



Series 2 of WHOLE NOTES premieres on Bravo!

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Neil Bregman, President of Sound Venture Productions, and Phyllis Laing, President of Buffalo Gal Pictures, are pleased to announce the broadcast premiere of 6 new half-hour episodes of the classical music documentary series, "Whole Notes" on Bravo!

Series #2 once again stars renowned Canadian concert pianist Jon Kimura Parker as presenter and soloist, along with a variety of Canada's most prominent musicians, composers and conductors. Through historical analysis, insight and anecdote, the lives of the great composers are closely examined to understand how their greatest works were created. Combined with a brilliant assortment of music lead by Mr. Parker in a variety of intimate chamber and solo performances as well as of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra conducted by Michael Hall, the series brings an unique and contemporary twist to the sometimes stodgy world of classical music.

The 6 new episodes of "Whole Notes" premiere on Bravo! starting Saturday, October 20th at 7 PM (EST) and look at the following giants of classical music:

Antonio Vivaldi "A Man For All Seasons" (Sat. October 20, 7:00PM)

George Frideric Handel "Much More to Handel" (Sat. October 27, 7:00PM)

Joseph Haydn "The Composers' Composer" (Sat. November 3, 7:00PM)

Franz Schubert "The Lieder of the Pack" (Sat. November 10, 7:00PM)

Frederic Chopin "The Piano Man" (Sat. November 17, 7:00PM)

Johannes Brahms "Keeper of the Classical Flame" (Sat. November 24, 7:00PM)

Bregman is also pleased to announce the simultaneous launch of a fully interactive website based on the complete 12-part television series at <http://www.wholenotestv.com>. The website will provide an exciting complement to the TV experience for music novices and aficionados alike, with extensive background information about the composers, as well as innovative interactive applications such as a programmable, virtual orchestra which will allow the viewer to remix their own version of Ravel's Bolero. The website is produced by Pixelera Inc. with the financial support of the Bell Broadcast & New Media Fund and Telefilm Canada's Multimedia Fund.

"Whole Notes II" is a co-production of Sound Venture Productions and Buffalo Gal Pictures and is produced in association with Bravo!, Canadian Learning Television, Knowledge Network (B.C.), Saskatchewan Communications Network, and TVOntario with the participation of the Canadian Television Fund (Equity Investment Program) and the support of the Bell Broadcast & New Media Fund and Manitoba Film and Sound. Whole Notes II was directed by Brian Rougeau and written by Michael Laewen. Phyllis Laing is the Producer and Neil Bregman is the Executive Producer.

"Maestro", the original French language version of the series, is produced in association with TFO, TVOntario's French language sister station, and is currently being broadcast every Friday night at 6:30PM.

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