

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

This issue of TNB is a tribute to *Christopher Donison*, a man that translated a dream into Bamfield's *Music-by-the-Sea*, giving our village a new dimension.

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Perennial Rowboat Fanfare

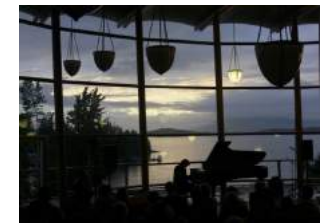


Brady Beach COVID, 2021

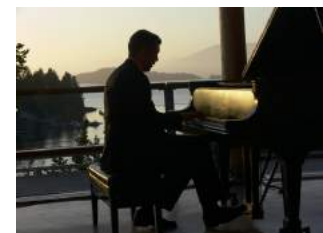


Christopher Donison, Founder & Executive Artistic Director, Music by the Sea, Bamfield, is a librettist, conductor, pianist, lecturer, and inventor (Donison-Steinbuhler Standard piano keyboard). And we would add, *A Dreamer* whose dream added a delightful dimension to Bamfield. International musicians, beyond treating us to up to 10 concerts per season, stayed in our homes, released musical notes over the village from various practice venues, and became our friends. Beyond music, Chris connived to be the first car to pass over the new Victoria Blue Bridge. *L. Druehl*, photo by Marc Phillips

We are back! In July Bamfielders were treated to the return of Music by the Sea in the Rix Centre at BMSC — for the first since 2019! To sort of 'kick-start' the return, concerts were free to Bamfielders & Anacla folks. Opening night again featured an rousing performance of the Bamfield Boat Horn Flotilla led by new Commodore **Erin Bradley** who has taken over from Commodore **John Mass**. Performances from July 23rd to the 30th featured classical and jazz music performed by some of Canada's premiere artists as well as international artists. We are looking forward to next year! Many, MANY thanks. *Christopher Donison*. **And thank you, Chris, for the free performances and for bringing this world-class program to Bamfield in 2007.** *Ed*.



Mark Ryser, 2007



Piano solo, 2017



N. Hughes & J. McNeil,



Perennial Jazz

Top 4 photos by Rich Palmer, bottom 2, TNB

MUSIC BY THE SEA returned to Bamfield for the 15th week-long summer festival with a national and international line up of accomplished musicians. We were happy to see and hear some familiar and new-to-us brilliant musicians in a grand opening night concert. The audience began on the deck to listen and watch the pre concert fanfare from the rowboat and a flotilla of boats, each with a tuned ship's horn resounding over the harbour. Then the audience (charmed by the fanfare) enjoyed classical and jazz selections of concert 1. A new resident attending Tuesday's concert said, "to have such talent in Bamfield is magical"! *Suz Jennings*

On the evening of July 24, a blare of fog horns sounded across the inlet, the start of Bamfield's sixteenth annual Music by the Sea. MBTS unites world class musicians from across the globe to perform classical and jazz compositions over seven evenings. As a nod to pandemic challenges, all concerts were free to Bamfield and Anacla residents. Assuming one finds themselves crying during *Fanatasia*, performances are guaranteed to leave one flabbergasted by human potential. For anyone feeling the summer blues, Music by the Sea was an absolute heart filling gift. *Joya Carson-Austin*

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

A ROVING BAMFIELDER'S NOTES.

Over the Eileen Scott Community Garden Wall. Summer flowers have burst out -hollyhocks in yellow, pink and dark burgundy. Tall pink echinacea, hydrangeas, fuschias and fluffy white Esther Reid daisies all in full bloom now. **Angel and family** putting in some plant starts and happily harvesting one of her artichokes. Calla lilies are multiplying, echinaceas tall,



and **Louis Gosslin's** Cosmos really stand out by **Andrea's** fig tree.

Thimble berries are just now ripening! And blackberries looking like a bumper crop, but still blooming. Late summer for sure... Kids continue to enjoy the freshly renovated Smiley Rink - basketball! Even until 9 at night and camper kids playing on Half pipe with their bikes and skateboards 8 -9 pm last night.

Fishes and Fishers. Derby weekend food prep went smoothly at

the Fire Hall with 6 helpers working under Nancy Sherry's direction - salads, deviled eggs and burger trimmings all organized for the big event and laid out for minimal contact serving. Haven't heard what any incoming fish weights are.. the salmon look small coming in on local docks in my hood. Marine fog persists- sliding in and out of Barkley Sound which has given land lubbers a welcome break from the heat.

She's still at it! Zelta Clappis had a bake (and plant) sale July 31st and today She plans to install 5 huge totes (4 ft sq) she retrieved from BMSC. **These will be planted with what was BMSC's Chef Patrick's** herb and veg garden...sad to hear they won't continue that tradition for station visitors. I've always loved seeing a local chef (dressed in long white apron) selecting & trimming in the early mornings at a Vancouver community garden. *Bamfield Rover*

An incidental Bamfielder. Louis Gosslin, having completed his doctoral studies at the U. Alberta and a post-doctoral fellowship in Hong Kong took on a faculty position at the University College of the Cariboo in 1997. Now settled, where to do his research: the well-established University of Washington's Friday Harbor Marine Labs on San Juan Island or the fledgling Bamfield Marine Station. FHL had a lovely campus with foxes and wild turkeys, a perennial well recognized research clientele in the area of Louis



research interest (the biology of marine invertebrate early juvenile stages) but on the down side, limited beach access (in Washington, private properties extend to the low intertidal). BMS had a raw campus with bears and eagles, established researchers, and most importantly wide access to the marine environment from open ocean to



estuaries. Further, Bamfield was welcoming, in contrast to a not so warm Friday Harbor (Ed's experience). Louis committed to BMSC (nee BMS) and for 25 years conducted his research with graduate students and teaching at the station. Issues occurred around housing but overall the scene was inviting: he relishes community functions, canoeing, and gardening in the community garden. *L. Druehl*

Anacla/Bamfield RCMP calls increase. Insp. **Eric Rochette**, Port Alberni, noted Anacla/Bamfield calls were 59 for 2020, 101 calls 2021, and 77 calls for up to early August 2022. *Alberni Valley News, 10 August 2022.*

A thought: *Tula Girl would have made a nice addition to GorTow in the park.*

Lars Mogensen 1939-2022



A Brady's Beach farewell for Lars Mogensen. Photo by *Lisa Bye* with *M. Philips* seawater-baptized camera.

Tula Girl, (1960 – 2022) gill netter, troller, sports fisher was purchased by **Mike Germani** in 2001. He towed her from Port Alberni... "Stormy/rough, before my lung transplant" with the *Britco* (formally the BC Tel boat that checked the telephone lines between Bamfield and Port Alberni, then a freighter used by Ostroms Machine Shop to deliver stove oil to Bamfielders). Mike and his dad, **Nick**, replaced some ribs on her (apparently the result of her being driven on the rock, twice. Insurance?). She got a used (\$500) 6-cylinder Volvo diesel (80 hp) and later, a 6 cylinder Dodge pick up 150 hp engine (\$1250). They kept her looking sharp, "scraped, primed and painted her every year", and paraded the pretty *Tula Girl* for everyone to see. She now resides as a potential B/B unit at the road entrance to Bamfield.. *L. Druehl*. Photo *Tula Girl* leaving the sea the last time ,by *R. Hopkins*



Future home of the new Hall,

next to the Firehall, overlooking the park. The Hall's stage and recreational fund exceeding \$15,000, will help support stage lighting/sound systems and indoor recreational facilities. The resulting venue will invite thespians, musicians and orators on stage and, on the floor, elders, couch potatoes, students and daycareers light sports (think Pickleball) and such. To donate, Log into your Banking, Select send email Transfer/Deposit, Send transfer to Bamfieldhalldonations@gmail.com. *L. Druehl*

