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Classical Music Showcase Western Canadian Music Awards (WCMAs) Saturday, October 5, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Festival Hall
1214 10 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB
Admission: FREE

Every year Western Canada's most talented classical musicians and composers gather in one place for a concert celebrating outstanding musical creation.

This year's seventh annual showcase features works by composers from across the Prairies, including Calgary's **Donovan Seidle**, who is Assistant Concertmaster of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and was the Associate Music Director at the Vancouver Olympics. **Kensington Sinfonia** will be performing his WCMA nominated work *Chinook*. Vancouver's Standing Wave will also be in attendance, performing **Jeffrey Ryan**'s nominated work *Burn*. Ryan was commissioned last year by the CPO for an extended work for choirs and orchestra about the war in Afghanistan and is a past WCMA award winner.

Ryan says of his nomination and opportunity to be part of the showcase, "A WCMA nomination is about more than peer recognition. It makes people notice your work. And that leads to more concerts, reaching more listeners. The Classical Music Showcase celebrates the fantastic performers and composers that call Western Canada home. To be included in that group is a real honour."

Other composers featured include Sid Robinovitch, Patrick Carrabré, Jason Cullimore and John Oliver, all nominees for Classical Composition of the Year. Performers include Calgary's own Rubbing Stone Ensemble as well as WCMA nominee Antonio Peruch with Edmonton's Vaughan String Quartet.

The showcase exposes the music of the classical nominees of the WCMAs to a Calgary audience and to music industry delegates attending the WCMAs. The event is a national initiative of the Canadian Music Centre, generously supported by FACTOR and locally supported by Steinway Pianos of Calgary and V Strategies.

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About the Canadian Music Centre

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About the WCMA Classical Music Showcase

The annual classical music showcase at the Western Canadian Music Awards, BreakOut West Festival was started in 2007 by the Canadian Music Centre, Prairie Region (John Reid, Regional Director) and is now a joint initiative with the Canadian Music Centre, BC Region (Bob Baker, Regional Director). It was created for the following purposes:

1. To encourage the nominees in the categories of Outstanding Classical Recording and Outstanding Classical Composition to travel to the WCMAs, BreakOut West Awards weekend annually so as to have the eventual winners on hand to accept their awards in person.
2. To raise the profile of the classical music categories within the WCMAs.
3. To expose the music of the classical nominees (in both categories) to the local community where the WCMAs are being held in a particular year, as well as to music industry delegates attending the WCMAs.
4. To build awareness and fellowship among the classical music nominees, and between classical music nominees and nominees in other genres.
5. To work with local partners in order to maximize local audience participation at the event.

To date the showcases have been held in: Moose Jaw (2007), Edmonton (2008), Brandon (2009), Kelowna (2010), Whitehorse (2011) and Regina (2012).

2013 Western Canadian Music Award Nominees

Classical Composition of the Year

[Jason Cullimore](#) (SK) - *The Sparrow and the Hawk*

[Jeffrey Ryan](#) (BC) - *Burn*

[John Oliver](#) (BC) - *Forging Utopia*

Donovan Seidle - *Chinook*

Malcolm Forsyth - Concerto for Accordion and Orchestra - AB

Classical Recording of the Year

Antonio Peruch (AB) - *Logos Futura* (works by [Violet Archer](#), [Malcolm Forsyth](#), and [Alan Gilliland](#))

[Jason Cullimore](#) (SK) - *Cinematic Symphony and Gamescores*

[Sid Robinovitch](#) (MB) - *Choral Odyssey*

Standing Wave (BC) - *Liquid States* (works by [Linda Bouchard](#), [Jocelyn Morlock](#), [Jeffrey Ryan](#), and [Rodney Sharman](#))

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (MB) - *War Of Angels* (works by [T. Patrick Carrabre](#))