



Saanich Peninsula Refugee Initiative Group

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Have you bought your ticket yet?

“MUSICIANS FOR REFUGEES” Benefit Concert

3 p.m. Sunday, February 7th at St. John’s United Church, 10990 West Saanich Road

Tickets \$25 at Tanners Bookstore in Sidney

The outstanding musicians of the West Coast Chamber Players and Sooke Harbour String Quartet will perform baroque to contemporary music. A special treat will be eleven year old Andrew singing treble in a Bach duet with his mother, the international soprano, Nancy Washeim. Listen to Aaron Copland’s “Quiet City” played by Jim Stubbs on trumpet and Lauren Stubbs on bassoon. The String Quartet will present compositions by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.

“Syria's civil war is the worst humanitarian crisis of our time. Since 2011, it is estimated that 12 million people have been killed or forced to flee their homes, representing over 50% of the country's pre-war population. As of November 2015, over 4.2 million Syrians have registered as refugees, most of them women and children.”

Inter-Cultural Association
of Greater Victoria, fact sheet

Canada has undertaken the ambitious and complex task of welcoming thousands of people fleeing the Syrian civil war.

As a Constituent Group of the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA), SPRIG will sponsor a refugee family that has family members who are living in this region. We look forward to working alongside a local family who are deeply concerned for their relatives. Further details are not yet available.

According to the ICA, the situation is changing from week to week. As SPRIG takes on its responsibilities these are the certainties:

- SPRIG has a strong generous community of support on the Peninsula.
- SPRIG is developing a resilient structure and way of working under the capable leadership of the Steering Committee.
- We are linking with and learning from some of the many other Constituent Groups throughout the Capital Region.
- Flexibility, goodwill and patience are needed as we work together through the process.

Rental Housing: Although we do not know when the family will arrive, if you have any suggestions or leads on rental housing with three to four bedrooms, please email sprig@gmx.com .

Household Effects: People are generously offering furniture and other household effects for the family. We are tracking these offers, but we are not accepting items for storage at this time.

For more information, visit www.sprig.me