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CALGARY PHILHARMONIC PARTNERS WITH FAIRMONT PALLISER FOR KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY

An evening to support PhilKids after-school program with performance from the Orchestra and PhilKids Bucket Band



Calgary, Alta., March 9, 2017 – On March 14th, 2017 the Calgary Philharmonic and the Fairmont Palliser will host an evening dedicated to the outreach, development and education of under-served kids in our community.

Thanks to the vision of long-time Calgary Philharmonic supporter Judith Kilbourne, and our community partners, we are proud to offer PhilKids, an after-school musical program for children who would not otherwise have the opportunity. PhilKids unlocks children's creative potential, helps develop collaborative skills and provides positive social reinforcement.

The Orchestra will play a live concert in the Crystal Ballroom and there will be a special performance by the PhilKids Bucket Band.

Quotes:

“Having the opportunity to study music has shown to have intellectual and developmental benefits to your children that no other activity provides.”

— *Paul Dornian, President and CEO of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra*





Quick Facts:

- Through our weekly after school program at Keeler Elementary School, approximately 50 students (between grades 1 – 5) work closely with musicians from the Calgary Philharmonic who are selected for this unique program.
- Using a multi-faceted approach, we introduce musicality to children and we develop and improve the following attributes: musicianship, rhythm, creativity, self-expression, performance and co-operative learning and goal achievement.

What: *PhilKids Benefit Concert*
Where: Fairmont Palliser, Crystal Ballroom
When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017— Doors 7 PM, Concert 7:30 PM
**Admission by donation*

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About the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra is a registered charitable, not-for-profit organization that presents 83 live concerts each Season to fit all musical tastes. Our core repertoire is the classical masterworks but we connect to a broader audience with new symphonic works, Pop Classics, Family Favorites, and great musical works from the diverse cultures that make up our city.

A cornerstone of Calgary's multi-faceted artistic community since 1955, the CPO performs to over 120,000 people per Season and is the resident Orchestra for the Alberta Ballet, Calgary Opera and Honens International Piano Competition.

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