



Whispering River
Music Studio
presents:

LIGHTING THE MUSICAL FIRE

Workshop and Concert Series

February 21, March 21, June 20, 2015

Workshops are held at Whispering River Music Studio on the Seguin River, just 10 minutes from Parry Sound. Each workshop is followed by a public evening concert performed by facilitators at the Straw House Gallery. *Workshops include a simple potluck vegetarian lunch. Accommodation available. All levels welcome.*

WORKSHOPS

\$80/day, \$210/Full Series

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Whispering River Music Studio, 267 McDougall Road, McDougall, ON

CONCERTS

Open to the public

Suggested Donation \$20

PM - start times vary

Feb. 21, *Whispering River Music Studio (above)*

March 21, June 20, *Straw House Gallery, 3 Lakeside Drive, McKellar, ON*

Saturday, February 21st

Workshop: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Sounding the Journey

Brenda Muller

An invitation to experience a deep, connected musical process, this workshop will introduce the fundamentals of creative musicianship. Through hands-on exercises and musical games you will have an opportunity to experience spontaneous improvising and to read and compose music. Please bring your instrument if you have one! This event is for anyone of any artistic level or genre who wants to be inspired by the wonder of sound. The day includes gentle musical movement led by Thai Massage Therapist and Dance Aficionado, Cassie Horley.

Studio Open House: 7 PM

Sounding the Journey: an informal hour of Music and Poetry held at Whispering River Music Studio

Brenda Muller, cello

Katarina Fretwell, poet

Saturday, March 21st

Workshop: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Singing Your Soul

Randi Helmers, Brenda Muller

Explore the joy of spontaneous music and the incredible range of expression offered by your voice as you co-create with the workshop facilitators. Randi's 30 years of creative use of vocal expression as an actor and singer, and Brenda's long experience as a holistic teacher and inter-disciplinary artist will combine to give you a chance to uncover your personal modality of artistic expression. Authentic voice work, impulse and movement are the focus of this inter-arts and dramatic approach to making music. Instruments and all ranges of voices and experience welcome!

Concert: 7:30 PM

Singing Your Soul: Songs, Poetry, Paintings and Improvisations

Randi Helmers, actor, chanteuse

Brenda Muller, cello

Saturday, June 20th

Workshop: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Ceremony, Music, Fire

Patti Wolfe, Bob Pickering,

Brenda Muller

The development of personal creative process through ceremony is the focus of this workshop. Along the way you will learn or improve your skills at improvising on folk instruments (banjo, guitar, ukulele, mandolin), orchestral strings (violin, viola, cello, bass), and through choral folk singing. Together we will develop a musical ceremony for the solstice, and present it at the evening concert. This event will be of special interest to educators and others interested in community building.

Concert, Solstice Festival: 8 PM

Ceremony, Music, Fire

Patti Wolfe, community choral singing

Bob Pickering, folk instrumentalist

Brenda Muller, cello

workshop participants



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Artist Biographies

Brenda Margaret Muller



Brenda is known as an outstanding, innovative cellist, poet, song-writer and inter-disciplinary performer. From her roots as a classical cellist who graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an honours degree in music performance, Brenda has gone on to create conceptual art events from the linkages between art music, popular music, theatre, poetry, dance and visual art. Brenda is the Founder and Artistic Director of the *Ardeleana Chamber Music Society*, a registered Canadian charity promoting Canadian Chamber Music and inter-arts events, and the *Blue Bridge Festival of Music, Poetry and Song*. She is the owner and founder of *Whispering River Music Studio*. She has produced and recorded 6 CDs of music by Canadian Women, including her critically acclaimed CD of original songs, *Wolf at My Door*. Her excellence as a cellist and her original artistic voice as a poet and songwriter have been acclaimed both nationally and internationally.

Cassie Horley



Cassie was raised in Stratford, Ontario. A true "child of the festival" with both parents having been employed at the *Stratford Festival Theatre*, Cassie has a strong background in a multitude of visual arts from photography to pottery to stained glass; a sense of theatre, and a passion for body and personal health that brings her experience in dance to the forefront. Trained in ballet, hip-hop and jazz dance at *On Stage Dance Studio*, Stratford, and in figure skating and synchronized figure skating at the *Stratford Skating Club*, Cassie's unique sense of movement and space is enhanced by her practice in Yoga and Thai Massage. Certified at Mandala Gardens, McKellar, Cassie works with her clients to develop their awareness and appreciation of their bodies through holistic massage, which she presently practices at *Massage Therapy at the Waterfront*, Parry Sound. She is the in-house massage therapist at *Whispering River Music Studio*.

Randi Helmers



Randi is a professional actor, singer and painter who has originated roles in many new Canadian plays and musicals (*Stratford Festival, National Art Centre, Canadian Stage, Caravan Farm Theatre*), toured the country in festivals from Fogo Island, Newfoundland to Bella Coola, British Columbia, and whose paintings have shown in juried exhibits in Toronto, at the *National Art Centre*, Ottawa, and on the covers of Canadian poetry, plays and CDs. In December of 2014, Randi and five musicians/singers/actors presented an evening of celebratory improvisation on the theme of labyrinth entitled *The Path Home* at Gallery 345 in Toronto. For 35 years Randi has collaborated on many adventures in improvisation with cellist, composer, poet Brenda Muller (*Ardeleana Concerts, Blue Bridge Festival, Jonathon's Storm/children's art*), most recently at the gala opening of the paintings of the distinguished Canadian Artist *Bert Weir* at *Evergreen Brickworks*, Toronto where they interpreted his majestic paintings through cello and voice.

Bob Pickering and Patti Wolfe



Bob Pickering and Patti Wolfe are from Kettleby, Ontario, where they raised their family and tended a small organic garden. Both have taught for many years at the *Toronto Waldorf School*, Bob as a teacher of Sciences in the High School and Patti as a parent education specialist in the Early Childhood Department. Bob is a multi-instrumentalist in the folk, roots and popular music genres, having played in a number of bands over the years and taught guitar privately and to high school students. Patti is a member of the *Echo Women's Choir* and has extensive experience in leading community singing. They also enjoy performing together with a focus on 2-part vocal harmonies. Bob and Patti share a passion for creating new festivals involving music, fire and community building.