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**Concert lineup diverse
as Manitoba**

A diverse lineup of Manitoba performers, from “mutant bluegrass” band the D. Rangers to taiko drummers Fubuki Daiko and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, will join the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra in a grand concert to launch Winnipeg’s year as a federally designated cultural capital of Canada.

The show, titled *2010: The Concert*, will take place on Jan. 2 at 8:10 p.m. at the Centennial Concert Hall.

Billed as “a kaleidoscope of culture,” it’s presented by the WSO, Winnipeg Cultural Capital of Canada 2010 and Manitoba Homecoming 2010.

Performers, besides those mentioned above, include Christian singer-songwriter Steve Bell, aboriginal rock band Eagle & Hawk, operatic soprano Monica Huisman, folk-singer James Keelaghan, the Steve & Anna-Lisa Kirby Jazz Quintet, dancer-acrobats Momentum Aerial, francophone singer-songwriter Daniel ROA, soprano Stacey Natrass, fiddler Sierra Noble, vocal ensemble Camerata Nova, family entertainer Fred Penner, the Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and the School of Contemporary Dancers.

Cultural Capitals of Canada is a national program, funded through Canadian Heritage, to recognize and support Canadian municipalities for special activities that harness the benefits of arts and culture.

Tickets for *2010: The Concert*, wittily priced at \$20.10 to match the year, go on sale Saturday at the WSO box office (949-3999) or Ticketmaster.