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**Noteworthy News from the Langley Community Music School**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

*Sunday, January 25*

**Helmut Brauss, piano &  
Kuniko Furuhashi Brauss, mezzo-soprano**

*Concerts Café Classico*  
1pm Lecture & Coffee  
3pm Concert

*January 31*

**Edoardo Catemario, guitar**

*Rose Gellert Hall*  
7:30pm

*February 7-15*

**Scholarship Awards Festival Week**

No group classes.  
Regular lessons will not  
take place unless  
otherwise notified by  
your teacher.



*February 22*

**Scholarship Awards Festival Concert**

2:30pm

*February 27*

**The Vancouver Trio**

*Concerts Café Classico*

10am Coffee & Commentary 11am Concert

*March 16-22*

**Spring Break**

School is closed.

For more information about events at  
LCMS visit [www.langleymusic.com](http://www.langleymusic.com) or contact  
the office at 604.534.2848.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you enjoyed the time off over the holidays.  
Here are a few announcements and reminders to kick  
off the New Year.

### Student Christmas Concert

On December 7, 2008 LCMS hosted  
two wonderful holiday concerts in the



*Junior Orchestra performs at the LCMS Christmas concert.*

Rose Gellert Hall. *A Celebration of  
Strings* was held at 1:30pm and  
featured performances by many of our



*LCMS Fiddlers*

string students, including Suzuki  
String Groups, the Violin Technique  
class, and the LCMS Fiddlers. At  
3:30pm, a second concert *Songs of the  
Season*, featured vocal soloists, Junior  
& Concert Orchestras, and the LCMS  
Symphony Orchestra. Attendees also  
participated in group caroling session.  
Fun was had by all and each concert  
celebrated the excellent talent of  
LCMS students.

### LCMS Students Busy Performing Over the Holidays

On December 19, LCMS Fiddlers and  
students of Liana Savard, including  
Raina Dutchyn, Kerstina Coldwells,  
and Kailee Fortin, accompanied by



*LCMS students playing for seniors  
at Simpson Manor.*

Graham  
Yates,  
performed in the Christmas Bureau's  
annual fundraiser for the food bank at  
Christian Life Assembly. On  
December 23, Leanne Wendt and a  
young group of students delighted  
seniors with a program of Christmas  
music. Students and families travelled  
through the snow to play at Simpson  
Manor in Fort Langley and the  
Langley Lodge.

### Join our Concert Mailing List

Learn about upcoming events in the  
Rose Gellert Hall. Send your name,  
email, and phone number to  
[development@langleymusic.com](mailto:development@langleymusic.com)  
and we'll add you to our mailing list.

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## BULLETIN BOARD - STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LCMS is full of musical talent. Each year, students compete in various competitions and participate in exams. We're a little late sharing the great news of our musical stars – but it's better late than never. Below is a list of credits over the past year. Congratulations to our students!

- **Stephanie Blain** received 99% with distinction in Rudiments II in December 2007.
- **Graeme Deering** received first class Honours for Grade IV piano in June 2008.
- **Marc de Geus** completed his History 3 with Honours.
- **Clair Fowler** received 96% with distinction in Rudiments II in December 2007.
- **Jessica Fricker** received a pass for Grade VIII piano in June 2008.
- **Daniel Kalinowski** received 84% with First Class Honours in Rudiments II in December 2007.
- **Sally Kim** received the RCM Woodwinds "Top Student" in the province award in November 2007.
- **Suzanne Park** placed 3rd in the grade 7 Baroque class and placed 3rd in the grade 7 Classical class at the Richmond Music Festival in November 2008.
- **Alexandra Sandvoss** received Honours for Grade 8 Saxophone.
- **Kathleen Stanyer** received first class Honours during the June 2008 RCM Piano Examinations.
- **Grace Yoo** received Honours for Grade 6 Saxophone.

## 2009 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FESTIVAL

The annual Scholarship Awards festival will be held between February 7 and 14 with the final concert on February 22. We are proud that the Spirit of BC committee is sponsoring our event and showcasing it during Spirit of BC week, an annual event held in February profiling local programs that strengthen sport and recreation, healthy living, arts and culture, literacy and volunteerism. In 2009, it marks the one year countdown to the 2010 Olympics.

Festival week at LCMS is our own "Olympic" style event when students perform in various classes open to the public and demonstrate the results of their commitment to the study of music. Only those students well prepared to perform a concert group of three contrasting pieces are invited by their teachers to participate.

The Festival was established in 1986 to encourage children to develop their artistry to the best of their ability in a supportive, non-competitive environment. It is a means of distributing scholarships to those students that demonstrate an exceptional

caliber of musicianship in their performances. Adjudicators - well known, respected musicians, are invited to offer critiques at the end of each class and to decide on the recipients of the scholarships.

Langley Community Music School established a Scholarship and Bursary fund with the Vancouver Foundation in 1983. The interest generated from this fund is distributed during the festival along with donations from many individuals and businesses who have established named awards. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support.

Please plan to attend the classes and the awards concert to acknowledge the accomplishments of our students and "cheer them on" in true Olympic style.

**As a reminder, there are no group classes during festival week, and regular lessons will not take place unless otherwise notified by your teacher.**

## NEW MUSIC FOR BABIES & TODDLERS CLASS IN FEBRUARY

Beginning Feb 21, LCMS is adding a second Saturday morning Music for Babies and Toddlers Class. This class will run for 14 weeks (excluding Spring Break and Easter Saturday and concluding on June 6). Sign up now at the office.



*Each 45-minute class incorporates singing, movement and dance, rhymes, and opportunities to play a variety of instruments for children and their caregivers.*

~ *Reminders continued from page 1*

### Speeding on 207 Street

LCMS is proud to be located in Langley's beautiful city park. We recently heard a number of concerns from local residents about vehicles speeding to and from LCMS on 207 Street. Please remember we are located in a school and park zone and the speed limit is 30 KPH along 207 Street.



### Parking at LCMS

We are very fortunate to have free parking located adjacent to the school. Please utilize this lot and leave spaces on 207 street for residents living in the area. We also ask that you do not leave vehicles parked in front of the building – this is a designated drop-off/pick-up zone only. As a reminder, the three stalls located directly in front of the school are designated handicapped parking.

## 2009 SUMMER WORKSHOPS

LCMS has another great line-up of summer workshops planned for July and August 2009. Playing with Music, Suzuki Summer Workshop, Music Theory Classes, and the *Pulse* Creative and Innovative Music Program and Festival will be offered. Registration information will be available in late February. In the meantime, here's a glance at the schedule for this summer.

<b>Playing with Music</b>	July 13-17
<b>Suzuki Summer Workshop</b>	
SAA Teacher Development Workshops	July 19-23
Student Programs	July 20-23
<b>Pulse Creative &amp; Innovative Music Program and Festival</b>	July 24-Aug 2

The **Pulse Creative & Innovative Music Program** has some exciting changes for participants in 2009. We are excited to announce that new faculty members Joel Stobbe (cello) and Francois Houle (clarinet, composition, and improvisation) will join the festival this year.



The 2009 program will focus on chamber music and piano 4 hands/2 piano with increased emphasis on music innovation and personal expression. Students will discover their own creative potential through an increased exposure to the art of improvisation and composition. Junior/intermediate (age 10-12, minimum grade 6 RCM and/or equivalent), senior (age 13-18), and adult participants are welcome.

New this year, is a two day workshop with Marcel Bergmann and Francois Houle. The **Creative Music Education** seminar takes place July 24-25. Elementary and high school music teachers, private studio teachers, and all those interested in music education will gain a fresh approach to instruction and discover new skills to apply to their current methods.



## Edoardo Catemario, guitar

January 31 at 7:30pm

*Don't miss international guitarist Edoardo Catemario in the Rose Gellert Hall. The performance will include works by Bach, Scarlatti, Ponce, Tarrega, and Albeniz.*

**Tickets:** \$20 Adults \$18 Seniors  
\$16 Students LCMS Students \$10

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## UNIQUE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

As **aspiring young musicians**, it's very important to attend live performances. You'd be surprised how much you can learn from watching others in concert. That's why we offer Rose Gellert Hall and Concerts Café Classico performances at a discounted rate for students—that's right, if you're a student of LCMS, you can attend world class concerts for the **best deal in the house**. The cost of Rose Gellert Hall performances ranges from \$10-15, and Concerts Café Classico concerts are only \$8.

### Don't miss the remaining performances this season: Rose Gellert Hall Series

**Edoardo Catemario, guitar** January 31, 2009 7:30pm  
Classical guitarist **Edoardo Catemario** has been praised for his technical command and brilliance, as well as "elegance and sensibility without equal". A winner of several national and international competitions, Catemario has appeared in concerts, broadcasts, and major festivals across Europe and North and South America. His performance will showcase works by Bach, Scarlatti, Ponce, and Albeniz.

**Campbell Ryga & Friends** June 5, 2009 7:30pm  
Acclaimed saxophonist Campbell Ryga has put together an "all star" group for this occasion, featuring Brad Turner, trumpet; Chris Sigerson, piano; Doug Stevenson, bass; and Blaine Wikjord, drums. This jazz celebration will include compositions by Nat Adderley, Jaki Byard, Sam Jones, Junior Mance, Gene Wright as well as some popular jazz standards such as *Lover Man* and *All The Things You Are*.

### Concerts Café Classico

**Helmut Brauss, piano; Kuniko Furuhashi, mezzo-soprano**  
January 25, 2009 1:00pm Lecture 3:00pm Concert  
Join us for a special recital that will feature some of Kuniko's original arrangements of Japanese songs for voice and piano. As part of their visit to LCMS, Brauss will also hold a lecture on the topic of his 2003 book *The Singing Piano Tone: The Artistry of Pedalling* that promises to provide helpful insight and practical tips on this important issue.

**The Vancouver Trio** February 27, 2009  
10:00am Coffee & Commentary 11:00am Concert  
This concert is a must for Beethoven fans and chamber music lovers alike. Gene Ramsbottom, clarinet; Bo Peng, cello; and Keiko Alexander, piano of **The Vancouver Trio** will perform Beethoven's *Clarinet Trio, Op 38*.

**Dead Serious** March 13, 2009 – Night Café  
7:00pm Coffee & Commentary 8:00pm Concert  
This original presentation of *Dead Serious* features an array of works by Canadian and international composers, such as Jeffrey Ryan, Rodney Sharman, John Harbison, and Francis Poulenc. This Night Café promises to be surprising, innovative, and entertaining.

**Gerlinde Otto, piano** April 17, 2009  
10:00am Coffee & Commentary 11:00am Concert  
German pianist **Gerlinde Otto** will visit LCMS for a Concerts Café Classico performance featuring Mozart's Fantasy in C minor, KV 396, and Schubert's great Sonata in A major, D 959.

## UPCOMING MASTERCLASSES

### Gerlinde Otto, piano

German pianist Gerlinde Otto visits LCMS for a Concerts Café Classico performance and masterclass. She teaches students from all over the world, many of which are winners of international competitions. Gerlinde is well-known for her inspirational and careful approach to teaching, as well as her ability to solve problems of piano technique and body movement awareness.



Gerlinde Otto

## INFORMAL SUZUKI PIANO RECITALS

LCMS' Suzuki Piano program will host a series of informal recitals from now until June. Suzuki piano students are welcome to participate and will have the opportunity to play for each other in an informal setting. Here's the schedule of recitals planned for the next few months:

**Sunday, March 8 at 2pm**

**Saturday, April 25 at 1pm**

**Sunday, May 24 at 2pm**

Recitals will be held at LCMS.

## FACULTY CORNER

### West Coast Chamber Music Concerts

Faculty **Holly Duff** and **Alan Crane** are directors and pianists of West Coast Chamber Music (now in its 16th season) held at 3:00 on Sunday afternoons. Small ensembles of delightful classical chamber music are showcased at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver at 49th & Oak. LCMS' Bernard Duerksen, pianist/piano teacher will be featured in the first concert playing Dvorak's Piano Quintet in A. **2009 concert dates:** Jan.25, Feb.22, March 29 and May 3. More information at [www.westcoastchambermusic.org](http://www.westcoastchambermusic.org).

### BJ Block Releases New CD

LCMS faculty member BJ Block, guitar, recently released his solo album, *Glitterball*. BJ left copies at LCMS and students are welcome to pick up a free copy at the office (while quantities last). More information can be found at [www.myspace.com/bjblockmusic](http://www.myspace.com/bjblockmusic).

