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Music in the Air, Music Everywhere: Students host pop-up concert series across Greater Victoria to celebrate diversity in music

VICTORIA, BC – More than 1,500 music students in the Greater Victoria School District will be performing in concerts across the region from May 6-16th, 2018. Students and their instruments will be popping up in city squares, parks, senior residences and shopping centres to sing and play for the community.

This is part of an 11-day concert series called, “Music in the Air/ Music Everywhere”. Elementary, middle and secondary students in music programs are participating to raise awareness of, and engagement with, Greater Victoria School District’s music programs.

“This is a great opportunity for community members to engage in our music programs collectively”, noted Board Chair Edith Loring-Kuhanga. “Over the years, school music programs have played a significant role in student learning while promoting musical competence across the District. Now, students can showcase their talents to the broader community through a shared musical experience.”

More than 30 student performances will happen during the festival. The concert series will feature choirs, string quartets, orchestras, ukulele ensembles, drum circles, concert bands and marching bands.

Concert Schedule Highlights:

- **Beacon Hill Park** – May 6, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
- **Centennial Square** – May 9, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
- **Willows Park** – May 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Buccaneer Days Parade** – May 12, 2018, at 10 a.m.
- **Ship Point** – May 12, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.
- **Ship Point** – May 13, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.
- **University of Victoria** – May 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Songhees Wellness Centre** – May 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Senior Residence performances** – May 7-16, 2018

For more information on all performance details please visit: www.sd61.bc.ca

Music in the Air, Music Everywhere is supported by the Cooper Smith Music Library (CSML). The Cooper Smith Music Library Collection holds over 9,000 sets of choral works, vocal and instrumental jazz charts, musicals, string orchestra selections, and pedagogical resources for ukulele, recorder, general music at all levels, conducting, music theory, world music, and music history. It also houses a large inventory of instruments for rent and a recording studio.

The CSML is supported by the Administration and Board of Education of the Greater Victoria School District. The library opened in 2003 and has expanded steadily over the years. It was formally named after its founders, Eileen Cooper and Bonnie Smith, in the fall of 2013.

This will be the last year Eileen Cooper and Bonnie Smith will oversee the library. The pair were part of the first music steering committee in 1981, which held the District's first music festival.

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