime Commenter Partager

Afficher plus de commentaires

Super fan
Linda Dove
This was an amazing event. Thank you Joe for all you do to bring this talent to Cape Breton.

15 sem. J'aime Répondre Afficher la traduction

Makin' Waves presented by Sydney Credit Union's post



Be swept away by the magical performance of Quebec classical ensemble Duo Beija-Flor as part of WINTER WAVES this February!

Duo Beija-Flor will make you revisit beloved classical works with their "...magistral arrangements..." (FluteQuarterly, USA) and discover rare musical gems written for their unique instrumentation. Through this musical voyage, you'll tap your foot along with compositions from around the world; exploring Bulgarian, Japanese, South American, and European classical traditions.

Visit www.cbrmrecreation.ca to purchase your tickets now and see what else is on offer as part of Winter Waves coming this February through May at St Patrick's Museum in Sydney!



King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal
February 17

What an extraordinary concert with Duo Beija-Flor today! Thanks to everyone who braved the ice. And thanks to our partners [Debut Atlantic](#). What a treat!



UNB Centre for Musical Arts - Memorial Hall
18 février

Debut Atlantic
18 février

Thank you to all the presenters and audience members for braving the winter weather this past week to enjoy [Duo Beija-Flor](#)! @duo_beija_flor

by UNB Centre for Musical Arts - Memorial Hall

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On Demand

Labrador Morning with Rihvu Rashid

Bringing world music to Happy Valley-Goose Bay 9 mins

Feb. 19, 2025

The sounds of flute and guitar will fill the air at the Lawrence O'Brien Arts Centre tonight. We speak with Duo Beija-Flor in the studio, and hear how they find inspiration in music from all over the world.

Listen to more episodes of Labrador Morning >

Montreal Sign In

Lawrence O'Brien Arts Centre
February 19

So cool!
Come out tonight, at 730 to check out Duo Beija-Flor!

Duo Beija-Flor
February 19

Getting ready for an interview on CBC radio on Labrador Morning here in Happy Valley Goosebay! Debut Atlantic Lawrence O'Brien Arts Centre CBC Newfoundland and Labrador

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Michele Wood
I can't wait! Listening to their music on my Spotify Premium account now!

19 février 2025 - Entrevue CBC Labrador Morning
<https://www.radioline.co/en/podcasts/cbc-radio-labrador-morning>
from cbc radio nfld and labra



Send message

Marigold Cultural Centre
February 20

Do you love flute? Do you love guitar? Are you a passionate music fan wanting to explore classical performance? Have we got the event for you. Friday, March 21 at St Andrew's United Church we have Duo Beija-Flor. An exceptional duo performing their interpretations of some of the great classical works. Discover new music! Tickets are \$35 and available at our box office in person or by phone and at the door the night of the show. 7:00PM.

Debut Atlantic
February 20

Duo Beija-Flor is back in Nova Scotia! Thank you to the students, teachers, and administrations that take part in our Debut Goes to School! program, and bring these amazing artists to your classrooms. 🎵



23 février

Last stop on our Debut Atlantic tour and they seemed to have saved the best for last. What an amazing space to finish up the last three weeks of concerts! Sunday Music in the Garden Room



Voir les statistiques et les publicités

Mettre la publication en avant

Debut Atlantic et 7 autres

1 commentaire 2 partages

J'aime

Commenter

Partager

Sunday Music in the Garden Room
Thank you for presenting us such a beautiful and beautifully played program!

St Columba By The Lake
21 octobre

Congratulations to the flute and guitar Duo Beija-Flor for their terrific concert at St. Columba on Saturday, November 19. Flutist Marie-Noëlle Choquette and guitarist Charles Hobson played an impressive array of pieces thematically paired together from around the world, spanning five centuries, with a highly interesting commentary. We wish them all the best for their upcoming concert dates with this program in Vancouver and the Maritimes. This concert was the first of 6 in the 2024-25 St. Columba Concert series. For more information about the concerts at St. Columba, please visit <https://stcolumba.ca/concert-series/>

