



**Whitehorse
Concerts**

Amour Courtois

Saturday, March 7, 7:00 pm

Whitehorse United Church

From the Artistic Director

Welcome to Whitehorse Concerts 2025-26 season!

For over four decades, our series has been a meeting place—where the artistry of visiting ensembles sparks new conversations with Yukon musicians, and where audiences witness collaborations that could only happen here. This season, we've leaned even further into that spirit: pairing guest artists with local performers, building shared rehearsals and workshops into each residency, and creating stages where ideas, traditions, and styles intermingle.

You'll hear celebrated chamber players and choirs alongside the vibrant voices of our Local Recital Series. You'll also see the behind-the-scenes work come to life—students learning shoulder-to-shoulder with touring artists, community musicians joining professionals onstage, and new friendships forming across distances and disciplines. These encounters are the heartbeat of our programming, and they're what make music in the Yukon feel both rooted and newly discovered.

Thank you to our audiences, volunteers, sponsors, and partners for making this possible. Your support turns concerts into connections and visits into lasting relationships.

**We're glad you're here.
Let's make music—together.**

Katie Avery
*Artistic Director,
Whitehorse Concerts*



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Amour Courtois Program

Dame, ne regardes pas / Guillaume de Machaut
Amoureux suy, et me vient toute joye / Gilles Binchois
Dame, vostre doulz viaire / Guillaume de Machaut
Adieu ma tres belle maistresse / Gilles Binchois
Fi, mesdisan esragié / Jehan de Lescurel
Amours me fait desirer / Guillaume de Machaut

INTERMISSION

Angelica biltà / Francesco Landini
Cantiga 344: Os que a Santa Maria / Alfonso X el Sabio
Hé Dame de Valour / Guillaume de Machaut
De fortune me doi pleindre et loer / Guillaume de Machaut
Je ne cuit pas / Guillaume de Machaut
Se d'amer me repentoie / Guillaume de Machaut
Mors sui, se je ne vous voy / Guillaume de Machaut

Baptiste Bailly – piano
Matthew Baker – baryton
Efren López – hurdy-gurdy and ouds



Medieval Meets Jazz

Amour Courtois is a bold and evocative musical project led by French jazz pianist Baptiste Bailly, reimagining 14th-century French songs through the lens of contemporary improvisation. Inspired by the enduring emotional resonance of medieval melodies, Bailly collaborates with Matthew Baker on the baryton and Efren López on the hurdy-gurdy and ouds, crafting an anachronistic yet striking soundscape. Their repertoire – featuring works by Machaut, Binchois, and Lescurel – bridges centuries and highlights the timelessness of human expression.

Amour Courtois treats medieval songs not as static artifacts but as living works. While the original melodies are respected as closely as possible, with the aim of preserving their essence, the musicians change the settings, time signatures, chords, context, and costumes. Improvised or newly written passages are integrated into the pieces, like moments of intimate expression nourished by the eclecticism of their personalities and influences, revealing a touching and spontaneous musical craftsmanship, boundless and timeless.



About Whitehorse Concerts

Whitehorse Concerts is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to:

Bringing Classical Music to Communities

Promoting and organizing the delivery of live classical music concerts and recitals in Whitehorse and rural communities for the general public and in schools.

Showcasing Talent

Engaging visiting and local artists as performers at concerts and recitals.

Nurturing Local Talent

Facilitating participation of local music teachers, students and performers in master classes and workshops with visiting artists.

Collaborative Musical Efforts

Working with fellow arts organizations to deliver live classical music in the Yukon through classical music concerts, festival and other related events.

History

Celebrating Over Four Decades of Musical Excellence and Community Engagement

Whitehorse Concerts began over 40 years ago with performances in the local high school gym and later in a church. When the Yukon Arts Centre opened in 1992, we finally had a luxurious, brand-new theatre to present our concerts. Over the years, we have showcased a wide variety of performances, from the Edmonton Symphony and Tafelmusik to world-renowned chamber ensembles, piano duos, and nearly every other genre in classical music.

In addition to classical music, we have also featured top-quality jazz ensembles and some of the best children's performers from Canada and the U.S. Whitehorse Concerts is proud to have served Whitehorse and rural communities through our school programming over the past years.

Whitehorse Concerts acknowledges that we share our music on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. We honour the long-standing songs, stories, and sounds of this land, and strive to add our voices in harmony with its enduring spirit.

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