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President's Message

Where did the summer go? Well, ready or not, fall is here. For many CMC members it's back to school or university. As well, many of you are in a new RCM grade and you are working with your music teachers to plan another successful year of music studies.

We hope that one of your goals this year is to compete in the Canadian Music Competition. The deadline for registering is November 22, 2006 and the BC provincial competition will be May 30 to June 5, 2007.

We had an outstanding group of competitors in 2006 and congratulations to all who participated. For those of you who were able to attend our Showcase Concert at Christ Church Cathedral on September 10, we thank you for supporting our fine young classical musicians from BC. Guest artist, Robert Silverman, was a CMC winner in 1961 and commended this year's winners for their high standard of musical performances.

In our last newsletter we outlined our financial concerns regarding our expenses related to the CMC BC competition. To keep pace with increasing costs we voted at the AGM in September to raise our BC fees. Membership fees will now be \$100 and performance fees are \$125. The new rates appear on the national website where you can register online.

Please take time to read the CMC newsletters. We want to keep you informed about events, news and plans of CMC BC. If you have any comments or questions you can contact us at the email or address on this newsletter.

Ann Warrender
President, CMC BC

Key Dates for 2006 – 2007

2006

November 22 Registration deadline for CMC

2007

May 30 to June 5 CMC First and Second Eliminations
June 16 or 17 CMC BC Awards Dinner and Team BC Launch
June 20 to July 5 CMC National Finals in Sherbrooke, Québec (nearest airport: Montréal)

Beginning October 15, on the third Sunday of each month, CMC BC Board Meetings will take place at 7:30 PM. Location will be posted on the CMC BC website. All members are welcome. Please RSVP to info@cmcbc.com

New Fee Structure

At this year's Annual General Meeting on September 24, 2006, three motions were carried that involve changes to membership fees. Effective immediately:

- 1) Family membership fees no longer exist. Instead, there are two member categories: competitors and teachers.
- 2) Competitor membership fees have increased from \$75 to \$100. Teacher membership fees remain unchanged at \$75. These fees must be paid by each individual member. Competitors will pay their fees when they register for the competition.
- 3) Performance fees for competitors have increased from \$100 to \$125. All competitors must pay the performance fee when they register for the competition.

Why the new fee structure? Membership fees cover CMC BC's operating costs, including administration, supplies, mailing, and website fees. Performance fees go towards costs incurred in running the BC portion of competition: venue rental, piano rental, piano moving, piano tuning, volunteer disbursements, and local judges' expenses.

In light of last year's almost \$5,000 shortfall, these fee increases are immediately necessary. The CMC BC Executive Committee understands the financial commitment required to experience this event and, as always, we remain dedicated to fundraising to the best of our ability. We raised over \$12,000 in 2005 – 2006. However, because of strained resources, we cannot currently increase our fundraising efforts. As a result, this immediate increase is necessary to allow us to put on the provincial competition this year. Part of CMC BC's long-term strategy is to become a sustainable competition, and this fee increase puts us one step closer.

We would also like to remind teachers that they must be members in good standing in order for their students to compete. To that end, this year we will be strictly enforcing prompt payment of teacher membership fees. We appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to an eventful year! If you have questions, we can be contacted at info@cmcbc.com.

Showcase Concert 2006

CMC BC held its first Showcase Concert at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver on September 10. The concert featured members of Team BC who placed in the top three in Canada in their age groups. It was truly an opportunity to inspire the more than 100 members of the audience with performances on piano, violin, cello, and clarinet. The programme featured a wide range of musical styles and included works by Mozart, Debussy, Ginastera, Prokofiev, Scriabin, and Tan Dun. We were also pleased to present the first Jean Lyons Memorial Scholarship.



Some of our young artists from the Showcase Concert

We also welcomed a special guest artist — former CMC winner Robert Silverman. Dr. Silverman gave a virtuoso performance of Chopin Nocturnes and a Polonaise. He complimented our young artists, noting that the standard of performance has improved significantly since he competed almost four decades ago.

We would like to thank our volunteers for their hard work putting this concert together. And, we wish to recognize Ms. Cecilia Tng, who promoted the Showcase Concert at the North Shore Registered Music Teachers Association and sold over 10% of our tickets. Thank you!



Guest artist Robert Silverman

Team BC at the National Finals 2006

Congratulations to Team BC for their excellent results at the National Finals in Rimouski. Seventeen of our 29 finalists placed in the top three in their respective classes:

Winds 16

Kelly Yoon (Canimex Scholarship)

Strings 10

Pearl Xu (CMC Scholarship)
Hee Soo Yoon

Strings 12

Eric Wu

Strings 16

Jonathan Lo (First Place. \$1500 Canimex Scholarship)

Piano 8

Karin Chan (CMC Scholarship)

Piano 9

Crystal Cheng (CMC Scholarship)

Piano 10

Cheralyn Chok (CMC Scholarship)

Piano 11

Emma Woo (First Place. Jean Lyons Memorial Scholarship)

Piano 12

Tim Zhang (First Place. \$1000 Jeunesses musicales du Canada Scholarship)

Piano 14

Benjamin Marks Woo

Piano 15

Monica Han
Lin Liu

Piano 16

Rozalyn Chok (First Place. \$1500 Yamaha Canada Scholarship)
Naomi M. Woo (BMO Scholarship)
Devon Joiner
Ji Young Kim

Volunteer Opportunities

CMC BC is a volunteer organization and we need your skills to build for the future. We are looking for volunteers in a number of areas:

Event Staffing

We need volunteers to staff reception desks during the six days of the Provincial Competition. Each shift is a four-hour commitment. We also need volunteers for other events during the year, such as putting together information packages, taking tickets for concerts, and helping at fundraising dinners.

Competition Committee

Tasks for this committee include finding an appropriate location for the competition, renting a piano, arranging for tuning, and scheduling volunteers for the week.

Gala Committee

The Gala Committee is responsible for organizing the annual fundraising gala and awards presentation, with silent auction, raffle, and prize draws. We would like some fresh ideas regarding this event, which will take place in May, after the Provincial rounds, in order to cheer on Team BC as they head to the National Finals. We want to thank Queenie Jang, mother of Team BC's youngest member, Fraser Jang-Milligan, for volunteering to spearhead this effort.

Fundraising/Outreach/Public Relations

These three areas are inter-related. We are looking for volunteers to help shape our fundraising strategy over the long term and to make contact with local firms that may be interested in supporting the CMC.

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