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**All Tickets on Sale May 29 for MusicFest Vancouver's
Ninth Extraordinary Season
August 2 – 16, 2009**

Vancouver, BC – All tickets go on sale May 29 for **MusicFest Vancouver** (formerly Festival Vancouver). The popular annual event returns **August 2 – 16, 2009** for a ninth extraordinary season, with fifty exciting live music performances and a lineup that includes some of Canada and the world's best classical, world music and jazz performers. Nine city venues will be filled with glorious music over the festival's two-week run.

Tickets for the following two high-profile series are already on sale through Ticketmaster. The star-studded **Scotiabank Main Stage Series** kicks off with a glamorous evening called **Opening Night: Cabaret Songs with Ute Lemper** (August 3). Ms. Lemper is an international music and theatrical star, celebrated on Broadway and West End stages and in clubs and concert halls in Berlin, Paris and New York. Other Main Stage concerts include an Early Music Vancouver production of Purcell's **The Faerie Queene** featuring a vocal and instrumental ensemble of favourite Canadian early music performers (August 6), the award-winning Seattle-based seven-member vocal ensemble **Groove For Thought** (August 8), acclaimed Canadian concert pianist **Louis Lortie** in recital (August 9) and the engaging, world-travelled German *a cappella* ensemble **amarcord** (August 13). The popular concert series **World at the Garden** returns to VanDusen Botanical Garden with top international world music performers including the virtuoso Trinidadian steelpan drum player **Liam Teague** in **Caribbean Rhythms** (August 12), Brazilian samba diva **Fabiana Cozza** in her first North American appearance (August 15) and the return of Finnish *a cappella* sensation **Rajaton** (August 16).

Events being released for sale on May 29 include a number of concerts showcasing the festival's 2009 spotlight on the **Music and Musicians of Germany**, with German classical and jazz performers lighting up the schedule. On the classical front, the superb **Leipzig String Quartet** will appear at Christ Church Cathedral (August 3) and the **Jacques Thibaud String Trio** gives two performances, one with classical pianist **Jane Coop** (August 14). This year's jazz series at the Norman Rothstein Theatre begins with one of the world's most innovative jazz organists, Germany's **Barbara Dennerlein** (August 5). Coming from Paris is double-bass innovator **Renaud Garcia-Fons**, who wowed audiences last year in Vancouver and who will appear twice in the Rothstein Series, once leading a trio, and also with a quartet performing music from his latest album, *La Linea del Sur* (August 6 and 7). The full festival schedule features performers from twelve countries.

Full concert details and performers' video and audio samples are on the festival's website – visit **www.musicfestvancouver.ca** Tickets for all concerts can be purchased as of May 29 through the festival website, **Ticketmaster** at **604.280.3311** or online at **Ticketmaster.ca**.

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