
BCRMTA VANCOUVER BRANCH NEWSLETTER

British Columbia Registered Music Teachers' Association

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Summer is almost over and hopefully we all found the time to relax, spend time with family and friends while reorganizing and putting our studio in order for the next academic year.

The executive board and I have lined up a meeting at the VSO School of Music on September 18 to be followed by a workshop of Gayle Dunsmoor on "Creative Keyboard Accompaniment Skills". On October 16, we will have a masterclass conducted by Ms. Michelle Mares at the VSO School of Music. We will need a student in the intermediate and senior level for this masterclass. If your student has a securely memorized and polished piece and is willing to participate in this masterclass, please let me know by email. On November 19 our branch will hold a concert at the Unitarian Church to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada. And our Christmas lunch will be on December 4 at a venue which we will decide at our first meeting.

We are also planning three recitals this year. There will be two student recitals, the first will be on January 21 and the other on April 29. Our Celebration of Excellence recital will be on March 4. We will hold all three recitals at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts.

We have a number of important topics to discuss at this meeting as it concerns our long standing festival, positions vacated by officers of the executive board and our membership fee for the following year.

Nobody has come forward to chair our festival. Therefore, the executive board has decided to suspend our festival next year. This will give us a whole year to plan and find a suitable person to chair the festival.

Two years ago, the provincial fees increased by \$4.00 raising our contribution to them to \$119.00. This time, it is CFMTA that is increasing their fee by \$5.00. Therefore, our contribution to them will now be \$124.00. The Vancouver branch has rolled back the branch fee to \$71.00 to absorb the increase of the provincial fee of \$4.00 last year. However, we no longer can do this for the coming year. The CFMTA increase will bring our membership fee for 2018 to \$199.00.

As president of the branch, I feel that the contribution that we are giving to the provincial and CFMTA is too much for the benefits that we get from them. For most of us, the only benefit we have is acquiring the insurance with our membership.

If you want to voice your opinion or give your suggestions on these two important topics, please attend our first meeting of the year.

Toni Meyer

President of BCRMTA Vancouver Branch

THANK YOU, MANUEL BERNASCHEK!

Our sincerest thanks to Manuel Bernaschek, owner and operator of Showcase Pianos for donating pianos to students of members of the Vancouver branch. We also congratulate him for his "move" to the Broadway store displaying a Fazioli Concert Grand in a 4,300 sq. ft. performance/recording area.



STUDENT TEACHERS' AUXILIARY NEWS

The Student Teachers' Auxiliary is always welcoming new members and we look forward to meeting your students soon! If you have completed all Level 9 requirements supportive environment to learn them to become better teachers know about the opportunity to join



students 16 years or older who have and are looking for a stimulating and about all kinds of things that will help and musicians, then please let them the STA.

All information regarding past events and requirements for membership are found at sta.bcrmta.org or by e-mailing **Dr. Carla Dodek** at cmdodek@shaw.ca. Our first meetings of the year will be on September 24 and October 22.

BURSARY



Unfortunately, no applications were received for the 2017 BCRMTA Vancouver Branch Bursary but it is the sincere hope of the Committee that all RMT teachers will seriously consider putting forward any deserving students in 2018.

The **next deadline is May 31, 2018**. The application forms will be available and email out in the Spring and made available on the website www.bcrmta.org in the new year.

We welcome any and all questions regarding the application process. Any questions can be directly to our Bursary Coordinator, **Barbara Siemens** at bsiemens@pianoworkbook.com.

LAST ISSUE OF BRANCH NEWSLETTER

This will be the last issue of our Vancouver branch quarterly newsletter.

With the convenience of email communication, the Executives feel that it would be the most efficient and effective method to communicate our branch's most up-to-date workshop and event information to our members via email as it becomes available. Thank you for the attention and support you have all given to the publication of these newsletters for so many years.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hailey Wong at haileymusicstudio@gmail.com.

CANADA 150: A MULTICULTURAL MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Sunday November 19, 4:00-5:30pm

Free Admission

Unitarian Centre at 49th and Oak

(free parking available on site)



Preparations are well underway for this event so please mark your calendars and come join us for a fantastically varied program.

Here's a list of the performers to date but more information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Brochures and posters will be distributed in late September/early October.

Canada 150 Program

- Karin Plato and Harold Birston presenting the Canadian Anthem
- Tango Argentino with Santiago and Deborah accompanied by Takuhi Sedefci and Martha Brickman
- a selection of Armenian influenced violin works by Gerard Satamian
- a Deas Island Dance Duo performing to the piano pieces of Oscar Peterson
- the B.C. Chinese Music Association Orchestra performing pieces on traditional instruments
- the West Coast Fiddleheads with a variety of foot tapping music

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*(All workshops are free of charge for Vancouver branch members,
unless otherwise indicated)*

Monday, September 18

WHAT: Branch Meeting + Workshop of Gayle Dunsmoor on
"Creative Keyboard Accompaniment Skills"
WHERE: Pyatt Hall of VSO School of Music
TIME: 10am-12 noon

Monday, October 16

WHAT: Masterclass with Ms. Michelle Mares
WHERE: VSO School of Music
TIME: 10am-12 noon

Sunday, November 19

WHAT: Canada 150: A Multi-cultural Musical Celebration
WHERE: Unitarian Centre (49th & Oak Street)
TIME: 4:00-5:30pm

Monday, December 4

WHAT: Vancouver Branch Winter Luncheon
WHERE: *To be announced*
TIME: 11:30am-1:30pm

UPCOMING BRANCH RECITALS

Sunday, January 21, 2018 – Winter Student Recital *

Sunday, March 4, 2018 – *Celebration of Excellence* Recital *

Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Spring Student Recital *

*Recital to take place at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby.

(Application/information package will be available and emailed out to all members in November.)