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2025 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival

Canadian Performance Groups

Orchid Ensemble

Established in 1997, the JUNO nominated Orchid Ensemble is acclaimed as "one of the most adventurous groups uniting Eastern and Western musical traditions" (Georgia Straight). The trio is made up of internationally renowned musicians Lan Tung

(Taiwan/Canada) on the erhu/Chinese violin & vocals, Dailin Hsieh (Taiwan/Canada) on the zheng/Chinese zither, and Jonathan Bernard (Canada) on percussion, including the marimba. The ensemble regularly commissions and premieres new compositions. It has embraced a variety of styles in its repertoire, ranging from Taiwanese and Chinese music, World Music, New Music to Creative Improvisation. Its



highly regarded interdisciplinary productions fuse music, dance (contemporary, aerial, flamenco, Chinese...etc), visual arts, and media arts.

SUNSHINE & WHISKEY

We love to play live performances for music lovers of today's best country hits. Scott Driscoll has been performing since 2015 with these talented musicians. Since 2019 in Sunshine & Whiskey. We believe in good friends looking for a good time and some great memories with the excitement of live music.

Some of the artists we cover include:

Alan Jackson, Brooks & Dunn, Chris Stapleton,

Darius Rucker, Dwight Yoakam, Jimmy Buffett, Josh Turner, Keith Urban, Kenny Chesney, Kentucky Headhunters, The Mavericks, Luke Bryan, Randy Houser, Tim McGraw, Travelling Willburys, Vince Gill, Zac Brown Band and a great Canadian favourite, Blue Rodeo



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Taiwanese Canadian Ensemble

We are a multi-instrumental ensemble looking to introduce and share lovely Taiwanese

folk tunes in Canada. Our group comprises
Taiwanese and Canadian violinist, violist and
cellist who have performed all over British
Columbia and beyond. As a classically trained
group, we aspire to explore the background
and meaning behind each song in order to
present the most authentic style to you. It is
our mission to touch the audiences in Canada
with programs which contain our favourite old
but gold music selections.



Sounds Global Ensemble

An ensemble that sounds like how
Vancouver looks, The Sounds Global
Ensemble's diverse repertoire is drawn from
Jewish, Persian, Taiwanese, Vietnamese,
Indian and Chinese music. This band is
comprised of some of Vancouver's most
active musicians in the world music scene:
Moshe Denburg on guitar, Ali Razmi on tar
(Persian lute), Jonathan Bernard on
percussion, Lan Tung on erhu (Chinese 2string violin), Dailin Hsieh on zheng



(Chinese zither), Amy Stephan on accordion and Irish whistles, and Bic Hoang on danbau (Vietnamese 1-string zither). In addition to the diverse instruments, they bring an unusual mix of ethnic vocal styles. (The ensemble may perform with 5 to 7 musicians, and therefore not always require everyone).



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Mozaico Flamenco

A moving force in the world of flamenco and Spanish dance for more than 40 years, Moziaco Flamenco has brought countless devotees to the art of flamenco.

Mozaico Flamenco had its beginnings in Los Angeles when Oscar Nieto founded his first school and company in 1972. Over the years it has evolved into Vancouver's renowned Al Mozaico Flamenco Dance Academy, established in 2002 by Oscar Nieto and Kasandra "La China". The name "Mozaico" honors the mosaic of



students from different backgrounds, ages, abilities and circumstances that are drawn to flamenco and are welcomed into the Mozaico community.

Cyrena "LA SIRENA", MMus, is a modern cellist who also performs on baroque cello and viola da gamba. A classical cellist with over a decade of flamenco dance and cante training has culminated in Cyrena's unique style – a rare lyrical sensitivity coupled with the rhythmic soniquete of flamenco. She has performed with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Vancouver Opera, Cantata Singers and the Pro Nova String Quartet. She has performed jazz with Karin Plato and singer-songwriter Sarah Slean, and recorded with rock bands 54-40 and Nickelback. As a flamenco cellist Cyrena has studied with Roma Flamenco Dance Theatre, Raices Y Alas and recently with the Kasndra Flamenco Ensemble in "Solo Flamenco". She has played in the Vancouver International Flamenco Festival, White Rock Flamenco Festival, Vancouver International Dance Festival, and with New Works Dance AllSorts.



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Brazilian Swag

Brazilian Swag is a Vancouver base dancing group, it's mission is to celebrate and promote the richness of Brazilian culture by building a vibrant community that embraces our diverse heritage. We are committed to preserving the authenticity of our traditions, empowering our people, and sharing the warmth, creativity, and spirit of Brazil with the world.



Vancouver Formosan Singers

Founded in 1990 by a group of music-loving Taiwanese Canadians, the Vancouver Formosan Singers takes its name from "Ilha Formosa" (Beautiful Island), the name Portuguese sailors gave Taiwan in 1544, captivated by its beauty.

The choir blends cultural heritage with innovation, embracing new musical elements while honoring Taiwanese traditions. They hold annual concerts and often collaborate with other groups, including international performers.

In 2017, the choir proudly won 2nd place in the President's Cup Mixed Voice Chorus



Competition in Taiwan — a testament to their musical excellence and cultural dedication.

For full program details, please visit: tccfestival.ca

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