



Congratulations Team BC!

The Canadian Music Competitions – BC Society’s “Team BC Launch & Awards Presentation Dinner”, held at Richmond’s Gingeri Chinese Cuisine, was a resounding success. The sell-out crowd of over 140 competitors, parents, teachers, and music-lovers enjoyed a fabulous 10-course meal, and were entertained by the Quatuor Piano group. They were kept busy throughout the event with a number of prize draws and a silent auction. Items which drew the heaviest bidding were a signed CD set Beethoven’s 10 Violin Sonatas by Vancouver’s own violin prodigy, Corey Cerovsek, and two hockey sticks signed by Vancouver Canucks’ Trevor Linden and Willie Mitchell.

The event began with the launch of CMC BC’s first promotional CD, “Celebrating the Best in BC, Best in Canada”. This CD was recorded during last year’s annual Showcase Concert, held at Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate BC’s top performers at the Canadian Music Competition National Finals. Included on the CD are: Rozalyn Chok, who recently won the prestigious Bosendorfer National Piano Concerto Competition; Naomi Woo, who will be attending the Eastman School of Music; and cellist Jonathan Lo, who was awarded the First Prize ex-æquo in the 15 to 18 years old, all instruments, at the Canadian Music Competition.

The first half of the evening was highlighted with a performance by Quatuor Piano (<http://members.shaw.ca/quatuorpiano/>) a two-piano, eight-hands group from the Jean Lyons School of Music comprised of Michael Cheung, Richard Ho, George Kamiya, and Joseph Tong. The young men, who have each won numerous awards, including the CMC National Final, and a Gold Medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music, entertained us with works by Gillock, Lecuona, Gounod, Piazzola, Gershwin and Holst.

The evening was capped off by the launch of Team BC. The 31 members of the team were presented with medals and a Team BC bag and t-shirt. The competitors and their teachers will represent BC at the National Finals in Sherbrooke, Québec. Their ages range from 7 to 23, and they competing in piano, violin, cello and guitar.

CMC BC thanks all its donors and sponsors, particularly HSBC, for their generous support of Team BC. We raised over \$6000 to support CMC BC’s operations and programme delivery.



Team BC 2007

Showcase Concert 2007

Come see and hear the fantastic talent on Team BC live!

Our annual Showcase Concert celebrates Team BC's accomplishments — eight first-place finishes and over \$4000 in scholarships — and will also launch the Canadian Music Competition's Golden Jubilee season.

This year's concert will take place at Vancouver's historic Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, September, 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 each and are available now from CMC BC (info@cmcbc.com)

CMC BC Annual General Meeting

The Canadian Music Competitions - BC Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, August 19 from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Kerrisdale Community Centre. The address is 5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver, BC.

Our Board will report on our 2006/7 activities and financial performance, and propose changes for the 2007/8 season.

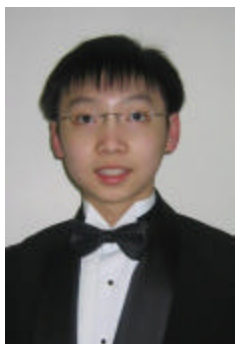
All members are invited to attend.

Meet Team BC's National Finalists and Winners



Stephanie Chan

An Honour Roll student at Crofton House School, Stephanie Chan has been studying music since the age of eight. Stephanie takes jazz guitar with Sandro Camerin, and classical guitar with Stephen Boswell. Stephanie performs with a group at British Columbia Conservatory of Music, performing jazz and classical pieces in local malls and hotels. Stephanie plans to pursue a career in Music at Berklee College of Music in Boston.



Jovian Cheng

Piano 14 – First Place, L'Union-Vie Groupe financier Scholarship

Fourteen year old Jovian Cheng is currently a student of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. Jovian was selected to attend the B.C. Festival of the Arts as the 2005 Intermediate Provincial representative in piano from the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival. Most recently, Jovian won the Music Man Festival's 2007 Concerto Competition and had his debut with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in April. Jovian is currently a ninth grade student at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, and is an active member of the Donna Fishwick Piano Ensemble.



Kevin Chien

Kevin Chun-Kai Chien first started learning piano when he was six, and is currently studying with K.K. Sum. In 2005, he placed fourth nationally in CMC in the category of nine years and younger. Some of his hobbies are piano, reading, and baseball. Kevin is an Honour Roll grade six student at St. George's School.



Susanna Fang

Susanna Fang is ten years old and in grade four. She started studying violin at the age of five, with a locally renowned teacher, Emily Pan. Susanna has won first place at the Richmond Music Festival, and placed second at the Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival. She has also recently performed with a group of other children at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for a popular Chinese music program that was shown around the world. People describe Susanna as "always having a smile on her face".



Matthew Fung

Matthew Fung is ten years old and has studied piano for almost three years. He has competed in several piano competitions such as the Richmond Music Festival, Kiwanis Music Festival and has been awarded many prizes. Matthew enjoys playing the piano and singing.



Monica Han

Piano 16 – CMC Calgary Scholarship

Sixteen year old Monica Han began her early studies in Korea. At the age of nine, she moved to Canada and studied with Young Hae Son-Na and Krystyna Tucka. She is currently a student of Dr. Sasha Starceвич. Monica has received many honors and awards, including a silver medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music for the highest mark in BC for Grade eight piano as well as scholarships and awards the Student Performer's Guild, North Shore, Music Man, and Kiwanis music festivals. In April of 2007, she made her debut with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.



Richard Ho

Piano 17 – CMC Calgary Scholarship

Richard Ho has been studying at the Jean Lyons School of Music under the direction of Angela Barbour since the age of five. He has won numerous awards in the Kiwanis and Richmond music festivals, as well as the ARCT Alumni Association and Richmond Music Festival Gala trophies. He obtained his LLCM diploma at age fourteen, and was awarded the Gold Medal by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto in 2005 for his ARCT diploma with a mark of 95%. A Grade twelve Honours student at Eric Hamber Secondary School, Richard enjoys drawing, playing the guitar, and engaging in competitive Track and Field, and curling.



Esther Hwang

Strings 11 (Violin) – CMC Scholarship

Esther Hwang started violin lessons at the age of three, and is currently studying violin with Lawrie Hill at the Vancouver Academy of Music. She performed with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for The Lover's Ball, and with the Pilgrim Orchestra, as a soloist in 2006. She received scholarships from the Gifted Youth Competition at the Vancouver Academy of Music in 2006 and 2007. She was a BC finalist for CMC in 2006, won CDMF Ellen Tso Awards in 2003 and 2004. Esther is a grade six honour roll student at Pacific Academy.



Devon Joiner

Piano 17 – First Place, Yamaha Canada Scholarship

Devon Joiner, seventeen, is a first year Bachelor of Music student at UBC, studying with Professor Jane Coop. He has received his ARCT diploma and performed three solo concerts. Devon has won many awards including first at the Performing Arts BC festival, Junior Division, third at both the CMC and the BC Piano Competition, fourth at the Canadian Chopin Competition. He has also won many awards from the Upper Island, Vancouver Kiwanis and Victoria festivals and the Nanaimo Arts Council, including a Gold Medal achievement award. Last summer Devon was accepted to the Morningside Music Bridge program in Shanghai, China. Devon also enjoys running, skiing, hiking and reading.



Claire Lee

Piano 9 – First Place, Jean Lyons Memorial Scholarship

Claire started studying piano at four years old and is currently a student of Dr. Victor Shevtsov. She is now nine years old and goes to Henry Anderson Elementary School. She won first place with scholarships at the Richmond Music Festival. Claire also won many first places at the Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival. She loves to play the piano and also likes sports such as badminton and table tennis.

Howard Lee

Strings 14 (Cello)



Susan Lee

Susan began learning the piano when she was eight years old with Erica Schultz in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is now continuing her studies with Sasha Starcevich after moving to British Columbia in the summer of 2006. In school, Susan is an Honour Roll student who is part of her school's concert band. Last year she was very involved with her school's events as the President of the Student Council, and was acknowledged by her school with a Citizenship Award.



Matthew Li

Piano 21 – Yamaha Canada Scholarship

Matthew is a third-year undergraduate student at UBC majoring in piano performance and is a student of Dr. Sara Davis Buechner. In December 2006, he was invited by the Philharmonic Orchestra in Xiamen, China for a concerto performance. Other performances have been with the UBC Symphony and UBC Choral Union, notably participating in the Canadian premiere of John Adams's *On the Transmigration of Souls* in 2005 and Sergei Rachmaninov's *Symphonic Dances* in 2006. Matthew participated in the Morningside Music Bridge summer program in 2006 and was selected four times as representative to the Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival by the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival from 2002 to 2005 in provincial and national categories and was the winner in 2003 and runner-up in 2002 and 2004.

David Lin

David Lin was born in 1990 and began studying the piano at the age of six, and violin at eight. Since then he has won prizes in local competitions, and received the Gifted Youth Scholarship at the Vancouver Academy of Music for three consecutive years. In 2003 he won the "Most Promising Performer" award in the Annual Concerto Competition of the Burnaby Clef Music Festival and was invited to perform with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. David plays in the Vancouver Academy Symphony Orchestra where he served as concertmaster in February 2007.



Nicole Linaksita

Nicole Linaksita is a grade eight principal's list student at Mulgrave School. She began her studies at the age of four with Diana Marr and is currently a student of David Vandereyk. She has received numerous awards and scholarships in local festivals and was a finalist in CMC in 2006. Nicole also has an interest in chamber music and has participated in the Young Artist Experience at UBC. She also enjoys playing the flute as well as participating in Jazz and modern dance.



Jieman Liu

Ten year old Jieman Liu began her early piano lessons with her mother; her further studies were under the guidance of Xu Lujia, and in 2005, she became a student of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. In 2004 she received an award of excellence at the 2004 Kiwanis Music Festival, and most recently won the “Most Outstanding Talent Award” for the Intermediate division of the 2006 Richmond Music Festival. She is currently working toward her Grade nine Piano Examination.



Vivian Liu

Piano 8 - First Place, CMC Quebec Scholarship

Vivian Liu, a grade three student at Chaffey-Burke elementary school, began her piano studies at age of four and now is a student of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. As well, she started violin studies at the age of four and is currently studying with Joan Blackman. Vivian competed in CMC 2007 in both instruments. She has won many prizes and scholarships at competitions throughout the BC Lower Mainland. Vivian is also interested in skating, skiing, swimming and ballet dancing.



Jeffrey Luo

Piano 7 - First Place, Canimex Scholarship

Seven-year-old Jeffrey Luo has been studying piano for almost two years and is under the direction of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. Jeffrey has won many awards and scholarships from local festivals and has performed regularly as a soloist and a member of the Donna Fishwick Piano Ensemble. Jeffrey also enjoys playing chess and skiing. He is currently a Grade one student at Collingwood School in West Vancouver.



Christine Ngai

Piano 11 – First Place, Canimex Scholarship

Christine is eleven years old and has been studying piano from Susan Wong Lim since age four. Two years ago she first participated in CMC and was a finalist who competed in Edmonton. Christine feels that the CMC experience has helped her grow as a pianist and she also enjoys meeting the other musicians. In her free time, she likes to ski and play badminton; she also plays the clarinet in her school band.



Luan Phung

Luan Phung began playing the classical guitar at age six and has played for nine years. He currently studies with Hanh Nguyen at the Vancouver Academy of Music. He has won numerous categories and awards at local and provincial festivals. He also plays piano. His hobbies include playing jazz guitar in his jazz/fusion combo, ProtoSynthesis and he is active in sports such as rugby, soccer, and basketball.



David Shin

David Shin is a twelve year old grade six student who attends the MACC Program at Sir William Osler Elementary School. He is currently studying cello with Joseph Elworthy, and has played cello since he was seven years old. He has won first place several times at the Kiwanis Music Festival, and this is his first time entering the CMC. David also plays piano and he enjoys soccer, and his favourite hobby is building and painting models.



Yuki Tampo-Hinton

Yuki Tampo-Hinton is a grade 12 honour student at Pacific Christian School in Victoria. She has studied with her mother, Toshiko Tampo for fifteen years, and with University of Victoria professors Arthur Rowe, for solo works, and Sharon Stanis for chamber work. Yuki enjoys playing with her piano trio, the "Two +One", which has won at the provincial festival three times; they traveled to Thunder Bay in August 2006 for the nationals, and placed second in Canada. Yuki competed in the Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition in New York and received an Honorable Mention. This year she performed the Chopin piano concerto no.1 and the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the Civic Orchestra of Victoria.



Carol Tsai

Carol Tsai began her piano studies at age four and added cello at eight. She started playing in symphony orchestras at the age of nine. In 2003, she enrolled in the Vancouver Academy of Music to continue her cello studies with Audrey Nodwell and played with the Vancouver Youth Orchestra and the Vancouver Academy of Music's Strings Orchestra. Carol has won numerous first place awards in the Kiwanis Music Festival and scholarships from the Vancouver Cello Club and Vancouver Academy of Music. She has also attended many master classes with cellists, such as Norman Fisher, Desmond Hoebig, Kenneth Slowik, Henk Guittart, Amos Yang and Paul Marleyn.

Teresa Wang Strings 10 (Violin)



Alan Wong

Piano 9 – Tutti Muzik Scholarship

Alan Wong is nine years old and a Grade four student at St. George's Junior School. He has been playing Piano since age five. He was a CMC Provincial finalist last year.

Benjamin Marks Woo

Piano 15 - First Place, Canimex Scholarship

Benjamin Woo is a grade ten honour roll student in the pre-International Baccalaureate French Immersion program at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Currently, he is working towards his grade 10 cello and ARCT piano examinations. He studies at the Vancouver Academy of Music with Joseph Elworthy (cello) and Lorraine Ambrose (piano). Benjamin is the recipient of numerous local, provincial and national awards, including a first place at the National Finals of the Canadian Music Competition in 2005. He also received the top mark in British Columbia on his grade eight and ten piano RCM examinations.

Emma Woo

Piano 12- First Place, CMC Scholarship



Kristina Yau

Kristina Yau is ten years old and a grade five student at Maple Grove Elementary. She began her piano study at the age of four with Celia Wu. Kristina won third place at the 2004 CMC National Finals in Toronto. She has received award of excellence medallions and scholarships at the Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival and was awarded an outstanding achievement trophy in 2003 and a scholarship for having the highest score in both sections of junior concerto and concert group in 2005 at the Richmond Music Festival.

Gary Yeung

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