



Langley Community Music School

# the Tuneful Muse

Noteworthy News from the Langley Community Music School

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## Principal's Message

### What a year!

From the first master class and concert in September with Paul Marleyn and Mario Bertoli, to all of the year end concerts that I've had the pleasure of hearing these past few weeks, by all accounts, it's been a very successful and event filled year.

The student achievements listed in this newsletter are impressive. Congratulations to everyone who established a goal, worked towards it and succeeded with excellent results whether at exams, local and regional festivals, or international competitions. The entire LCMS community is proud of your accomplishments.

It's very evident that the enriched programming that is offered at LCMS results in extraordinary achievement. This is, of course, also a credit to the wonderful faculty that we have teaching the programs. The support that we receive from our donors, the Province of B.C. and community organizations enables us to provide programs to enhance the private lessons and build a community of musicians. It's heartwarming to observe the collaboration and friendships that develop in the various groups from the early learning program through to the Music Intensive Program. Thank you

to everyone who supports LCMS and the work that we do. The value of your donations is being realized through the quality of our programs and the success of our students.

This year, through a grant from the Vancouver Foundation and a partnership with Langley Early Childhood Development Committee, financial assistance was provided to 15 families so that they could participate in our early learning programs. Fortunately, this program can continue into next term.

As the year concludes, we bid farewell to our graduates and wish them success with the new challenges awaiting them. We also say goodbye to longtime member of the piano faculty, Jean Brown, who is retiring from teaching at LCMS. BJ Block is also taking some time away after the birth of his new daughter, Ava. Congratulations!

During the summer months, the office will be open and the staff will be taking registrations and getting ready for the next term. There's lots to look forward to, especially the opera project that will involve a lot of the school.

*-Susan Magnusson, Principal*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### *All Together Now!*

#### *Strings in Summer*

Wednesdays, July 2 - Aug 6

### *Playing with Music Summer Camp*

July 7-11

### *Music for Babies & Toddlers*

July 14-17

### *Suzuki Summer Workshops*

July 14-17

### *Summer Beat*

July 14-17

### *Pulse Chamber Music Festival & Program*

July 20-26

### *Open House*

September 6, 10am-2pm

### *Suzuki Piano Party*

September 27

### *October 5*

#### *Concerts Café Classico Season Opener*

#### *Duo Concertante*

Coffee/Commentary 2:30pm Concert 3:30pm

### *October 17*

#### *Rose Gellert Hall Season Opener*

#### *The Dover Quartet*

7:30pm

### *October 20*

#### *Annual General Meeting*

7:30pm

### *October 25*

Student Costume Concert

For more information about programs & events:

[www.langleymusic.com](http://www.langleymusic.com)

## LCMS MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of LCMS! By purchasing a \$10 membership, you are showing support for the work we do and helping us to remain a vital community organization. Your membership entitles you to a vote at the Annual General Meeting.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We hope all members will join us to vote for the 2014- 2015 Board of Directors. **Nominations forms are available at the office if you wish to nominate someone to serve as a director.** Nominations for the Board close 14 days in advance of the AGM.

**Monday, October 20, 2014**

**7:30pm - LCMS Classroom**

**Note:** If you are planning to vote at the AGM, you must purchase a membership at least 30 days prior to the AGM in order to vote. Memberships are valid until June 30, 2015.

*We acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of BC.*



# SHARON STEVENSON CAREER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

*Congratulations to 2014 Sharon Stevenson Scholarship winners Stephen Duncan and Paul Williamson!*



*Stephen Duncan performs Gurney's Sleep accompanied by mother and faculty member Sylvia Duncan at Showcase Concert*

**Stephen Duncan** (voice/piano) was awarded \$6000 and will be entering a double major program in voice and piano performance at the University of British Columbia. Stephen received an honourable mention in voice at this year's Provincial Festival.

**Paul Williamson** was awarded \$6000, and will be studying piano performance at the University of Manitoba, where he was also awarded a significant entrance scholarship. Paul won the national class at this year's Provincial Festival, as well as Dr. & Mrs.



*Paul Williamson performs Prokofiev's Sonata No. 7 at Showcase Concert*

J.F.K. English Scholarship for the most outstanding performance at the National Concert. He will be competing in the Nationals this summer.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

2013 Sharon Stevenson Scholarship winner **Ben Su** graduates this year, and will be heading off to the University of Toronto on a full scholarship to study piano performance with Jamie Parker. Ben recently won 1st place at the Festival on the Lake competition in Burnaby with his performance of the Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2.



*Ben Sun performs Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2 accompanied by teacher Bernie Duerkson at the Year End Showcase Concert*

Ben leaves LCMS with an amazing list of achievements, including winning the Intermediate Piano category at the BC Provincial Festival in 2012, and winning 1st place in the 15-17 age category in the 2013 New York International Artists Piano Competition (earning himself a performance in Carnegie Hall last spring).



*Jasmine & Samantha Lee with teachers Marcel & Elizabeth Bergmann*

Duo pianists **Jasmine and Samantha Lee** had an exceptional year, including winning their category in the United States International Duo Piano Competition in Colorado Springs and the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music 2013. Their prize in the American Protégé competition included the opportunity to perform in Carnegie Hall, New York.

**Rachel Suh, Vanay Verma and Halla Kim** each won awards for their performances in their respective high school jazz bands.



*Arianna Almeida with trophy from BC Junior Talent Competition*

**Arianna Almeida** won the preteen category of the BC Junior Talent Search Competition with her soulful performance of "House of the Rising Sun."

Congratulations to this year's LCMS Concerto competition winners **Sarah Yang**, violin, and **David Ko**, piano.



*Sarah Yang performs Mozart Concerto No. 4 in D Major with Concert Orchestra at the Year End Showcase Concert*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: LCMS YEAR END SHOWCASE CONCERT

The school year came to a spectacular end this year with the LCMS Year End Showcase Concert on June 7, 2014. The concert featured many of our most talented senior students and alumni, including past Sharon Stevenson Scholarship winners Sunny Chan



*Sunny Chan performs Lalo's Symphony Espagnole at Showcase Concert accompanied by his mother Mi Mi Chan*

(violin, 2011), Hannah Williamson (violin, 2012), and Alice Cho (cello, 2013). The Violin Consort, under the direction of Lucia Schipperus, performed the Scherzo from Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Concerto Competition winner Sarah Yang performed with the Concert Orchestra. The evening closed with an exuberant performance of Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals, featuring "animal character" soloists Stephen Duncan, David Ko, Jasmine & Samantha Lee, Kelly Chan, Anthony Cook, Angelica Chen, Paul Williamson, Hannah Williamson, Sunny Chan, Brian Lee, Charis Hammermeister, Wendy Liu, Alice Cho and Ben Su.



*Graduating student Charis Hammermeister performs Voliere from the Carnival of the Animals at the Showcase Concert*

## & NOTEWORTHY NEWS



*Melanie Krishna*

**Melanie Krishna**, vocal student of Liana Savard, had her composition "The Song of Canada" performed by the Langley Community Chorus at their Mothers Day concert this May. Melanie also sings with the Chorus. Her achievements are all the more remarkable because she is blind and confined to a wheelchair with cerebral palsy. Inspirational!

**The LCMS Fiddlers**, under the direction of Andrea Taylor, performed to great acclaim as part of the torch-lighting ceremony this June for the **BC Senior's Games**. The games will be held in Langley in September 2014. LCMS Principal Susan Magnusson and Junior Programs Coordinator Leanne Wendt are both on the organizing committee for the Seniors Games.



*Justin Christensen works with students at the LCMS Canadian Music Festival*

LCMS was proud to commission and premiere a new work by our alumnus **Justin Christensen** as part of our Canadian Music Week celebrations in November 2013. Justin won the prestigious Canada Council Jules Leger prize for composition in 2010, and is receiving growing recognition as a composer. His two movement chamber work "Trajectories" was presented by two of our student chamber groups, who also had the opportunity to have their performance workshoped by Justin.

LCMS extends its thanks to the **Sharon United Church** for the loan of hand bells used by our Hand Bell Ensemble throughout this year. The Ensemble is directed by Joanne Ledresay, and in addition to performances at LCMS, the group participates in various community concerts throughout the year.

### OperaTion Youth



*OperaTion Youth writers in a workshop with Kico Gonzalez-Risso*

An ambitious and exciting project is under way at LCMS. **OperaTion Youth** involves youth in all aspects of the creation of a new opera, from story development, to music composition through to performance. Three short 1-act operas are scheduled for performance in June, 2015. The librettos are being completed this month, under the guidance of professional writer Kico Gonzalez-Risso. Following a story competition earlier this year, stories by young writers **Jasmin Soomin Jeong (12)**, **Lauren Trozduk (19)** and **Kaitlyn Gisler (21)**, were selected. Marcel Bergmann is working with young composers to complete the scores, due to be completed by December 2014. Watch out for announcements in the coming months regarding soloist auditions and volunteer opportunities in the areas of set design and stage manage-

# BULLETIN BOARD

*Congratulations to our Students!*

## **RCM First Class Honours with Distinction**

Evelyn Tan - Advanced Rudiments  
Brianna Wang - Advanced Rudiments

## **RCM First Class Honours**

Anthony Cook - Basic Rudiments  
Jack Davison - Gr. 4 Violin  
Timmy Gao—Gr. 6 Piano  
Lisa Grier - Intermediate Rudiments  
Elaine Juan - History 1  
Chris Lee - Gr. 6 Clarinet  
David Li - History 1, History 2  
Edmond Oh - Gr. 8 Clarinet  
Adam Schmidt - Gr. 6 Violin  
Justin Schramm - Advanced Rudiments  
Albert Seo - History 1, History 2  
Grace Stanyer - History 1  
Michael Sun - History 1  
Emmalene Van Meel - Basic Rudiments  
Peter Wang - Gr. 6. Clarinet

Sophia Warren - Gr. 3 Piano  
Angela Wong - History 1  
Jennifer Yi - History 1, History 2

## **RCM Honours**

Sabrina Juan - History 1  
Emily MacCallum - History 1  
Emily Markwart - History 1  
Nicole Schmidt - Gr. 9 Violin  
Nakkita Schmidt - History 1  
Justin Schramm - Gr. 7 Piano  
Olivia Stanyer - History 1  
Angela Wong - History 2  
Blagee Zhuo - History 1

## **Performing Arts BC Festival Qualifiers**

Angelica Chen (piano, violin\*), Stephen Duncan \*\*\*(voice), David Ko\*\*\* (piano), Min Whoo Lee\* (clarinet), Albert Seo\*\* (cello), Paul Williamson\* (piano), LCMS TritoneTrio\*: Sarah Yang, Yu An Cheng, cello,

David Ko, piano (Int. Chamber Group)  
\*Winner \*\*Runner-up \*\*\*Hon. Mention

## **Kiwanis Awards**

Howard Chen - Outstanding Performance, Cello  
Victoria Wong - Promising Junior String, Violin  
Emmalene Van Meel, violin, Samantha Lee, piano, Liam MacIntosh, cello - Outstanding Chamber Group

## **Kiwanis - Gold Certificate**

Ariana Almeida - piano  
Danica Almeida - piano  
Angelica Chen - piano, violin  
Anastasia Lee - piano  
Min Whoo Lee - clarinet  
Clara Yoo - violin

## **Pulse 2013 Student Composition Winner**

Adam Zolty



*Orff Ensemble performs at Community Day Open House*



*Flute Ensemble performs at Community Day Open House*



*Harp Ensemble performs at Community Day Open House*

## **2014/15 CONCERT SEASON**

Announcing the Rose Gellert Hall and Concerts Café Classico 2014/15 concert season! We are welcoming a number of extraordinary musicians to perform this season, including the Banff International String Quartet prize winning **Dover Quartet**, the eclectic and blazingly brilliant **Quartetto Gelato**, the extraordinary violin and piano partnership of **Kai Gleusteen and Catherine Ordonneau**, and our own **Bergmann Piano Duo**, kicking it up a notch with percussionists from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

The Concerts Café Classico series promises a diverse musical journey ranging from Beethoven to the musical musings of minimalist composers Philip Glass and Arvo Part. To open the season, violinist Nancy Dahn and pianist Timothy Steves of **Duo Concertante**, return to our stage to perform works from their latest CD.

**SUBSCRIBE NOW and save 15% on tickets. Pick up the season brochure for all the details.**



*The Dover Quartet*