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## OCTOBER SPEAKER – See registration details below



**Monday October 18, 2021 at  
10:00 am at Kay Meek Arts  
Centre**

**Eric Solomon, Director of Arctic Programs  
Ocean Wise Conservations Association**

**Speaker Title: The Unexpected Arctic:  
How a chance meeting in a remote  
community launched a 10 year journey that  
challenged everything I thought I knew  
about the Arctic, what it means to be a  
scientist, and what counts as knowledge.**

Eric Solomon is a marine ecologist, educator, and Co-Lead of Ikaarvik: Barriers to Bridges. He works with Arctic Indigenous communities, researchers, policymakers, educators, and the general public to improve knowledge of and dialogue about this important region. He has dedicated the last decade toward empowering Northern Indigenous youth and their communities to develop and lead their own Arctic research that combines Indigenous Knowledge with Western science to benefit both North and South. He regularly writes and speaks about climate change and the Arctic and the importance of combining Indigenous Knowledge and Western science for better research and decision making.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome all members! This year we have 266 members, including 67 original charter members from 2007 who are still active as members. Your long membership in and dedication to the Club is greatly appreciated.

**WOW**, what a spectacular opening event for the Club's first in-person meeting at Kay Meek Arts Centre! We had an amazing turnout of 111 members and a large turnout of new members, all vaccinated and masked, and safely seated throughout the spacious Kay Meek theatre. We were treated not only to an eye-opening presentation by Mr. Joseph Elworthy, President and CEO of the Vancouver Academy of Music, but a **surprise** performance by Mr. Elworthy on the cello and Mr. Ian Parker, Director on the Kay Meek Board, on the piano. A memorable performance with the incredible acoustics of the Centre.

Mr. Elworthy discussed the challenges COVID lock-downs and restrictions have put upon the music and cultural fields. How funding for the arts is now especially tough with theatres now only being able to go to half capacity. He discussed the "No tax for Beethoven" stance being taken by some public funding agencies which are re-directing their funds away from the classics in music, symphonies and opera, and instead promoting a broader multi-cultural arts mix. The classics enjoyed by so many audiences are at risk of future funding support, as are so many aspiring young musicians. While Mr. Elworthy's message on funding is bleak, his performance on the cello was a reminder of how special classical music is to an audience.

I would like to welcome a new Volunteer to our Management Committee, Marie Harlow, coming in as a Member at Large for Communications support with the website and support for Finance and ZOOM. A couple of other areas are looking for additional help – please check out the Volunteer Opportunities below.

A big thanks to all Management Committee members who worked incredibly hard on bringing this first meeting about along with great support from the Kay Meek staff. We had a few hiccups as to be expected, in particular getting familiar with the booking system used by the Kay Meek Box Office. We have a section in the newsletter regarding this and should make for a smoother use going forward.

We look forward to seeing you at Kay Meek in October.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Armstrong, President



Mr. Joseph Elworthy taking a bow



Mr. Elworthy and Mr. Ian Parker playing Chopin

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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.**

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Go to the registration link below, which will take you to the Kay Meek Arts Centre box office site for our event.

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 the event.

**Ticket/Seat reservation booking will CLOSE on Sunday 17 October at 8:00 pm. Please book your seat right away.**

### BOOK YOUR SEAT

If you are having difficulty registering, complete instructions and booking options can be found on our website [www.wprobusnsvan.com](http://www.wprobusnsvan.com) under Members Information/Kay Meek Box Office Registration Info.

On-line booking for seating is preferred so as not to overload the Kay Meek Box Office. However, if you are unable to book on-line, you can phone **Kay Meek Box Office at 604-981-6335, Monday to Thursday 1-4pm.**

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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 15th 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.

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## CLUB WEBSITE



**Welcome**

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

We hope you started to access our newly launched website in September. The Members Information section is password protected for current members only – password is NSW2020.

Check regularly for updated information:

- Most recent Newsletter – you will always have access to your newsletter as well as past copies
- Kay Meek Box Office Registration Guidelines
- Updated Management Committee Members – Names and contact information on your MC members
- Volunteer Positions needed - Want to volunteer, check positions open now
- PROBUS Travel Insurance – If you are a travelling Snowbird, it is worth checking into the PROBUS discount with Johnson, Inc. MEDOC Travel Insurance

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## VOLUNTEER SECTION

**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 [presidentwprobusnsvan@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwprobusnsvan@gmail.com))**

- Vice-President – assisting the President in Management Committee duties
- Member at Large – Communications/Newletters

**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**

The Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver is delighted to welcome the following new members:

Lois Grant      Wendy Trousdell      Bev Porter

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 as 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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**MEMBER ROSTER**



The **Club Roster for 2021/2022** was prepared and circulated by email to members on 13 September, 2021. Apologies for a few errors. This was a first time for us to prepare this. New members will be receiving a copy as they join. For privacy, and security the Club Roster WILL NOT be available through the website.

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We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play, and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (s̓k̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selílwitulh), and Musqueam (x̓w̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm) peoples.

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If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please send a reply email to the newsletter and the appropriate Probus Coordinator will respond. Thank you.

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