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MANITOBA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT / 5 OCTOBER 2005

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Karl Stobbe, Concertmaster
Westminster United Church
745 Westminster Avenue
5 October 2005

Michael Lankester, guest conductor
Angela Cheng, piano

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
Simple Symphony

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
Concerto for piano, trumpet and strings, op. 35

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Divertimento in B flat major (K137)

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
Serenade for strings



Meet conductor Michael Lankester

Lankester has worked closely with three of the leading British composers of the 20th century: Benjamin Britten, with whom he created an orchestra suite from the ballet *The Prince of the Pagodas*; William Walton, for whom he took over a series of concerts celebrating the composer's 75th birthday; and Michael Tippett, with whom he worked in collaboration with the Northern Junior Philharmonic Orchestra of England.



Chamber music perfection!

Once again, we're opening our season with a special pre-concert box lunch and musical presentation. Call the office early to reserve space for this popular event (for MCO subscribers only)!

Summer's a great season, but the MCO season is better!

Our opening concert has something for everyone. Almost a chamber music primer, the programme features everything from Britten's *Simple Symphony* to a Shostakovich piano concerto, with works by Mozart and Tchaikovsky in between. The music is accessible enough for MCO 'newbies,' yet challenging enough for aficionados.

We are fortunate that Shostakovich's rigorous Concerto for piano, trumpet and strings (op. 35) will be in the capable hands of Angela Cheng, one of Canada's pre-eminent pianists. Assisting her as trumpet soloist will be Brian Sykora.

The MCO will bring *seven* different guest conductors to Winnipeg this season! First is British-born Michael Lankester, who enjoys an eminent, international conducting career that includes his work as composer, arranger and commentator for special projects in opera, theater and broadcasting.

A subscription is the best way to enjoy an entire MCO season! Prices range from \$42 for a 6-concert student subscription to \$152 for an 8-concert adult package. The opening concert begins at 7:30 pm in Westminster United Church. Casual tickets are \$23 for adults, \$21 for seniors and \$7 for students, plus GST at McNally-Robinson, TicketMaster (780-3333) or MCO's Ticketline (783-7377).

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