

Symphony Orchestra features local woman

IN addition to HundredFold, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra has also mined the substantial musical talents of another Kleefeld-area native for its upcoming Oct. 30 show.

Kristel Peters, a Stienbach Regional Secondary School music teacher, is leading her Prairie Voices choir for the first part of the evening. (HundredFold's show is informally known as the after-party, set to start around 10 p.m.)

Peters and Prairie Voices women's chorus will join WSO conductor Alexander Mickelthwate for *The Planets: Plugged-in*, part of the WSO's *Musically Speaking* series. It is billed as a new and unique way to enjoy (Gustav) Holst's masterpiece. (*The Planets* is registered as Holst's finest orchestral suite).

The WSO website describes the show as "Fantastic animated visuals of our solar system synchronized to the versatile, ever-changing music that has made *The Planets* a phenomenal orchestra showpiece."

Sheena Stemler, WSO communications and marketing assistant, says Peter's Prairie Voices fits the aesthetic of *The Planets*.

"We've had them perform with us a number of times...and based on past experiences with them, it was an easy choice," says Stemler, pointing to last year's wildly successful Christmas concerts with Steve Bell and Mike Janzen as an example.