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President's Message

First of all, on behalf of the CMC board, I wish every success to those of you who have registered for the 2007 Canadian Music Competitions. The first round in BC will take place from May 30 to June 5 and we have tentatively booked the UBC School of Music as the venue. Candidates have generally found the event to be a very positive learning experience and appreciate the personal feedback from the evaluators. As well, having a target date and goal can be very motivational and inspires you to practice and study at a higher level than without a tangible goal. Best wishes to you all.

I have had a few queries regarding the fees for BC applicants. I can respond by telling you that the student fees do not completely cover the costs we pay for each entrant in the competition. In addition to your registration fee, CMC BC is assessed a fee to help cover the costs of the jury and their travel, as well as for the National Finals. We also need to cover the costs for the local venue, piano rental, piano tuning, and other costs associated with the competition. At the present time, we get a Direct Access Grant of \$7,000 from the provincial government which we also put towards the cost of the BC competition.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about our fundraising dinner to be held in the spring. We ask for your assistance in selling tickets to the event and, of course, planning to attend yourself. More information will be available in future newsletters.

You will be interested in knowing that we recorded performers at the Show Case Concert 2006, which was held at Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Vancouver. We are now in the process of choosing a variety of selections for a CD sampler that we can use to demonstrate to potential financial donors the exceptional quality of performers we have in this province.

Finally, I wish you and your family all the best for the holiday season. May you share your musical talents and love of music with others at this special time of the year.

Ann Warrender
President, CMC BC

Treasurer's Report

The latest news from the treasury shows that with 75 registered competitors and 42 teacher members, we expect \$28,175 in fees and membership dues. This entire amount goes directly towards running our provincial competition in May and June 2007. However, this covers only about half of our projected expenses for the 2006 – 2007 season. We are committed to working with our members to fundraise the rest so that we can ensure a successful competition this year and we appreciate the continued involvement of students, parents, and teachers.

Currently, we are working towards paying off the remainder of last year's dues to the national office. These dues cover costs for the jury who fly in to BC to adjudicate our provincial competition. Thanks to a \$7,000 grant from the BC Gaming Commission which goes towards this provincial competition, we are one step closer to closing off last year's books. On the down side, even after this grant, we still find ourselves \$3,200 short of breaking even for last year's operations.

More recently, our first event of the 2006 – 2007 season was an enjoyable success. In September, performances by the top finalists from the 2006 National Finals were enjoyed by an audience of over 100 members, friends, and supporters. Ticket sales reached over \$2,000, and CMC BC netted almost \$1,200 which will go towards our 2007 competition. We would like to once again thank the performers and all of our supporters.

As we can see, we are off to a promising start this year. We are anxiously awaiting the final totals from the national office before finalizing our budget for the year. However, the Board of Directors and the fundraising dinner committee are already working hard to prepare for our annual fundraiser in June — so start thinking about who you'll be bringing to the dinner! It promises to be a fun-filled night of music, food, and friends.

Alastair Maughan
Treasurer, CMC BC

New Website

We have completely redesigned the CMC BC website to better serve our members' needs and to present a more professional image for our fundraising efforts. It will also serve as a platform to showcase our members and alumni. This new website gives you the history of the CMC in BC, testimonials from past winners, minutes from our board meetings, and most importantly, information about upcoming events. During the competitions, we will post the schedule and any changes on the website.

Go to www.cmcbc.com — we welcome your feedback.

Fundraising Dinner and Team BC Launch 2007

Save the date! The CMC BC Fundraising Dinner & Team BC Launch will take place at Gingeri Chinese Cuisine in Richmond on the evening of June 15, 2007.

We are pleased to announce that our guest artists for this year's Fundraising Dinner & Team BC Launch will be Quatuor Piano. Quatuor is a piano quartet founded by several CMC BC alumni, including Michael Cheung, Richard Ho, George Kamiya, and Joseph Tong. In addition to their academic commitments, the young artists of Quatuor have been actively performing in the Lower Mainland since their group was formed in 2003.

This year, the dinner will be the official launch of Team BC as they head to Sherbrooke. We will be presenting all of our National Finalists with their medals, and want a great turnout to cheer them on and to congratulate their teachers and supporters for all their work. We look forward to seeing you all.

Silent Auction

We are calling for items for our silent auction to be held at the 2007 Fundraising Dinner. If you are willing to help, please email us at info@cmcbc.com. Please confirm your silent auction donation by February 28, 2007.

Interview with Devon Joiner, 2006 BC National Finalist

Devon Joiner placed in the top three in the Piano 16 category at Rimouski this summer. CMC BC asked Devon to reflect on his experience at the National Finals.



Devon Joiner

CMC BC: What are some of your reflections on the National Finals?

Devon: After three flights, I arrived in the beautiful town of Rimouski. The National Finals was a really fun experience. I was able to practise my French with the volunteers at CMC as well as at various places around the town. I watched performances in a few other categories, and the talent was amazing! As always, I found the comments of the judges very helpful!

CMC BC: Could you share some highlights from your first year at the University of British Columbia?

Devon: My first year at UBC has been very fulfilling so far. It is so wonderful to finally be able to concentrate entirely on my musical pursuits. I have met many interesting people here and I have already learned so much in the few months that I have been studying at UBC.

CMC BC: What are your future plans as far as music is concerned?

Devon: After I complete my Bachelor of Music degree, I would like to obtain Masters and Doctorate degrees, and eventually I hope to become a professional concert pianist and play with the world's leading symphony orchestras.

CMC National Director Visit to BC

On November 9, CMC BC welcomed the CMC National Director, Louis Dallaire, from the headquarters in Montréal. The meeting was an opportunity for us to hear firsthand about the business, finances, and future plans of CMC National.

It was interesting for us to review some of the statistics about CMC. For example, in 2006, BC had 77 candidates in the preliminary round, or almost 10% of the total number registered. Québec was by far the most well-represented province with 380 candidates. In the National Finals, BC had 29 participants.

Louis was also able to inform us about the differences in funding from one province to another. In Alberta, Calgary and Edmonton shared over \$100,000 from the Alberta gaming funds. Quebec also receives a generous allotment from the provincial government. Some of the other provinces require the candidates to participate in fundraising activities.

The exciting news is that CMC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2008. A Gala Celebration is already being planned in Québec City for July 11. The National Finals will coincide with the 400th anniversary of Québec City and the 50th anniversary of CMC.

Louis was very complimentary about the quality of performance levels attained by our BC participants. We hope this message can be conveyed to our local music teachers and their students.

If you would like to become more informed about CMC National, you may wish to join our BC chapter. The board meets once a month and discusses issues relevant to the competition in our province. Please contact us at info@cmc.bc.com if you are interested in learning more about our board and its roles and responsibilities.

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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