

SuperNet — connecting Albertans

Videoconferencing - music to students' ears



On November 14, 2005 more than 8,000 students shared in some of Canada's finest musical talent live, thanks to the unique connectivity opportunities provided by the Alberta SuperNet.

Entitled Music Connexions, a real-time web cast over SuperNet's unique infrastructure brought the National Arts Centre Orchestra's performance of Vivaldi and the Four Seasons to more than 130 schools across the province.

The Ottawa-based orchestra performed from the Grand Prairie Regional College Theatre. Through the high-speed, high capacity network of the SuperNet, the province was able to take part in the NAC initiative to help celebrate Alberta's centennial.

Director of the Mount Royal College Conservatory, Paul Dornian, hosted a group of students to view the concert at the College's Leacock Theatre.

"The exciting thing about this is that it totally eliminates the distance factor," he told local media at the time, praising the broadband videoconference concert. "The world becomes a village wherein you can create connections around the country, around the world. It means that holding a business meeting, a violin lesson or a classroom educational activity with people anywhere in the world is a reality."

Students were equally pleased when speaking with the media. "It was interesting, exciting and breathtaking," said Tyler Redgun, a grade six student from chief Old Sun School in Siksika. "I really liked the way it sounded."

Alberta SuperNet is connecting people to information, talent and tools that would not ordinarily be accessible. Communities throughout the province can benefit and share in these world-class opportunities.

