



TREESONG is literally just that - trees joining together in song. Renowned Vancouver artists Brad Muirhead and David Gowman teamed up in 2018 to create a new musical group featuring Brad's original contemporary music performed on David's fantastic hand-crafted musical sculptures, called "Fuhorns" (fu = made by hand).

The instruments are unique individual pieces of art, fashioned from the branches of several types of trees (primarily empress) much of which David cultivates himself. Each horn produces a unique limited range of pitches with a beautiful earthy tone, and can be loosely described as something between a didgeridoo and alpenhorn - much more interesting than either though. The sonic, tonal and harmonic range across the ensemble is organically unusual, and with the Fuhorns' slightly funky tuning matrix creates a sound that is totally down-to earth while at the same time out-of-this-world - and not to be found elsewhere.

Brad's compositions for Treesong range from groove-based world music to neo-classical rhythmic adventures, beautiful mournful ballads and textural soundscapes. The group is suited to a concert-hall, festival stage, open-air setting or the group's specialty: immersive sonic installations in natural (or urban cultivated) park settings, scattered among trees so the sound comes from all directions, creating a mystical (and/or animated) immersive experience.

Usually six to eight musicians performing at a time, Treesong features top-level professional brass players and percussionists from Vancouver's jazz, classical, new music and commercial music communities (and even one pro alpenhorn player). The expanding roster includes, Brad & David (in addition to composing & instrument making), Adrian Smith, Brian Harding, Greg Farrugia, Kevin Lee, Ellen Marple, Ralph Eppel, Luis Melgar, Jim Hopson, Nick Apivor, Gary Wildeman and, most recently, guest vocalist Carmen Rosen.

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