

## **Souvenir Program Message from the President**

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you to the 40<sup>th</sup> year of Community Concerts in Kelowna. From its ambitious beginnings in 1968 to the present, the organization has continued to appeal to patrons who want to experience a variety of classical music, dance, and theatre for a reasonable price. The success of Community Concerts is predicated on a membership-only policy which ensures that all seats are pre-sold, thus allowing for the contracting of high quality artists well before the season starts. For example the first concert for 2009-10 is already confirmed because we know we will have an audience and can therefore pay the bill!



None of this would be possible if it were not for a dedicated group of volunteers: no administrative fees are paid, however despite being high in enthusiasm they are getting low on energy so if you have something which you may be able to contribute, please get in touch. It is very unusual in this day and age to be able to function independently of public funding and/ or corporate sponsorships and Community Concerts is proud of the fact that it is entirely self-sufficient in this respect.

Community Concerts is also most grateful to the community at large for its support and for including the association in collaborative efforts to promote the appreciation and production of musical art in Kelowna. The media, specifically The Daily Courier, is also a partner in this endeavour as is our reviewer, Charles Velte.

Thank you to all our loyal patrons for your continuing support. Without you we would not be here today to welcome you to another great season of Community Concerts!

Yvonne Topf  
President