

Symphony in the Harbour gets a \$5,000 boost from Coastal Community Credit Unions' Coastal Spirit Fund

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Vancouver Island Symphony has received \$5,000 in funding from the Coastal Community Credit Union's Coastal Spirit Fund for Symphony in the Harbour , which takes place this coming Saturday August 11, 2007 at 6 p.m. at Maffeo Sutton Park.

"Coastal Community Credit Union is proud to support the Seventh Annual Symphony in the Park," said Janice Krall, Community Investment Specialist. "It's a wonderful open-air family event, with a free performance by our own Vancouver Island Symphony. Events like this enhance the quality of life in our community, and that's what Coastal is all about.."

"Coastal Community Credit Union has been a sponsor of Symphony in the Harbour since day one and we are now in our 7th year, said Vancouver Island Symphony Executive Director Margot Holmes. "Without the donation from the Spirit Fund, the Vancouver Island Symphony would not be able to present this fabulous free community concert for 7500 people in Nanaimo."

Coastal Community launched the Coastal Spirit Fund last year to best meet the diverse needs of Vancouver Island communities by supporting community groups working in the areas of Arts & Culture, Community Service, Environment, Health, Sports & Recreation, and Youth & Education. Last year Coastal distributed over \$150,000 through the Coastal Spirit Fund. In addition to the Coastal Spirit Fund , they allocated \$200,000 to Vancouver Island communities through a variety of other corporate initiatives and programs.. Community groups interested in learning more about the Coastal Spirit Fund may visit Coastal Community's web site at www.cccu.ca or any Coastal location. Applications for the 2007 Coastal Spirit Fund will be accepted until end of business day October 5th, 2007.

Coastal Community Credit Union is a member-owned and operated financial institution that for over 60 years has been providing quality financial services to its members, improving the well-being of its communities and supporting the development of its employees.

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