

Evening Concert – Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Winspear Centre, Edmonton

8:00 pm.

Kokopelli
Scott Leithead, conductor
Jennifer McMillan, piano

Program to be selected from the following:

<i>Pakkanen</i>	Soila Sariola
<i>Naalah</i> - Tegan Hryciw, oboe	Joshua Shank
<i>The Stars Stand Up In The Air</i>	Eric Barnum
<i>The Song That Goes Like This</i>	Spamalot
<i>Way Over in Beulah Lan'</i>	Arr. Stacey Gibbs

BIOGRAPHIES

Scott Leithead, conductor

Kokopelli's artistic director, Scott Leithead, B.Mus. is the founder of the Kokopelli and TIME Jazz Associations. . Scott is in demand as a clinician, guest director, and evaluator at events in North America, Europe and Africa. He has conducted provincial/state honour choirs in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Montana. Scott has a passion for music from southern Africa and he has been hired to work with choirs in South Africa and Namibia on numerous occasions. In 2008/09, Scott was on sabbatical in Namibia, where he worked with the Mascato Youth Choir and numerous other choirs in southern Africa. Scott's passion for innovative and unique choral music experiences has shaped the direction of the Kokopelli Choir Association and was the founder of Òran as the alumni ensemble for the Kokopelli Youth Choir.

This season Scott has been invited to conduct the Saskatchewan and New Brunswick Youth Choirs for the second time. On July 1st, he will lead the Unisong National Choir Festival on Canada Day with the National Arts Orchestra. In addition he will be presenting at Festival 500 in Newfoundland as a festival clinician and he will adjudicate the Ontario Vocal Festival, the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival, and the Edmonton Cantando Festival. He will be presenting major concerts with the Amabile Choirs in London Ontario, The Bach Children's Choirs of Guelph, The Toronto Children's Choir, The Hamilton Children's Choir, and The High Park Children's Choirs. He is also looking forward to conducting a summer program in Naramata BC in August 2011.

He has been invited to work with ensembles and institutions in 9 provinces this year, as well as in the United States, the Cayman Islands, Thailand and in Africa.

Jennifer McMillan, piano

Òran and Kokopelli accompanist Jennifer Kinghorn McMillan is an active member of the Edmonton musical community. She is a graduate of the Music Composition and Piano Performance programs at MacEwan College and has since developed into a sought-after accompanist, composer and arranger, with particular interest in vocal jazz arranging. As an accompanist, she has played for Kokopelli, Òran, Shumayela, Brail Tones, Wagner High School, Victoria High School, Lindsay Thurber High School, Mascato Coastal Youth Choir from Namibia and most recently for a brand new musical, Wedlocked, at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre. Jennifer's choral arrangements and compositions have been heard across North America and have even reached audiences in Namibia and South Africa. As a vocalist, Jennifer lends her talents to the Òran Choir - of the Kokopelli Choir Association and 'Nuf Sed - of Today's Innovative Music Edmonton (TIME Association). This marks Jennifer's 10th year of involvement and membership in the Kokopelli Choir Association.