



## **Mission Hill Family Estate: An Elegant Escape**

*The Okanagan Valley's Premiere Winery Celebrates Summer with Fine Wine, Award-winning Cuisine, Open Air Concerts and an Exclusive Art Exhibition*

**West Kelowna, British Columbia (June 15, 2011)** - This summer, experience the finer things life has to offer at Mission Hill Family Estate. The Okanagan Valley winery hosts a dynamic line-up of culinary offerings, wine festival events, headline concert performances and the first North American solo sculpture exhibition by the esteemed Parisian artist Nathalie Decoster.

"Mission Hill is dedicated to the art of fine winemaking, culinary excellence and support of the performing and visual arts," said Anthony von Mandl, Proprietor at Mission Hill Family Estate. "This summer we continue this tradition with a revitalized culinary program at the newly updated Terrace restaurant, the return of our open air concert series and the Canadian debut of the magnificent works of Parisian sculpturist Nathalie Decoster. Together, with our award-winning wines and the winery's contemporary architecture we invite guests to join us for an elegant escape from everyday life as we celebrate art in all of its forms."

### **Re-discover the Terrace Restaurant**

Offering a panoramic view of the winery courtyard, lush vineyards and Lake Okanagan, the Terrace Restaurant provides the perfect setting to savour light, seasonal local food paired with Mission Hill wines. With the recent addition of a covered outdoor dining area the "open air" space offers guests a seamless outdoor dining experience to enjoy lunch and an extended dinner service. Chef Matthew Batey is at the forefront of the local Cuisine de Terroir movement, utilizing only the abundant fresh and local ingredients. The new dinner service includes: Sloping Hill Farm Pork; Wild Pacific Halibut; Fraser Valley Duck; West Coast Dungeness Crab; and Okanagan Lamb, alongside Okanagan seasonal vegetables and the winery's own affinities garden selections. Pair dishes with award-winning Mission Hill wines for a dining experience unlike any other.

### **Art at Mission Hill: The Canadian Debut of Parisian Sculpturist Nathalie Decoster**

Mission Hill is proud to host the Canadian debut of Parisian sculpturist Nathalie Decoster. Direct from her most recent exhibition in Sao Paulo, Brazil, more than 50 of her large-scale sculptures will be on display throughout the winery grounds from June to October. The exhibition is the first public installation of work by the French sculptor in Canada and follows recent installations in Paris, France at Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Luxembourg Gardens, and the renowned Chateau Lafite Rothschild winery in Bordeaux. In honour of the exhibition, the winery is producing a limited run of 'The Decoster Series' -- a fine rosé wine which will be available to guests visiting the winery retail store or dining at the Terrace Restaurant. The permanent installation of one of the sculptures will ensure a lasting legacy.

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### Summer Concerts: The Canadian Tenors and Chris Isaak

The Mission Hill Summer Concert Series returns with two captivating live music events this summer: The Canadian Tenors, August 13; and international recording artist, Chris Isaak, August 21. With majestic mountains and scenic lakes creating the perfect backdrop to the Mission Hill Amphitheatre, guests enjoy a summer evening of music, wine and cuisine at one of Canada's premiere concert locations. Back by popular demand for their second consecutive year, The Canadian Tenors will entertain guests as one of only a few 2011 Canadian performances, while Chris Isaak will make his first-ever appearance in the Okanagan Valley with his performance at Mission Hill. Purchase tickets online: [selectyourtickets.com/missionhill.php](http://selectyourtickets.com/missionhill.php) or by phone on 250.762.5050.

### The Okanagan Symphony: Midsummer Magic Gala

Come join us for a truly magical evening on Saturday, July 16, as Mission Hill hosts the Okanagan Symphony's (OSO) 6th Annual Midsummer Magic Fundraiser Gala. This event is the year's most substantial fundraising activity for the OSO and Mission Hill is proud to once again support the largest performing arts organization in the interior of British Columbia. The funds raised help the OSO to develop and feature the interior's most talented local musicians alongside some of the world's most gifted performers. Guests will be privy to exclusive use of the winery Barrel Cellar for a few musical surprises while enjoying Winery Chef Matthew Batey's sumptuous cuisine. Purchase tickets online: [www.okanagansymphonymidsummergala.ca](http://www.okanagansymphonymidsummergala.ca).

### Exclusive Winery Tours

Mission Hill offers an array of compelling tours and wine tastings to provide guests with a deeper appreciation of what the winery and agriculturally rich Okanagan Valley have to offer. Ranging from one-hour overview to an in-depth eight-hour 'Day in the Vineyards' option, the tours include visits to the winery's varietal garden, underground barrel cellar and estate vineyard; exclusive tastings; al fresco meals, and more. Have fun, engage your senses and explore the fascinating interplay of wine, food and culture. Mission Hill tours and wine tastings are available throughout the year. For more information or to book a tour online, visit [www.missionhillwinery.com/guest\\_experience/publicTours.html](http://www.missionhillwinery.com/guest_experience/publicTours.html).

### About Mission Hill Family Estate

Located in the heart of British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, Mission Hill Family Estate is world renowned for its award winning wines, stunning setting and architecture, and Terrace Restaurant. Honoured as one of the Top Five Winery Restaurants globally, the restaurant and epicurean program is led by our Executive Winery Chef Matthew Batey. Majestic mountains, scenic lakes and lush orchards encase the winery's dramatic architecture and culminate in a setting that celebrates wine, food and the arts. With sustainable practices that ensure care for the environment, and a timelessness that respects the family's European heritage, guests experience the height of winemaking in an incomparable lakeside mountaintop winery. Visit [missionhillwinery.com](http://missionhillwinery.com) for more information.

Winery, Concert and Sculpture photographs available upon request

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