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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new fall season is here and our Women's PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver is launching into long awaited **IN-PERSON** Speaker Events at the Kay Meek Arts Centre. We are working within Public Health and Kay Meek's guidelines so we can safely come together again. We are pleased to bring Joseph Elworthy, CEO & President of the Vancouver Academy of Music as our **September 20th Speaker**, appropriately to discuss "Arts and Culture, After the Pandemic".

Details on how to register for this event and access parking and handicap access at Kay Meek Arts Centre are outlined in the Speaker Event section of this newsletter. Also measures are in place for members to safely attend our event. Be sure to dust off and wear your Club badge. New members can pick their badges up at check-in.

We have just launched our **NEW WEBSITE** – [www.wprobusnsvan.com](http://www.wprobusnsvan.com), which we ask all of you to check out. There is a MEMBERS ONLY section that is PASSWORD protected for members to access newsletters, Management Committee members, contacts, Bylaws and more. Our website allows you a quick reference to stay connected with the latest Club information and events. Also, the website is an easy way to share with potential new members. Website details are covered under the Website Launched article in this newsletter.

I would like to welcome all the new members who have joined the Club at the start of this year. There is a list of these new members further in the newsletter. We will continue to list new members as they join throughout the year. Be sure to welcome these members to our

Club. We also welcome our new Management Committee volunteer, Gail Youldon as our new Member at Large – Technology/Zoom. There remain several committee positions requiring volunteers and volunteers are needed for our upcoming speaker events. See our Volunteer section in the newsletter and on the website.

I look forward to meeting many of you in person at our September Speaker Event.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Armstrong, President

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## **September Speaker – See registration details below**



**Monday September 20, 2021 at  
10:00 am at Kay Meek Theatre**

**Joseph Elworthy, President and CEO of the  
Vancouver Academy of Music and  
Department Head, Cello- 2022**

**Speaker Title: Arts and Culture after the  
Pandemic**

Joseph Elworthy has been a featured soloist, recitalist, and chamber music performer on such stages as Alice Tully Hall, Suntory Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Library of Congress, and Sejong Hall. Mr. Elworthy has been named a Fellow of The Royal Conservatory of Music for his extraordinary contribution to Canadian Arts and Culture, an honor he shares with such cultural icons as Oscar Peterson, Robertson Davies, Adrienne Clarkson and Leon Fleisher. Mr. Elworthy is a graduate of the Juilliard School and Yale University where he was the recipient of the Aldo Parisot – Yo-Yo Ma Prize –

the highest honour issued by Yale University to a graduating cellist.

Mr. Elworthy has been a visiting artist at the Beijing Conservatory, Harvard University, Royal Northern College of Music, Glenn Gould School, and the Royal Conservatory of Music. Joseph Elworthy co-founded the Koerner Piano Trio, the first chamber ensemble in residence at the Vancouver Academy of Music. In 2013, Mr. Elworthy was appointed as Western Music Advisor for the newly established Haw Par Music Foundation – a collaborative educational initiative linking Vancouver and Hong Kong. Joseph Elworthy was a member of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for 12 years before retiring from the orchestra in 2014. Joseph plays on a rare Ferdinando Gagliano circa (1760) that was the instrument of German cellist Hugo Becker.

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## **SPEAKER'S EVENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Due to recent changes to Covid protocols for events, and to ensure the safety of attendees, Kay Meek Arts Centre and our Probus Club have the following **MANDATORY** requirements for attendees:

- **All attendees must provide a Proof of Vaccination and photo ID at entry to the Centre, if an attendee does not have the Proof of Vaccination, they will be denied entry. \***
- **All attendees must wear a mask on entering and exiting the Centre and remain wearing the mask during the event.**
- **All attendees must have pre-registered for the event and received a pre-assigned seat, unregistered drop ins will not be allowed in, nor are any non-member guests allowed.**

**If you are not feeling well or have any COVID symptoms, we ask for the safety of other members, and the staff and volunteers at the Kay Meek Theatre that you do not attend.**

\*As quoted in the Vancouver Sun August 24, 2021

*"British Columbians will be able to get their proof of vaccination through a yet-to-be-launched website by entering their name, birthdate and personal health number."*

*"A copy of an individual's proof of vaccination can then be saved to a smartphone to show, along with photo ID when entering a business or event. A call-in option will be available for those unable to use the internet."*

## How to Register

1. Go to the registration link below, which will take you to the Kay Meek Arts Centre box office site for our event. Link to KM box office booking
2. You will be assigned a seat, which has every other seat empty for safety spacing. You have 2 choices in how to get your ticket – you can have the ticket sent to you to either print at home or have electronically on your smart phone **OR** choose to pick the ticket up at **WILL CALL** at the Kay Meek box office in the lobby level the day of the event. This process is the same as if you were buying a concert ticket, though as a PROBUS member there is no charge for this event.
3. Ticket/Seat reservation booking will CLOSE on Sunday 19 September at 8:00 pm. So book your seat right away.

## BOOK YOUR SEAT

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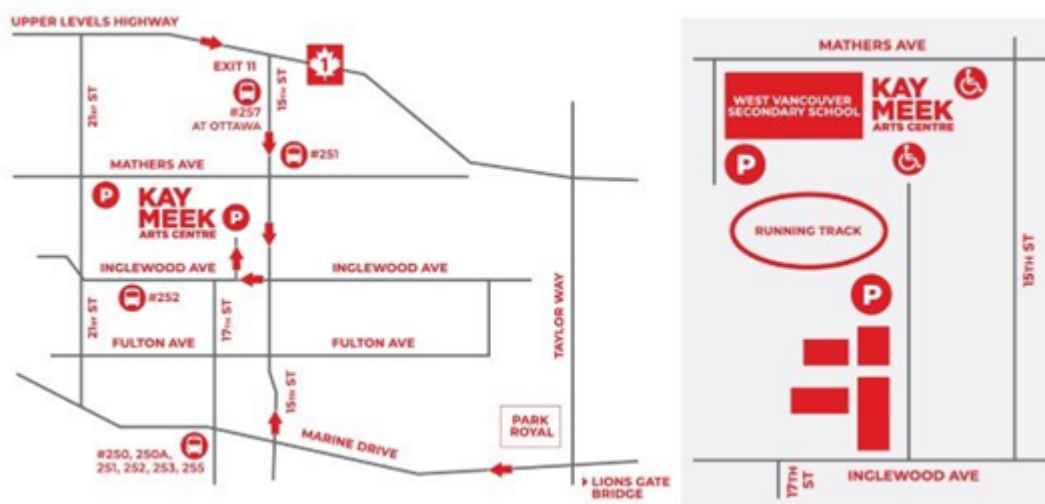
## Parking

### **Kay Meek Arts Centre, 1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver (west of 15th Street)**

There are 3 handicap parking spots on Mathers Ave in front of the Centre and a drop off area. Mathers Ave Kay Meek entry has elevator access to the theatre lobby level. There is no other parking along Mathers near the Centre. **PLEASE DO NOT** park in the West Vancouver Secondary School parking west of the school, this is reserved for the teachers and students during school hours.

There is lots of parking at the back of the Kay Meek Centre, south side. There will be as PROBUS Club Volunteer to direct parking in the south lots. To access to this parking, turn west off 15<sup>th</sup> Street, onto Inglewood Avenue and turn north at a lane behind the Centre. There is a large flat parking area, marked for Kay Meek parking on the left, below the running track, that has plenty of room for parking. There are several handicap parking spots closer to the theatre at the back and regular parking spots as well. We ask members to preserve the upper parking spots for more mobility challenged members.

From this south parking area, there are stairs up to the Kay Meek Arts Centre entering through the side entrance into the theatre lobby level.



## Kay Meek Arts Centre – ENTRY

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE – New members can pick theirs up at the front entrance PROBUS Club desk.**

There are two entrances to the Centre, one from Mathers Avenue which has elevator access to the theatre lobby level, and a side entrance at the theatre lobby level. WILL CALL members can pick up their tickets at the Box Office on the lobby theatre level. Members will have their electronic or printed tickets with pre-selected seating ready for scanning as well as their **Proof of Vaccination and photo ID**. Members will be offered a card and pencil in order to write questions for the speaker. Once tickets are

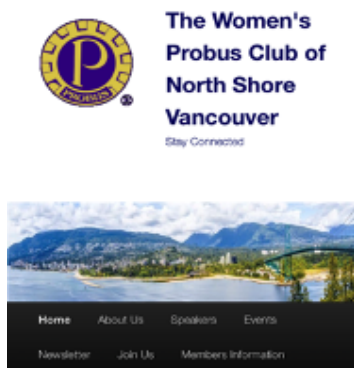
scanned, we ask members to proceed directly to their reserved seats to avoid congestion in the lobby area. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no refreshments served. Volunteers are available to assist with seating. No drinks (other than water) or food are allowed in the theatre.

**Speaker Event starts promptly at 10:00 AM (and we hope all attendees will be in their seats by 9:55 at the latest)**

A new process for asking speaker questions involves writing the question for the speaker on the card picked up on entrance. When done, wave the card high and volunteers circulating in the theatre will pick up your card and deliver it to the moderator, who will pose the question to the Speaker. No need to be shy in asking your questions this way.

This is our first time back to in person meetings since the beginning of COVID, and we are working within Provincial Health and Kay Meek's COVID protocols to make the event as safe as possible for our members. We hope that you will enjoy coming to hear Joseph Elworthy.

## [NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH](#)



Welcome

[www.wprobudsvan.com](http://www.wprobudsvan.com)

### **Protected Members Information Password – NSW2020**

The Women's Probud Club of North Shore Vancouver has launched our own website, that consists of the following:

#### **A public viewing section with:**

- **Home and About US** - general information about the Club, contact information and upcoming speaker/event announcements
- **Speakers** – our upcoming speakers list and topics, as well as a list of past

speakers and our speaker meeting format at the Kay Meek Arts Centre

- **Events** – upcoming Club events
- **Newsletter** – an edited version of the current newsletter for public viewing will be posted. There will be no active links in this edited version.
- **Join US** – Information on how new members can join the club and download an application form

A **members' only password protected section** - The **Members Information** section is password protected for current members use only requiring the **PASSWORD – NSW2020** and includes:

- Newsletters - the current newsletter with active links, as well as past newsletters for reference
- Management Committee – Current MC members names and contact info
- Management Committee Meeting Schedule
- Volunteers Needed – Current list of positions requiring volunteers and how to participate
- Bylaws and Constitution – now on line for members to review
- Privacy Policy – how the Club respects members' privacy
- PROBUS Travel Insurance - link to Johnson Travel Insurance with discounted rates for Probus Members

Keep current with your Club's activities by referencing the website regularly. You will still receive your monthly newsletters sent to your email, but if you misplace it or did not receive it, the website is always available for reference.



If you forget the Password, it will be noted in each newsletter. The Password will change at the end of each membership year.

If you have any friends interested in joining, please forward them the website reference for application access.

Format views of the website will vary slightly with the type of devices you may use to access it – tablet, smartphone or computer.

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## Volunteer opportunities

**Volunteers needed:** We are an all-volunteer Club and your involvement is critical to keep the Club going.

**Management Committee (please contact Carolyn Armstrong at [presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com))**

Vice-President

Member at Large – Communications/Newsletters

**We're in a New Venue and We Need Your Help!**

At each Probus meeting four Greeters and several Volunteers will be required to help with simple but necessary tasks. If you are willing to help, please contact Fran Hodgkins at (604) 980-9887 or Joanne Pugh at (604) 926-6341.

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## Welcome to New Members

Angela Gibson  
Barbara Hunter  
Catherine Neale  
Diana Hume  
Donna Chan  
Elaine Sievwright

Lizann Hedalen  
Patricia Bannerman  
Pauline Fairley  
Rita Douglas  
Rosie Christie  
Ruth Campling

Estelle Caplan  
 Jo Kaberry  
 Joanne Ronsley  
 Linda Robertson

Sandra Djwa  
 Sheila Sexsmith  
 Zdenka Reinis

We do hope that you will enjoy being part of our club, become more informed with our great speakers, and get to make new friends when we are able to meet in person again.

New members are invited to pick up their name tags at the front desk and meet the Management Committee.

All members are asked to keep your name tag in a convenient location and bring it to every meeting. Name tags are required for members to attend Speaker meetings. In order to replace a lost name tag, members must contact Fran Hodgkins or Joanne Pugh and pay \$15 to have it replaced.

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## CLUB MEMBERS' ROSTER

The **Club Roster** consisting of Members' names and phone numbers will be mailed separately to each member this month. The Roster is for Club Members' use only and is not for commercial use or to be shared with non-members. For privacy, and security the Club Roster WILL NOT be available through the website.

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## **Management Committee 2021 – 2022**

### **Officers**

President	Carolyn Armstrong
Vice President	VACANT
Secretary	Heather Miller
Treasurer	Joanne Thorpe
Past President	

### **Directors and Committee Chairs**

Programs	Allison Shand (1)
Communications	Alison Watt

Membership	Diana Sonderhoff (2)
Tech/Zoom	Gail Fleming
House	Fran Hodgkins Joanne Pugh
Special Events	Georgie Reddington Wendie Kottmeier

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**Members at Large**

(1) Programs	Jeanette Froese
(2) Membership	Alison Parkinson
Communications	VACANT
Technology	Gail Youldon

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We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play, and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (s̓k̓w̓x̓wú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selílwitulh), and Musqueam (x̓w̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm) peoples.

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**Changed your Email Address?**

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**Your Management Committee 2020/2021**

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The Women's PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver's email is [wprobustnvan.org](http://wprobustnvan.org) Please contact the following Committee members using these email addresses:

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If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please send a **reply email** to the newsletter and the Probus Communications Coordinator (Alison Watt) will respond to your question or will forward your message to the appropriate Management Committee member. Thank you.

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