

An opening concert featuring a multi-Grammy-winning singer songwriter with a Grammy-winning symphony orchestra; a glittering period production of a rarely performed gem of Early Music, a swinging collection of artists heating up the nights with straight ahead jazz, and young classical artists on the fast track to superstar status – is this the line up for a festival in Berlin? No, it's a glimpse into the roster for MusicFest Vancouver 2011, which enlivens the city from August 5 to August 14.



Sarah McLachlan and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra led by Leslie Dala, open the festivities at the Orpheum Theatre with a collection of McLachlan's hits and favourites, specifically chosen by her for orchestration. This concert marks McLachlan's first appearance with the VSO. The festival's two jazz series feature local artists as well as internationally renowned guests such as Joe Chindamo (Australia), the Helge Lien Trio (Norway), and the Lorraine Desmarais Trio (Montreal), while the jewel in the Early Music offerings is a period performance of Purcell's King Arthur.



With 45 events ranging from free educational workshops, an Accordion Day, a new Discovery Day featuring works for sitar and tabla, classical piano and electronics, and jazz, and a return of the popular Music in the Garden: BMO Family Day at the spectacular VanDusen Botanical Garden, to classical and world music, MusicFest Vancouver adds musical heat to the beautiful summer days of August in Vancouver. Full details available at musicfestvancouver.ca.

MusicFest Vancouver
 August 5 – 14
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