

CANADIAN MUSIC COMPETITIONS - BC SOCIETY

REMINDERS:

♦CMCBC Showcase Concerts Series♦

1. January 29: 2pm
2. January 29: 4pm
3. February 5: 2pm
4. February 5: 4pm

Tom Lee Music
3rd Floor Recital Hall
929 Granville Street
Vancouver

Admission by donation
Info: (604) 773-6782
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♦Competition 2006♦

April 25 to May 1, 2006

** Dates changed **

♦ Fundraising Dinner 2006 ♦

Sunday, May 28, 2006

Sutton Place Hotel
845 Burrard Street
Vancouver

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2006: A VERY WARM WELCOME!

Welcome to all new and returning members of the Canadian Music Competitions of British Columbia Society. The Society has been busy over these past months, organizing and planning for you. However, we are especially affected by the tragic death of Miss Jean Lyons. She had done so much for CMCBC and her absence will affect us greatly.

A few notes for the 2006 season:

♦ Join us at the **CMCBC Showcase Concerts Series** on **January 29** and **February 5!** All the 2005 CMC National Finalists from BC are invited to perform as we celebrate their achievements at the CMC National Finals in Edmonton. Concerts start at 2pm and 4:30pm on each of the performance dates.

♦ We have **77 entries** for the 2006 season, so it will be an exciting competition! The **Competition** will take place on **April 25th to May 1st, 2006**. Please note that these are the **new** dates for the BC Competition, set by the National Office. Due to the change in dates, the Society continues to work hard in finding the best venue for the Competition.

♦ Our annual **Fundraising Dinner** will take place on **Sunday, May 28th, 2006**, at the Sutton Place Hotel. This evening will bring our CMC community together and raise money for the continuation of the Canadian Music Competitions in BC.

As always, the Board of Directors especially welcome your help in coordinating the events. Remember, this is your society and your help keeps this society running! Please contact us if you are interested.

Happy practicing!

CMCBC Board of Directors 2006



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Tickets:

1. Included in the Newsletter
2. Online at www.cmcbc.com

In 2005, we had **45** stellar musicians from BC at the CMC National Finals in Edmonton, AB. Our annual Showcase Concerts allow B.C. to experience their musicianship and to congratulate our winners! There will be **four concerts** held on two different days at Tom Lee Music's Concert Hall in Downtown Vancouver. We will also host a reception on both days to celebrate these talented musicians.

Admission is by donation, and we include tickets with this Newsletter. To obtain more tickets, contact us at info@cmcbc.com or 604-773-6782 or go online to www.cmcbc.com to print out the tickets.

We encourage all of you to attend these concerts. Bring your friends, family and other music lovers!

CMC COMPETITION 2006

April 25 - May 1, 2006

**** The dates have changed ****

Location: to be announced

This year's Provincial rounds of the Competition will take place **April 25 to May 1, 2006**. Due to the change in dates, the CMCBC Board continues the search for the best venue.

Exact dates and times for each category will be confirmed in March 2005. **A tentative schedule is posted on our CMCBC website: www.cmcbc.com, and on the National Office website: www.cmcnational.com.**

Please look for our updates in our newsletters and online.

FUNDRAISING DINNER 2006

Sunday, May 28, 2006

Sutton Place Hotel

**Silent Auction / Raffle
Special Musical Guests**

Our goals are to raise funds to keep the competition running in 2006 and beyond, and to provide an enjoyable evening to celebrate BC's musical talents. We need to sell at least 250 tickets to ensure the finances of this competition in BC.

Invite your friends, relatives, business partners, and others! Come and support talented youth in this worthwhile cause. More details to come.



Jean Lyons 1921-2005

Remembering Miss Jean Lyons by Ann Warrender

We are all so saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our dear Miss Jean Lyons. Each of us has special memories of times spent with Jean, whether we were students or friends or, in many cases, students who remained life long friends with Jean. She was a mentor in the true sense in that she strove to bring out the best in each and every student.

It was through Jean's vision and energy that CMC was established in BC in the 1970s. Miss Lyons was familiar with the French language and was well aware of the CMC competitions in Quebec and recognized the opportunity they provided for music students. Since that time Jean has been a motivating force behind the success of CMCBC and we owe her a great debt of gratitude.

The CMC provides a venue for students to prepare for International competitions. For many students the CMC experience has been a major start to a musical career in Canada. Prior to the CMC events in BC, students had lacked a venue to compare their work with students elsewhere in the country.

A memorial service for Miss Lyons was held on January 10. Without exception all those who spoke at the service recounted stories and examples that demonstrated Miss Lyons' kindness, humility and willingness to help others. In her teaching she arranged for extra classes for students to help them achieve the best they could in their musical endeavors. In her friendships and affiliations with organizations such as her church she willingly gave of her time. She was an outstanding volunteer because she served with a cheerful attitude and enjoyed helping where she could.

In the near future there will be a Celebration and Memorial Concert at which time there will be more opportunity for friends, colleagues and students to pay tribute to Miss Lyons.

Jean Lyons dedicated her life to music and we have been honored to know and work with her. Our gift to her can be to continue to support the world of music for ourselves, our colleagues and our children.

"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."
T. Carlyle

I am greatly saddened by the tragic news of Jean's senseless death. She was such a wonderful lady and brought so much happiness to many people's lives. Her dedication to her students was unrivalled, and they will miss her tremendously. I remember fondly the evening of the Gala dinner and concert that we put on in Vancouver last year which she organized with such elegance and efficiency. She was always present at my Vancouver performances along with a group of her students. I join with you today in remembering a great lady.

Angela Hewitt (London)

In memory of a highly respected lady: Jean Lyons

The Canadian Music Competition introduced me to advocates of the music education across Canada. Among one of the first I met, was, Jean Lyons who was diligently practicing her French so she could participate in any conversation across Canada without putting other people in an uncomfortable position. Her French was excellent and right away I realized that this was a very special person who wanted to respect everyone she communicated with in totality.

I have been an accompanist for so many years, I can't count them any longer. Accompanists have a very difficult time at competitions because they want to practice, they want to practice with their candidates and the juggling of students' performances and those of their rehearsals is always an unsurmountable task. Not so for Jean who was in charge of practice rooms at the National Finals held at UBC the year of the Expo. I believe it may have been 1986. As soon as I arrived, Jean said to me that she had assigned a room to me! That is a luxury I had never been given. She said that if accompanists had more than a certain number of performances, they were assigned a room so they could do all their work in comfort. Never has anyone but Jean realized what that meant. And this is how she was. I can never forget what a relief, what a comfort, what a joy it was to have this respect.

Over the years, we became good friends simply for the reason that she was such a loyal colleague. It was always inspiring to be in her company. She stayed in my house in Calgary a few times and once when she was departing, she gave me a gift. It was an iron. She had noticed that mine was somewhat outdated. She said with a huge smile, "you don't have to be oldfashioned, you know".

Her loyalty traversed in every way. When my son was performing in Vancouver, not only would she support his activities but write about them to the organizers.

What a gracious lady. To say that I shall miss her does not describe adequately the hole in my life, be it music or otherwise.

Elfi Gleusteen (Calgary)

Tribute to Miss Lyons:

I will miss Jean Lyons a great deal. We got to know each other through the last 13 years. I always felt that she gave me the chance to present my point of view, with a lot of respect. Jean was always leading or assisting the Canadian Music Competition's team in Vancouver. All the candidates who experienced C.M.C. are indebted to her. She was a patient teacher and a lovely person who cared about others. I am very pleased to have had the chance to know her—I have good memories to keep forever. For me, she will always be an example to follow and I wish to keep that in mind all my life. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Canadian Music Competition, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the smiling lady.

Louis Dallaire (CMC National Office)

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In memory of Jean Lyons, a Memorial Scholarship Fund will be established in her name.

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Angela Barbour or Jessie Kumagai at 604-734-4019, or send your contribution to:

**Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jean Lyons School of Music
#228 – 1555 West 7th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 1S1**

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If you have reminiscences of Jean that you would like to share, please forward them to Wilma Suen at wilma@strategicalliance.ca for compilation into a Book of Remembrances of Jean Lyons.

High-resolution **.jpeg** photos would also be welcome.

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Support CMCBC:

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2005

If you would like a **tax receipt** for your 2005 contribution, and you have not received one, please contact us and we will be happy to mail it to you.

Your continued support has been greatly valued by all CMCBC members, and we hope that we can count on your dedication again for 2006.

REMINDER:

TEACHER MEMBERSHIP FEE

It is CMCBC's policy that all student competitors and their teachers must be members of CMC. As National registration has closed, please forward your membership fee of \$75 to our mailing address. If you have questions, please contact Alasdair by email or at (604) 773-6782.

NEXT CMCBC MEETING

Next meeting is on **January 24th at 7:30pm at Jean Lyons School of Music**. All members are encouraged to attend. **We are always looking for volunteers!** Contact us if interested!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JANUARY-JULY 2006

Showcase Concerts Series 0	Annual Fundraising Dinner:	May 28, 2006
2006 CMC Provincial Competitions:	2006 CMC National Finals: <i>Rimouski, Quebec</i>	June 19-July 3, 2006
Selling Tickets for Fundraising Dinner:	2006 CMC National Gala Concert:	July 4, 2006

DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP

We gratefully accept **donations** and we will acknowledge your contribution in our newsletters and programme books.

We are also seeking **corporate sponsors** to help support CMCBC. We have various **Advertisement packages** and **Sponsorship packages** available. Opportunities exist for national and/or local advertising, as well as the display of your promotional materials at CMC events. Please contact Stephanie at (604) 266-2219 for more information.

Please support CMCBC by:

- ♦ **donating** a scholarship
- ♦ **sponsoring** a concert or sessions of the Provincial Competition
- ♦ **donating-in-kind:** reception, Silent Auction, Raffle items
- ♦ **volunteering:** fundraising, selling tickets, assisting at events

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