

The only organization of its kind in western Canada, Prairie Debut links the best Canadian classical and world music artists to over 80 communities which are mostly rural and outside the larger centres in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Yukon. Since 1997, Prairie Debut has supported tours to communities that would otherwise have few opportunities to experience live classical and world music performances of this calibre. In doing so, Prairie Debut contributes to community enrichment, audience growth, and the career development of emerging Canadian artists.

Each year, artists from across Canada apply to tour under the auspices of Prairie Debut. An independent artistic advisory panel selects the three or four artists / ensembles to tour the following season. Prairie Debut then offers these selected artists to community presenters across the Prairies and Yukon at a subsidized fee which makes these concerts attainable to concert presenters in all locales in this vast region – from the far north to the most southerly towns, and from eastern Manitoba through to western Alberta.

Prairie Debut artists have travelled thousands of kilometres of open prairie roads with instruments as varied as harpsichords, marimbas, bassoons, accordions – and they have carried multi-million dollar violins onto small prop planes in order to reach northern towns. All this, to reach an audience of over a million Western Canadians throughout our 20-year history.

Airdrie AB	Edson AB	Lacombe AB	Prince Albert SK	Swift Current SK
Altona MB	Estevan SK	Leader SK	Quill Plains SK	Tisdale SK
Assiniboia SK	Flin Flon MB	Leduc AB	Ravenscrag SK	The Pas MB
Banff AB	Fort McMurray AB	Lloydminster AB	Red Deer AB	Thompson MB
Barrhead AB	Ft Saskatchewan AB	Luseland SK	Redvers SK	Unity SK
Biggar SK	Gladstone MB	Melfort SK	Regina SK	Vermillion AB
Bragg Creek AB	Golden BC	Melville SK	Rosthern SK	Virden MB
Brandon MB	Grand Prairie AB	Minnedosa MB	Saskatoon SK	Wainwright AB
Brooks AB	High River AB	Moose Jaw SK	Shaunavon SK	Watrous SK
Calgary AB	Haines Junction YT	Moosomin SK	Sherwood Park AB	Westlock AB
Camrose AB	Holland MB	Morden MB	Snow Lake MB	Weyburn SK
Canora SK	Hudson Bay SK	Morinville AB	Souris MB	Whitehorse YT
Carberry MB	Indian Head SK	Nipawin, SK	Spruce Grove AB	Winkler MB
Carman MB	Kenora MB	Okotoks AB	St. Albert AB	Winnipeg MB
Consort AB	Killarney MB	Outlook SK	St Jean Baptiste MB	Wynyard SK
Cold Lake AB	Kindersley SK	Pinawa MB	Steinbach MB	Yorkton SK
Dawson City YT	Kipling SK	Portage la Prairie MB	Stettler AB	
Drayton Valley AB	La Ronge SK		Strathclair MB	



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VC2 Cello Duo

2019 - 2020

Carberry MB

October 16, 2019 | 7 pm
Carberry Plains Arts Council

Gladstone MB

October 18, 2019 | 7:30 pm
Gladstone District
Community Centre

Winnipeg MB

October 20, 2019 | 2 pm
The Women's Musical Club
of Winnipeg

Minnedosa MB

October 17, 2019 | 7:30 pm
Minnedosa Performing
Arts Committee

Portage la Prairie MB

October 19, 2019 | 7:30 pm
The Glesby Centre

Kenora ON

October 21, 2019 | 7:30 pm
Lake of the Woods
Concert Group

VC2 Cello Duo is an innovative cello duo ensemble that captivates audiences through their performances of classical masterworks, unknown gems and boundary pushing music. Comprised of cellists Amahl Arulanandam and Bryan Holt, CBC Radio says VC2 is “a tight unit, with excellent intonation and expression.” They present artistically challenging, yet accessible programs in venues ranging from intimate cabarets to Roy Thomson Hall.

As respected cellists, they have performed as part of leading music organizations including the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Canadian Opera Company Orchestra, National Ballet of Canada Orchestra, Soundstreams, Art of Time Ensemble, Continuum Contemporary Music, New Music Concerts, Music in the Barns, Thin Edge New Music Collective, and others. The duo has been featured artists at Ottawa Chamberfest, Indian River Festival, Ottawa New Music Creators, 21C Music Festival, Ritornello Festival, and the Prairie Cello Institute. Committed to the creation of new works by living composers, especially those from their home country of Canada, VC2 commissioned five Canadian composers to create works based on the Beethoven Cello Sonatas project. In addition to their performances, VC2, with the generous support of the Ontario Arts Council, recorded these works and in fall 2018, released the album Beethoven's Cellists which CBC Radio calls a “First-rate” recording.

In February 2018, VC2 embarked on a tour of the East Coast of Canada, presented by Debut Atlantic. The duo also spent time summer 2018 at the soundSCAPE performance and composition exchange in Maccagno, Italy and brought home a number of new works by emerging international composers. VC2 is thrilled to be one of Prairie Debut's 2019-20 Touring Artists. This summer, they premiered a work by Canadian composer Kelly Marie Murphy, titled Final Glimpse, commissioned by the Toronto Music Garden/Harbourfront. This season, VC2 looks forward to premiering Heist, a new work by Canadian composer Vincent Ho, commissioned for the duo by Prairie Debut with support of the SOCAN Foundation.

It's a testament to the type of eagerness – the kind of warmth and energy – that they bring to their music... They also clearly care, in a very earnest way, about what they do. And it's an enthusiasm that's catching.”

- The Wholenote Magazine

⇒ **vc2celloduo.com**

^ Denotes Canadian composer

* Commissioned by and dedicated to VC2, made possible through the financial support of Shauna Rolston.

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PRAIRIE DEBUT PRESENTS

Beethoven's Cellists

VC2 Cello Duo - Amahl Arulanandam & Bryan Holt, cellos

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

5. Symphonie “Hausmusik-Fassung”

Arranged for two cellos by Thomas W. Mifune (b. 1941)

Jean-Louis Duport (1749-1819)

Etude No. 2

Arranged by VC2 Cello Duo

Andrew Downing^ (b.1973)

*Five Little Pieces**

Matt Brubeck^ (b.1961)

*Entsprechung**

Bernhard Romberg (1767-1841)

Sonata in E Minor, Op. 38, No. 1

I. Allegro non troppo

II. Adagio

III. Rondo

Arranged by VC2 Cello Duo

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Intermission
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Anton Kraft (1752-1820)

Grand Duo for Two Cellos, Op. 5

II. Adagio - Adagio cantabile

III. Rondo - Allegro non troppo

Edited by VC2 Cello Duo

Fjola Evans^ (b. 1987)

*Ridge and Furrow**

Vincent Ho^ (b. 1975)

Heist~

Beethoven

I. Adagio sostenuto from Piano Sonata No. 14 in C# Minor, Op. 27, No. 1, “Moonlight”

Arranged by VC2 Cello Duo

Raphael Weinroth-Browne^ (b.1989)

*Triumvirate**