



REPORT to the Arts Council of New Westminster, Nov. 20, 2016

For nineteen years, Music at Queens, comprised of many volunteers, brings a variety of musical performances to New Westminster. Using the sanctuary space when it is usually dark on weekend evenings, MAQ has been a source of funds split between the performer and the church. The West Coast Symphony Orchestra now offers three performances a year at Queens Avenue United Church. Their performances are admission by donation. The Annual Carols and Bells concert has been a Royal City Tradition for 19 years combining audience carol singing with the Casavant Freres Pipe Organ with the performances of Handbell choirs of all ages. Many new performers have used MAQ as a stepping stone in their careers. Popular well known choirs like the Vancouver Men's Chorus, Elektra, the Lyric Singers and Phoenix have performed as a part of the MAQ series. Pipe Organ concerts reflect the quality of the Casavant Freres 46 rank pipe organ at Queens Avenue United which is one of the finest organs on the West Coast. For fun, one or two concerts are held in the church's gym with refreshments for sale. The next one will be Saturday March 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm with the Irish Wakers. The sanctuary or concert space is wheel chair accessible and free parking is available at the City Hall.

February 13, 2016 7:30 pm West Coast Symphony Orchestra

March 12, 2016 7:30 pm The Irish Wakers, (in the gym)

April 2, 2016 7:30 pm 'DonStewart' Baritone presents the music of Nat King Cole

April 30, 2016 7:30 pm West Coast Symphony

May 15, 2016 7:30 pm Vancouver Men's Chorus

October 1, 2016 at 7:30 pm MUSIC FOR TWO ORGANS

October 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm WEST COAST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

November 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm STEVE MADDOCK presents the music of the Rat Pack

November 18, 2016 at 7:30 pm TWO ON THE BENCH

December 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm 19th ANNUAL CAROLS AND BELLS

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