



# *Progressions*

Year in Review

# 2023

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# President's Message

Barbara Siemens

2023 was packed with exciting developments as the BCRMTA continued to provide programs and supports for its members.

Things started off in January / February with the 2023 Vocal Competition to select the BCRMTA representative for the CFMTA Vocal Competition. Due to time constraints and geographical logistics, the AdHoc Committee - Barbara Siemens, Leah Field, Laurie Hirshman, Elisa Rolston, Matthew Chan - arranged for recorded submissions to be adjudicated by renowned vocalist Richard Epp. There were three participants:

- **Paige Kapp** - Mid-Island
- **Anna Mitchell** - South Okanagan
- **Aaron Chan Schneck** - Vancouver/Burnaby

with Paige advancing to the next level. On the piano side, the Young Artist Tour featuring BC Piano Competition Winner Edward Duan kicked off in January and continue through April. Edward delighted audiences in:

- Coquitlam/Maple Ridge
- Mid-Island, North Island
- South Fraser
- Vancouver/Burnaby

as he prepared to compete at the National level along with Paige.

Activities continued throughout the Spring. In April, the Council meeting had several highlights. The Delegates approved a motion to add the position of member-at-large to the Executive. Another motion saw the adoption of "Professional Pedagogy" to the list of specialist disciplines. The Heritage Fund was renewed for a ten-year term with an increase in support from \$200 to \$300 per Branch. It was also decided to send an Online Survey to members to gather opinions on two initiatives: a monthly online social and a student composers' club, more on these two activities later in the article.

There were some changes on the Provincial Executive. We bid adieu to Secretary Anita Perry and had the pleasure of presenting her with a lovely clock and pen stand in appreciation for her many years of service. Susan Chan was introduced as Anita's replacement, and she soon proved herself to be very capable in the role. Jammy Smith stepped back as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Sue Wood was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President while I stepped into the position of President and Mimi Ho moved up to Past President. Registrar Joyce Janzen and Treasurer Matthew Chan remained steadfast as always and their expertise continues to be appreciated. For full details of the Council proceedings, check the minutes and committee reports available in the Members Only section at [bcrmta.bc.ca](http://bcrmta.bc.ca).

In early July, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sue Wood and I attended the CFMTA annual meeting in Edmonton. It was an intense two days, but the atmosphere was collegial and the discussions interesting. A few highlights included: a reworking of the Essay Competition which promotes pedagogical research at the post secondary and post Graduate level, exploration of a multidisciplinary national competition, and the presentation of the Strategic Planning committee's Survey Results. There were other pertinent topics covered in the meetings, all of which can be found in the minutes and committee reports at [cfmta.org](http://cfmta.org) in the Members Only section.

The CFMTA meetings were immediately followed by the National Conference which included the National Piano and Vocal Competitions. The Conference sessions were engaging with a wide variety of presenters, and the Competition presented musicians from coast to coast to coast. Pianist Edward Duan and Vocalist Paige Kapps represented BCRMTA with the former coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place after a stunning performance in the Final Round. At the luncheon on the last day, our own Joanne Lougheed was presented with the Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award in honour of her contribution to the BCRMTA. Joanne was unable to attend but she later sent a note expressing her gratitude.





# President's Message - cont.

Barbara Siemens

After a well-earned summer break, teachers were back in full force in September. At this point, the Executive took the initiative to create short videos to be posted on YouTube and circulated via email. The first video introduced the members of the Executive and the following clips in October and December made announcements and reminded teachers of various deadlines.

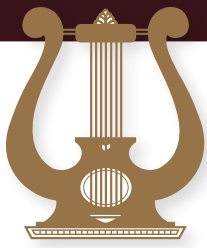
In the third week of September, the Provincial Council held its semi-annual meeting. Once again, there were many interesting developments. An Advertising and Publicity Ad Hoc Committee was instigated to create a blueprint for both the Provincial and Branch levels, a report will be presented to the April Council. The Committee started monthly meetings in November with Jeanette Dyck, Katherine Hume, Pauline Ng, Lillian Chan, Laura Webster, and Barbara Siemens. The formation of a Website Grant Ad Hoc Committee was another directive from the September Council, although ultimately there was not enough support to get the project started. Regarding the Student Composers' Competition, as recommended by the Chair Susan Evens the Council agreed to a restructuring of the fees and awards. And finally, it was reported that three of six CFMTA motions on a multidisciplinary national competition were defeated. As the margins of defeat were very narrow (tied or 1 vote), the CFMTA Task Force was asked to examine the results and put forward a report for the National meeting in July 2024.

The Fall was a busy time with two new initiatives for members and their students. Under the direction of Past President Mimi Ho and her committee, the Online Social Event started planning for three meetings to be held in 2024. The gatherings are intended to help BCRMTA teachers connect, exchange ideas, and support one another. In October, the Student Composers' Club had its inaugural meeting with coordinators Katya Pine and Kathleen Feenstra plus over twenty students. The Club is still in the formative stages and changes in the format will likely occur as they settle into a groove, but it had an auspicious beginning.

Other projects continued as usual throughout the year. In April, the BCRMTA acknowledged the 25 Year Pin Recipients, the Community Service Award winners, and the Pedagogy Award Winner, these individuals are noted on pages 7 - 9. Also listed are the BC Student Composer Competition winners at both the Provincial and National Levels on pages 14 - 18.. November's focal point was Canada Music Week and many Branches across the Province participated in events as you can read in the reports section of the magazine. The Branch Presidents' Round Table met in February, May, and October to discuss common challenges, and the Abbotsford Conference Committee provided progress reports for the upcoming ABC – Back to Basics event in September 2024.

All in all, 2023 was a productive year and we can all look forward to an equally scintillating 2024!





# Introducing

Our new Secretary - Susan Chan

Our new Canada Music Week/Student Composer Chair - Susan Evans



**Susan Chan** has been a RMT from the Vancouver/Burnaby Branch since 2019. She has served on the Student Performers' Guild (SPG) Festival Committee ever since and has been actively involved in the past four festivals, both virtual and in-person. She is also a regular participant in many of the local branch events.

Susan's musical training didn't follow the traditional path. She only started learning piano from scratch when she could afford her own instrument and lessons after she graduated from university. Albeit a very late start, her perseverance and dedication propelled her forward, attaining ARCT in Piano Pedagogy in 2014.

Susan's primary professional training was in Information Technology. She holds both Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Computer Science from the University of British Columbia, and has worked as a Senior IT Specialist for WorkSafeBC for over 20 years. Recently, she retired from her IT profession to devote more time to her music teaching career. She maintains a private studio in Vancouver, where she teaches piano and advanced theory subjects.

She has a passion for music and performance and has started a very successful Adult Performance Group Piano Cantabile, which has members from the Lower Mainland as well as from the US and Victoria. Forming human connections using music as a vehicle has been a very fulfilling and rewarding experience for Susan. With the same philosophy and attitude, she is joining the dynamic BCRMTA Executive Team to explore the many music education opportunities for teachers and students. She looks forward to meeting and working with the diverse and dedicated music teachers from across the province.

For vacation, Susan enjoys cruising with family and friends. She recently returned from the Caribbean Islands and is now planning a cruise to Japan and Korea in November.



**Susan Evans** was born in Wales, where for several years she was a cellist in the National Youth Orchestra of Wales. After preparing for her LRSM in piano performance at the age of 15, she studied piano, cello and composition at Dartington College of the Performing Arts in Devon. She went on to study cinema, and holds a Master of Arts (London) degree in film and television production from the Royal College of Art.

After immigrating to Canada in 1981, she obtained her B Mus at UBC, where she studied piano with Robert Rogers and Rena Sharon, and composition with Stephen Chatman and Keith Hammer. Her compositions have been performed by Elektra Women's Choir as part of the Vancouver Festival of Music, at various venues in the Lower Mainland and in Switzerland.

Susan has been a member of the B.C. Registered Music Teachers' Association for over 25 years, and was a longtime member of the Canadian Music Festival Adjudicators' Association.

For more than 27 years, she maintained a thriving and successful teaching studio in North Vancouver, where she was for many years a member of the executive board of the North Shore Music Festival.

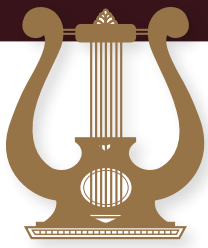
In 2021, she and her husband became residents of France, but this year they made the decision to return to Canada to be near her son and his family. They now live in Nova Scotia. Susan has begun to form connections with members of the NSRMTA, but maintains membership in the Vancouver and Burnaby branch of the BCRMTA. She continues to teach theory and harmony at all levels to Vancouver students via Zoom.

Theory teaching will remain her main focus now, but once her newly rebuilt Steinway B piano arrives from Montreal, she plans to build a small piano teaching practice with local students from her home overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on the South Shore of Nova Scotia.

She is excited to be given the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends in British Columbia through her new role as coordinator of the BC Student Composer Competition and Canada Music Week for the BCRMTA.







## Thank you to Anita Perry

Anita Perry has been the ever-positive, ever-efficient secretary of the BCRMTA for the past twelve years and it is time we salute this integral member of the Executive.

Anita has worn many hats during her tenure, and she has done it all with style, confidence, and aplomb. It all started back in 2011 when she accepted the position of Provincial Secretary. The job quickly began to morph, but she gamely went with the flow, learning more about Word, Excel, Google Docs, and Mailchimp than she ever could have imagined. She went above and beyond the call of duty and is surely now due the title "Master Formatter"! In 2017, Anita added CFMTA Secretary to her resumé. Two years into this position, she was instrumental in initiating the CFMTA Of-note publication. This important monthly email facilitates communication between the national association and its members across Canada.



Through these many years of service with BCRMTA and CFMTA, Anita has honed her knowledge and expanded her abilities. She has been a stalwart presence at all meetings which has made her an invaluable resource for issues on procedure or protocol through several presidential eras. While Anita may not particularly enjoy being the "calendar" of the organization, she has nevertheless painstakingly ensured that the Executives stay on schedule with deadlines and that operational tasks are completed.

Beyond her technical and secretarial prowess, Anita is charming, witty, and cheerful. In her written communication, she is consistently diplomatic and encouraging, even when working through difficult issues. One of Anita's most endearing habits are her missives of appreciation. She sends e-cards on all festivals and holidays that warm our hearts; she adds musical jokes, humorous writings, and cartoons to our tables; she even has chocolates waiting for those who RSVP early for meetings. Her thoughtful and personalized gestures, which demonstrate her care and consideration for her colleagues, have touched the hearts of all volunteers, instilling within us a great sense of value and appreciation for the time and effort we dedicate to BCRMTA.



As Anita steps back from both the BCRMTA and CFMTA Secretarial positions, her life will return to a less hectic pace. She will undoubtedly spend more time composing and teaching, as well as gardening and constructing her delightfully rustic cabin. We trust that she will remember her time on the Executive as fondly as we do, and we look forward to seeing her at Conferences in the future.

Hats off to you Anita!



## 25 Year Pins Presented in 2023

**T**his year we have the pleasure of recognizing 17 members who will receive their 25 year pin:  
(These members joined in 1997.)

**Abbotsford**

Marilyn Herrett

**Coquitlam/Maple Ridge**

Kati Magyar

**North Island**

Cecile Godel

**North Shore**

Dr. Carolyn Finlay

Galina Martyniuk

Tanis Mitchell

Siiri Rebane

Young Hae Son

**Prince George**

Karl Anderson

**Richmond**

Olga Ioutskevitch

Amelia Sau Man Lau

**South Fraser**

Deborah Boganes

**Sunshine Coast**

Valerie Rutter

**Vancouver/Burnaby**

Gloria MW Wong

Djina Stojkov

**Vernon**

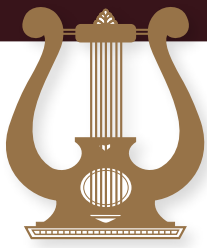
Marlene Schweb

**Victoria**

Keiko Takahashi

Congratulations to each one!

*Joyce Janzen* - BCRMTA Registrar



## 50 Year Pins Presented in 2023

**T**his year we have the pleasure of recognizing 3 members who will receive their 50 year pin:  
(These members joined in 1973.)

### Abbotsford

Diane Petkau

Lillian Rogalsky

### Victoria

Jennifer Rebner



*Diane Petkau*



*Lillian Rogalsky*

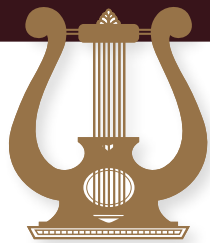


*Jennifer Rebner*

Congratulations to each one!

*Joyce Janzen* - BCRMTA Registrar





# BCRMTA Pedagogy Award

## Kelly Chang Shu

Every year BCRMTA gives a Pedagogy Award to the student in each of three conservatories:

- BC Conservatory of Music
- Conservatory Canada
- Royal Conservatory of Music

who achieves the highest aggregate mark in the Associate Teachers' Diploma. The award consists of a \$125 scholarship and a one year free membership in BCRMTA.

This year the Royal Conservatory of Music was the only conservatory who responded. Our Pedagogy Award Winner is Kelly Chang Shu, from Richmond.



### Kelly Chang Shu

*Coming from a family of musicians on my mother's side, I began music lessons at the age of 3 with my first instrument, the accordion. A few years later, and after moving halfway across the world, I took up the piano. After scoring highly on exams and consistently placing in the top 3 in local festivals, I eventually earned my ARCT Performer's. That was when my teaching journey began.*

*Despite a few different trajectories, I decided to take in my post-secondary studies and career, teaching was always something I pursued and loved. This passion only grew as I matured and gained more teaching and life experiences. The joy of inspiring in my students a love for music and being a part of my students' learning and growth is one of the most rewarding things to me. At the same time, I also earned my second ARCT in Piano Pedagogy as a way to further my own musical education, along with certificates in teaching Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced Piano. I'm currently pursuing the Licentiate diploma in Piano Performance, as I believe a good teacher must never stop pushing herself.*

*And now, more than 2 decades after first starting to teach, I run my own studio with 40-50 students, and I can honestly say, I enjoy every minute of it. I can't wait to see where the path leads for this next generation of musicians.*





# BCRMTA Voice Competition 2023

**Paige Kaps**  
Mid Island



Paige is from Nanaimo BC. She grew up taking piano lessons but always could be heard singing. After beginning to show interest in taking lessons she began studying vocal technique privately. Musical theatre additionally became an interest of hers but ultimately classical music captured her attention. She currently is studying classical voice performance at the University of Toronto, as well as working towards her ARCT with her teacher from home. She is excited for this opportunity to perform.

*The Green Bushes*

arr. Donald F Cook

*Beau soir*

Claude Debussy

*Cancion a la Luna Lunanca*

Alberto Ginastera

*Ma rendi pur contento*

Vincenzo Bellini

*MaienKätzchen*

Johannes Brahms

**Anna Mitchell**  
South Okanagan



Anna is currently working towards her ARCT in both classical voice and piano performance through the Royal Conservatory of Music. She also loves performing musical theatre, and teaches elementary level piano part time at the Penticton Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts.

During her studies Anna has received many awards including the Norm Looney Scholarship, the Madam Janisch Scholarship, and the Monica Craig Fischer Cup.

When she is not studying, Anna enjoys playing ukulele and learning new arts and crafts.

*Pieta Signore*

Alessandro Stradella

*L'amour est un oiseau rebelle*

Georges Bizet

*El pano moruno*

Manuel de Falla

*Nana*

Manuel de Falla

**Aaron Chan-Schneck**  
Vancouver/Burnaby



Aaron began his musical education at the piano studio of Mrs Kennedy in Toronto who taught him from age 4 to 8. Aaron has participated in both school choir and the VAM choirs. At age 11, he began formal singing lessons with Diana Welsh and has had many successful RCM examinations and festival results. During the 2021/22 season Aaron was a part of the Crescendo Operatic Society under the direction of Dolores Scott performing scenes from both musical theatre and opera. In the upcoming year Aaron plans to continue his vocal and music studies.

*Les berceaux*

Gabriel Faure

*"Bella siccome un angelo" from Don Pasquale*

Gaetano Donizetti

*The Vagabond from Songs of Travel*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*If Ever I would Leave You from Camelot*

Lerner & Loewe



## BCRMTA Voice Competition 2023

### Adjudicator - Richard Epp



Richard Epp is a Vancouver based vocal coach, pianist and conductor. He was senior opera coach for the Opera Workshop at UBC and as well as sessional instructor in the School of Music for many years. At UBC he conducted *Seerse*, *Die Gärtnerin aus Liebe*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *Hänsel und Gretel*, *Der Fledermaus*, *Die lustige Witwe*, *Brundibar*, *Cabaret*, *Weisse Rose* among others. In the past six months he has worked for Vancouver Opera, Pacific Opera Victoria, Vancouver City Opera and in the young artist program at Kelowna Opera. In the past he worked at the Vancouver Opera as pianist for their Resident Artist Program for five years and has also been on the faculty at the Vancouver Academy of Music. He has appeared in concert for both Vancouver Early Music and Vancouver New Music. He has premiered numerous Canadian works and has appeared in recital on CBC on numerous occasions.



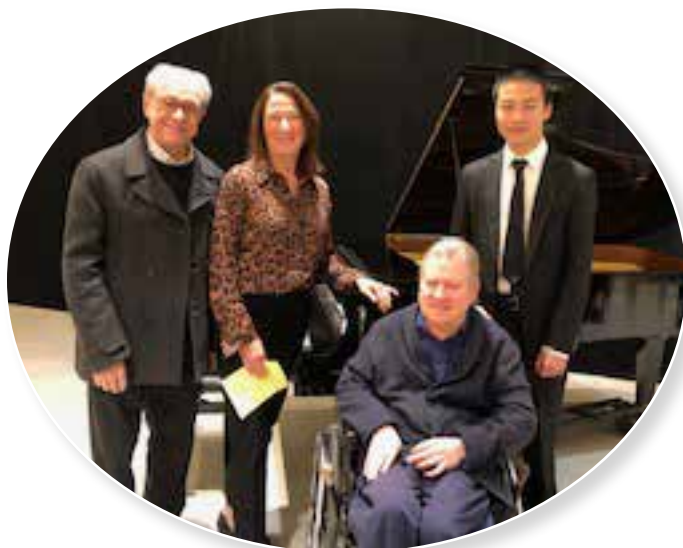
# Young Artist Tour

**Coquitlam / Maple Ridge** branch of BCRMTA hosted a Young Artist Recital with Edward Duan on Sunday, January 22, 2023. Edward won the Provincial Piano Competition in September 2022 and will be performing a number of these recitals to help prepare for the National Piano Competition in which he will be competing in Edmonton in July, 2023.

The recital was held at Place des Arts in Coquitlam. Edward played a challenging program for an enthusiastic audience of 40 people. He introduced each piece and participated in a lively Q and A session after his recital. His playing and personality demonstrate remarkable maturity for a fifteen year old!

Edward's teachers, Ralph Markham and Kenneth Broadway, attended. The recital was held in an art gallery that featured a recently opened exhibit called "Emerging Talent 25" - pieces created by Grade 12 art students of School District 43. What a fitting venue - we were very proud to be part of the Young Artist series.

*Submitted by Liz Munro*



*photo from left: Ralph Markham, Liz Munro, Kenneth Broadway, Edward Duan*

**2023 BRITISH COLUMBIA  
YOUNG ARTIST  
CONCERT TOUR  
EDWARD DUAN** PIANO

**COQUITLAM / MAPLE RIDGE**  
Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 pm  
Place des Arts  
1120 Brunette, Coquitlam, BC

**NORTH ISLAND**  
Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
145 Simms Road, Campbell River, BC

**SOUTH FRASER**  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
Northwood United Church  
8855 156 Street, Surrey, B.C.

**MID ISLAND**  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm  
St. Philip By-the-Sea Anglican Church  
7113 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC

**VANCOUVER / BURNABY**  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
109 East 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Young Artist Series  
CFMTA  
FCAPM  
British Columbia Tour

## Complete Tour

**Coquitlam / Maple Ridge**

January 23, 2023

**North Island**

March 5, 2023

**South Fraser**

April 15, 2023

**Mid Island**

April 29, 2023

**Vancouver / Burnaby**

April 30, 2023





# BCRMTA Student Composer Competition

## 2023 Adjudicator - Nicholas Kelly

Commended by the Vancouver Sun for his "sophisticated work of such immediate, glittery appeal" and called "a rising star in the constellation of Canadian composers" by Oregon Arts Watch, Nicholas Ryan Kelly writes choral, wind ensemble, and chamber music infused with a sense of cinematic drama.

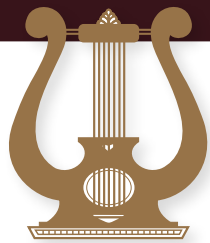
His choral compositions have been performed and released on CD by many of Canada's top choirs, including Chor Leoni, Da Capo Chamber Choir, Elektra Women's Choir, Pro Coro Canada, Vancouver Chamber Choir, and the National Youth Choir of Canada.

International performances include the Singapore Youth Choir, the Capital Hearings (Washington, DC), the West Point Band of the US Army, and many others. Since 2015, he has received over 20 national and international composition prizes, including the Howard Cable Prize from the Canadian Band Association and the Edwin Fissinger Choral Composition Prize.

Originally from the northeastern USA, Nick studied composition at Ithaca College in New York (B.M.) and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver (M.Mus.) He lives in British Columbia's beautiful Okanagan Valley. His choral scores are published with Pavane Publishing, Cypress Choral Music, Renforth Music, and Alliance Music. He also self-publishes through Lone Moose Music, distributed by MusicSpoke.







# BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2023

## **PREPARATORY: 8 years & under**

*Prep1 An original work for solo instrument or any combination of instruments*

1<sup>st</sup> place- Filip Ilea - The Secret Spy Mission

## **DIVISION A: 11 years and under**

*A1 An original work for solo instrument or any combination of instruments*

1<sup>st</sup> place - Louis Guo - Bounce

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Maggie Yufei Bai - Lively Cats

Honourable Mention- Maggie Yufei Bai - The Ocean

## **DIVISION B: 15 years and under**

*B1 An original work for solo instrument or any combination of instruments*

1<sup>st</sup> place - Joanna Peng - Orange Blossoms

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Will Zhu - Midnight Rendezvous

## **DIVISION C: 19 years and under**

*An original work for any instrument, voice, or combination of voices and instruments, with or without accompaniment*

1<sup>st</sup> place - Houtian Zhong - Poem of Transcendence

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Christian Sutton - Wistful Daydreams

## **DIVISION D: Open**

*An original work for any instrument, voice, or combination of voices and instruments, with or without accompaniment.*

No Winners

*Thank you to all the composers  
Congratulations to the winners for 2023*



# BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2023

**DIVISION PREP:** 8 years & under

Pre 1      An original work for solo instrument  
or any combination of instruments

**1<sup>st</sup> place**      **Filip Ilea**      ***The Secret Spy Mission***

Filip Ilea was born in Oradea, Romania. At the age of almost 2 years old he moved to Canada together with his family. Ever since he was little, Filip showed an interest in music. He started playing piano at the age of 7 and started composition with Mrs. Kathleen Feenstra at the age of 8. Filip also enjoys playing soccer. ✱



CFMTA/FCAPM  
Competition  
Honourable Mention

## The Secret Spy Mission

Filip Ilea

**Sneakily** ♩ = 184



# BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2023

**DIVISION A:** 11 years and under  
**A 1** An original work for solo instrument or  
any combination of instruments

**1<sup>st</sup> place**      **Louis Guo**      **Bounce**

Louis Guo is a young and talented composer with a passion for music. He began his musical journey at the age of five when he started learning to play the piano. His natural creativity and love for music led him to start composing his own melodies on the piano at the age of seven.

Louis's musical talent extends beyond the piano, and last year he started composing for string quartets, demonstrating his versatility and desire to explore new musical genres and instruments. His passion for music and his dedication to honing his skills have made him a standout musician at such a young age. ✨



## Bounce

for String Quartet

Louis Guo

♩ = 110

Violin I  
Violin II  
Viola  
Violoncello

mp f pp pp f mp mf



# BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2023

**DIVISION B:** 15 years and under  
**B 1** An original work for solo instrument or  
any combination of instruments

**1<sup>st</sup> place**      **Joanna Peng**      **Orange Blossoms**

Joanna has developed an early interests in music composition since she was five years old. Having the background of keyboard harmony, ensemble and composition from studying Yamaha music education program, she develops a strong foundation of music knowledge and interests in composition. Her composition was selected to be one of the feature compositions in Yamaha Junior original concert 2019. Due to this, she has gained more confident to continue to compose and to share her composition with you all. ✨



CFMTA/FCAPM  
Competition  
2<sup>nd</sup> place

## Orange Blossoms

Joanna Peng

**Adagio** ♩=58

*mp cantabile*

*rit.*      *gently mp*



# BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2023

## DIVISION C

19 years & under

An original work for solo instrument or  
any combination of instruments



## 1<sup>st</sup> place

Houtian Zhong

*Poem of Transcendence*

Houtian Zhong is a 16-year-old living in Victoria BC. Over the past several years, he has succeeded in attaining RCM Associate Diploma in Piano Performance. He has experimented with music compositions ranging from solo to full orchestra. He has won multiple awards in the Murray Adaskin Composition Competition, the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, the BC Student Composer Competition, and the national CFMTA Student Composer Competition (ages 12-15) from 2018 to 2022. He loves to compose music because it allows for self-expression and reflection. His favourite composers are Beethoven, Mahler, and Scriabin. ✨



## Poem of Transcendence

**Adagio (Tempo I) ♩ = 66**

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

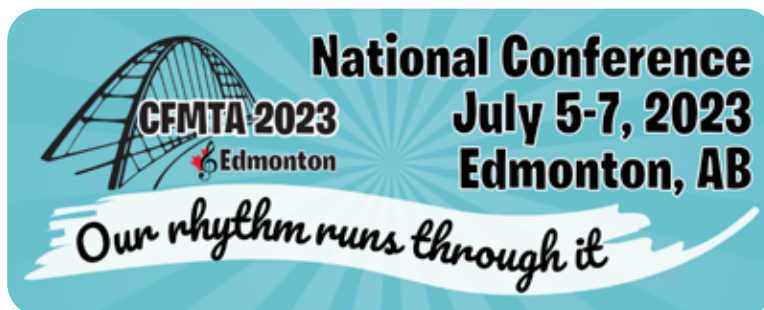
Contrabass







## CFMTA/FCAPM Conference 2023 Edmonton, Alberta



Just a few of the attendees at the conference

### BCRMTA members that attended (In person / Online)

Jean Brown  
Leslie Chen  
Svjetlana Djordan  
Lori Elder  
Christine Fetzko  
Maureen Hollins  
Joyce Janzen  
Lois Kerr  
Emily Logan  
Deborah Miles  
Lynda Mundstock

Jacquelyn Ohnander  
Nita Pelletier  
Elisabeta Podut  
Dina Pollock  
Jean Ritter  
Arne Sahlen  
Barbara Siemens  
Nancy Warkentin  
Laura Webster  
Susan Wilson





## BCRMTA Representative - Edwad Duan CFMTA/FCAPM Piano Competition



Edward Duan was born in Vancouver and began studying the piano at the age of four. He has won many top prizes in local competitions. He was the recipient of the Provincial Gold Medal for the highest mark in the province for both his Grade 8 and Grade 9 Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Exams. Last year, Edward completed his ARCT Diploma Exam and again was awarded the Gold Medal for the highest mark in the province.

Edward has appeared as soloist with the Vancouver Academy of Music Orchestra in the Orpheum Theatre as winner of their concerto competition. As First Place Winner in the Crescendo International Music Competition, he performed in Carnegie Hall's newest venue, Zankel Hall, in New York City in March 2022. Also last July Edward, was accepted into the Oxbridge Academic Programs which enabled him to spend the summer studying engineering and astronomy at Oxford University in England.

### Semi Final Program

Prelude and Fugue in F# Minor BWV 883 - J.S. Bach

Sonata in C Major, Hob.XVI:48 - J. Haydn

*I. Andante con espressione*

*II. Rondo: Presto*

Sonata No. 4 in F# Major, Op. 30 - A. Scriabin

*Andante - Prestissimo volando*

Piano Soleil - D. Gougeon

Nocturne in E Major, Op. 62, No.2 - F. Chopin

Toccata, Op.11 - S. Prokofiev

### Final Program

Sonata in B Minor, K. 27 - D. Scarlatti

Sonata in D Major, K 29 - D. Scarlatti

Après une lecture du Dante: Fantasia quasi Sonata - F. Liszt

Et la lune descend sur le temple qui fut (from Images, Bk. 2) - C. Debussy

Sonata for Piano - S. Barber

*IV. Fuga - Allegro con spirito*

**Judges:** Peter Green - Glendale, California, USA

Patricia Tao - Kelowna, BC

Avan Yu - Berlin, Germany

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** (\$5000.00) Edward Duan - British Columbia

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** (\$3000.00) Gregoire Abadie - Quebec

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** (\$2000.00) Alex Yang - Nova Scotia

### Other Awards:

**Ernst Schneider Canadian Music Award** (\$1000) for the best performance of a Canadian Composition - Edward Duan, BC

**The Canadian Chopin Society Award** (\$1000) for the best performance of a Chopin Composition - Alex Yan, NS

**The Willard Schultz Baroque Music Memorial Award** (\$1500) for the best performance of a baroque composition - Edward Duan, BC

**The Willard Schultz Most Promising Artist Memorial Award** (\$1500) for the performer who shows the most overall promise as a performing artist - Alex Yang, NS





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L to R: Erich Herchen AB, Raymond Ding MB, Aidan Lao ON, Edward Duan BC,  
Alex Yang NS, Grégoire Abadie QC, Jerry Hu SK





## BCRMTA Representative - Raige Kaps CFMTA/FCAPM Voice Competition



Paige is from Nanaimo BC. She grew up taking piano lessons but always could be heard singing. After beginning to show interest in taking lessons she began studying vocal technique privately. Musical theatre additionally became an interest of hers but ultimately classical music captured her attention. She currently is studying classical voice performance at the University of Toronto, as well as working towards her ARCT with her teacher from home. She is excited for this opportunity to perform.

### Program - Semi Finals

*Das Veilchen* - W.A. Mozart

*Als Luise die Briefe* - W.A. Mozart

*Una Donna a quindici anni* (Così fan Tutte)

- W. A. Mozart

*Beau soir* - C. Debussy

*Il pleure dans mon coeur* (Ariettes Oubliées)

- C. Debussy

*Maienkätzchen* - J. Brahms

*Bei dir sind meine Gedanken* - J. Brahms

*Das Mädchen Spricht* - J. Brahms

*Stornello* - P. Cimara

Selections from R. Ursan's A Well Tempered  
Love Song

*And then I was in love*

*A Birthday*

*Hey Ho*



L to R: Paige Kaps BC - Marianne Bertrand QC - Diana Rockwell NWT,  
Zoe McCormick AB - Sonia Campbell MB

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### Other Awards:

**Tiffany A. Wilson Award** (\$750.00) Best performance of a selection in Italian - Marianne Bertrand Quebec

**ARMTA Provincial Vocal Award** (\$750.00) for the best performance of a Canadian composition - Sonia Campbell Manitoba

**The Firebird Symphony & Chorus Prize** (\$1250.00) - Zoe McCormick Alberta







# Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award

The CFMTA is pleased to offer the Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Awards as a method of honouring deserving members of Registered Music Teachers' Associations across Canada. These awards were created in memory of the late Hugheen Ferguson, whose estate gifted the CFMTA with \$5000.00. Hugheen, CFMTA president from 1997 - 1999, was an extraordinary teacher, administrator and supporter of the Association and the arts throughout her lifetime.

Individuals who have made significant contributions to the art of music and the profession of music teaching will be recognized through the CFMTA Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award for distinguished teaching and/or distinguished service.



*BCRMTA honouring Joanne Loughheed with the Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award  
Left to Right - Lois Kerr, Joanne Loughheed*







# Musical Community Service Awards Spring 2023

|                        |                 |                    |           |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| <b>Chilliwack</b>      | Nita Pelletier  | Emily Jou          | Bronze    |
|                        |                 | Jessica Jou        | Gold (72) |
| <b>Richmond</b>        | Lillian Chan    | Rafael Asis        | Bronze    |
|                        |                 | Samuel Asis        | Bronze    |
|                        |                 | Austin Lai         | Silver    |
|                        |                 | Rachel Li          | Silver    |
|                        |                 | Christine Nakagaki | Silver    |
| <b>South Fraser</b>    | Kevin Thompson  | Oliver Zhou        | Bronze    |
| <b>Trail/Castlegar</b> | Christina Allen | Olivia Verigin     | Bronze    |
|                        | Tammy Francis   | Ethan Snauwaert    | Bronze    |
| <b>Vernon</b>          | Lyn Taron       | Danika Zaino       | Gold (66) |
|                        |                 | Jisoo An           | Bronze    |

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*Joyce Janzen* - BCRMTA Registrar





# Musical Community Service Awards Fall 2023

## Richmond

## Lillian Chan

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Angelica Tipay    | Bronze     |
| Angelica Tipay    | Silver     |
| Doan Lai          | Silver     |
| Thomas Ye         | Silver     |
| Rachel Hovestad   | Gold (66)  |
| EJ Ramos          | Gold (168) |
| Alexander Wong-Ma | Gold (66)  |

## Sunshine Coast

## Katherine Hume

|                 |        |
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| Leif Montgomery | Bronze |
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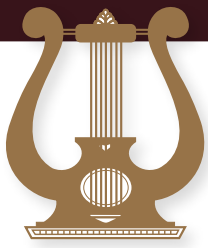
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East Kootenay

Kelowna

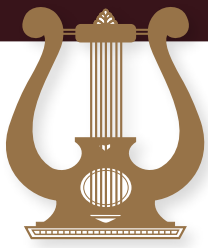
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South Okanagan

Coquitlam / Maple Ridge

Victoria

Abbotsford



# Heritage Fund - Abbotsford

**February 3, 2023**

**Presenter - Rebekah Maxner**

**Title - Improvisation from the first Lesson**

We had Rebekah Maxner for a workshop on Improvisation from the First Lesson

Workshop was presented by Zoom

We invited members from the Chilliwack branch to attend as well as our branch members.

Very interested, very informative, and very professional workshop - would recommend to other branches to book a workshop with her.

*Dina Pollock*







# Heritage Fund - Richmond

**February 1, 2023**

**Presenter - Dr. Jarred Dunn**

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Richmond Branch welcomed Dr. Jarred Dunn via Zoom from Montreal. Jarred focused on the more popular Mozart Sonatas that are featured in the advanced level RCM books. Jarred discussed Mozart's sound and style. Throughout this seminar, we benefitted from learning new approaches to Mozart's music. He introduced us to helpful study resources and practical guidance about these piano works including suggestions on dynamics and articulations. On this day, he visited Mozart's Sonatas K.545, K.457, K.333 and touched on K.309 and K.330 on request. Jarred generously stayed online with us after the presentation to answer direct questions from the membership.

**A note about Jarred Dunn:**

Jarred Dunn studied piano at Juilliard with Jacob Lateiner and Yoheved Kaplinsky; in Poland with Katarzyna Popowa-Zydroń, Anna Górecka (later becoming her assistant); and chamber music with Peter Longworth and Urszula Stańczyk. He continued his studies with Maria João-Pires, Andrei Gavrilov, Andrzej Jasiński, Robert Levin, Dorothy Taubman, and David Dubal.

Jarred Dunn won first prize and concerto award at the 7<sup>th</sup> Lithuanian International Chopin Competition (Vilnius) and was a finalist and prizewinner at the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Hoffman International Competition (Kraków), among others. He has been heard on CBC/Radio-Canada, New Classical 96.3FM, WWFM, WQXR New York, and Belarusian First Radio. His recordings include Chopin and Debussy and Brahms in Solitude; in 2023 he will record the complete Chopin Mazurkas. He regularly serves as a juror for competitions, recently the Lithuanian International Chopin, Classicalia International, Global Musical Arts (Jury Co-Chair), and CFMTA National Piano Competitions. In 2022, he hosted Competition Studio TV at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Paderewski Piano Competition.

Jarred Dunn is a Yamaha Artist.





# Heritage Fund - Sunshine Coast

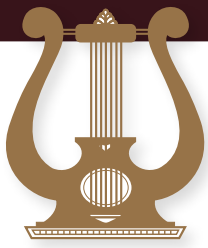
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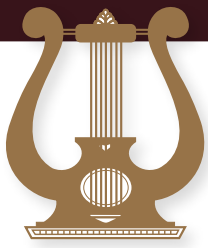
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# Heritage Fund - East Kootenay

## **Summary of Dr. Kendall Hafermehl workshop “The Pianist and Their Piano”**

**Presenter - Dr. Kendall Hafermehl, RPT**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Cranbrook First Baptist Church**

An eager audience of seventeen, including piano teachers, advanced level piano students, parents and music enthusiasts enjoyed a very interesting and informative two-hour workshop with Dr. Kendall Hafermehl, RPT. Kendall explained that creating beautiful music starts with our instrument and that our understanding of how it works is an integral part of our artistic vision.

Kendall treated the workshop participants to view and examine various physical models of piano actions he had brought including a full-scale model of the inner rim of a 4’8” grand piano. He explained how friction, key feedback, freedom, and inspiration all harmonize to create the beautiful music we as artists desire.

Kendall gave a short lesson on how the pedals work on different pianos, including upright and grands that gave insight as to what is happening when you depress the key and the pedal.

In addition to the physical models, a demonstration using the church grand piano, an informative power point presentation, and an explanation of the tools used by professional piano technicians greatly assisted in the understanding of the concepts presented.

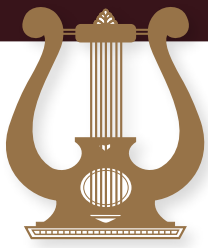
Simple ways to help your piano be the best it can be and how to keep it maintained were highlighted. Kendall concluded the workshop with a question-and-answer session and participants left feeling the workshop inspired about their instruments and music.

The East Kootenay Music Teachers’ Association wishes to thank Dr. Hafermehl for his interest in sharing this insightful and engaging workshop with our community and the BCRMTA for making this event possible with the Heritage Fund grant.

Thank you to Lynn Hafermehl and Ivana Ferraro for photography.

*Cara Webb*





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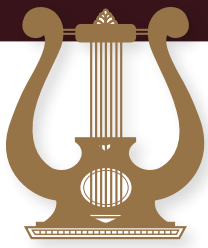
We had 13 students participate and perform: from Pre-1 level to level 10, plus 2 wonderful duets were presented as well.

We had a total of over 40 attendees, both from the branch and from our music community here in the South Okanagan. The local music store, Wentworth Music supported us by sending a rep here from their Kelowna store to come and provide music by Christopher and Wendy, for the attendees to purchase. A lot of students bought books to have them signed by the 2 composers. It was a special time. We also gifted event posters to each performer, and they then in turn had Christopher sign them. It will leave a lasting impression for all, especially the students who came and played a song for a 'living' composer who wrote the song they were performing.

*Marlene Bartsch*







# Heritage Fund - Coquitlam/Maple Ridge

**November 17, 2023**

**Presenter - Michelle Mares**

Professor Michelle Mares gave a very inspiring workshop about teaching students how to practice. The members told me that they came away with many ideas to try.

It was very informative as Professor Mares shared her vast experience with us. She was very personable and a discussion with some questions at the end rounded out the workshop brilliantly.

*Jean Brown*





# Heritage Fund - Victoria

**November 24, 2023**

## **Murray Adaskin Composition Competition**

### **Tribute to Joan Hansen**

Joan Hansen was a vibrant musician, composer, mother and friend. The Victoria Branch of the BCRMTA was pleased to be joined by her sons Christopher and Greg Lawson at our CMW breakfast meeting Nov. 24 th when we held a tribute to Joan. We were fortunate to have a biography of Joan written by Joan, memories of Joan written by Susan de Burgh, read by Jennifer Rebner, memories of Joan written by Sylvia Rickard, read by Pam Smirl, and memories of Joan by Judith Pazder , along with the “High Notes Flute Choir” performing music by Joan.

Susan de Burgh had many memories of Joan in connection with the Victoria Piano Summer School including “Two Sundances” which had been commissioned by VPSS and Susan performed them at the 75th Anniversary of the Victoria Branch some years later. Susan recounted a story told by Joan; “Hearing that my student was playing the “Circus Suite”, which was dedicated to Joan’s sons, in the Victoria Festival sparked a funny story from Joan. She had been listening to a student play her work at a Victoria Music Festival class while sitting in the back of the Hall. When the adjudicator came to comment on the student playing Joan’s piece, she said vaguely, “I think Joan Hansen lives around here somewhere. “ Joan was in the back of the Hall waving and saying, “I’m here!’ I’m here!” The adjudicator ignored her and proceeded to tell the student the opposite of what Joan wanted in the performance of her piece. Joan laughed heartily at the

memory of the adjudicator’s interpretation of her music.”

Sylvia Rickard had many humorous memories from many events shared with Joan. She summed up our feeling with “Her piano playing was beautiful, sometimes with a sort of 6th sense of fragility , vulnerability even. She really felt the pains and joys of young people through their music. I miss Joanie very much, and say to her “Bravissima, Joanie Dear”.

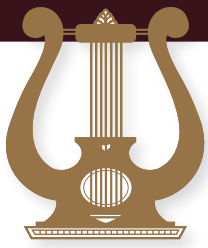
Judith Pazder was able to share with us regarding Joan’s “Herbal Remedies” which has four movements; Basil with a Latin feel, Terragon presenting as exotic, Rosemary sounds like Bach to modern, and Sage has a warm lush sound. (see photo)

Lorna Paterson our adjudicator and featured composer for 2023, was able to add to the memories of Joan at the Murray Adaskin Composition Competition Student Concert on Nov. 25th. Our program cover featured a photograph of Joan Hansen , Lorna Paterson and Murray Adaskin taken many years ago. Many students performed Joan Hansen’s and Lorna Paterson’s compositions interspersed with other Canadian composers

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Pat Williamson





# Heritage Fund - Abbotsford

**December 5 2023**

**Presenter - Rebekah Maxner**

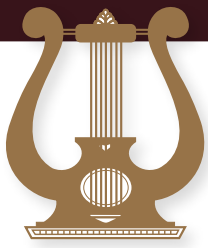
Rebekah is an amazing presenter - lots of great ideas and ways to work with rhythm with all ages. She really worked on the importance of longer notes and ideas of how to present this to students with visual props.

The highlight was the power outage we had that day in Abbotsford. Most of Abbotsford lost power for hours. Since I have backup batteries on my computer and modem, I was able to keep the session going since we invited members from the Chilliwack branch to attend.

Thank you to BCRMTA heritage fund for this session.

*Dina Pollock*





## Professional Development Bursary/Grant

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2022 - 2023

Sunshine Coast

Kelowna

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Chilliwack

Mid-Island

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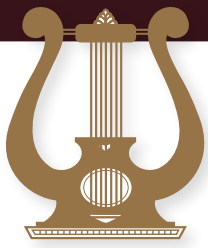
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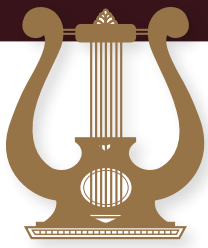
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There were two workshops that Christopher presented, one for the teachers on new music and books and his wife Wendy Edwards Beardall, Norton's new compositions and the other workshop was for teachers and students on composing. Six Students wrote a few bars of music and Christopher finished composing the pieces on the spot and took us through his steps and ideas of composing. It was inspiring to say the least!

The whole weekend came to a climax with a Gala Concert with Christopher performing, as well as students he chose to represent his music. It was one of those special moments in all our lives where we felt inspired to compose and play MORE Christopher Norton's music. It has left a lasting impression on us for life

*Sherri van Akker*





# Professional Development Bursary/Grant Mid Island

**April 16, 2023**

**Presenter - Christopher Norton**

On Sunday, April 16, our branch hosted a workshop of three sessions with Christopher Norton.

The afternoon started with a Masterclass with 13 students playing pieces composed by Mr. Norton.

This was followed by a composition/improvisation session for junior level students where Mr. Norton invited students to come to the piano and he guided them in getting started with musical ideas and then developing them.

The final session was geared for middle grade students and expanded on the thoughts of the junior workshop. In total there were 24 participants in the creativity sessions from 7 studios. There were about 50 people total attending - teachers, students and parents. Attached is a photo of some teachers and the final session participants.

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2. Intermediate / Senior levels.

We had 13 students participate and perform: from Pre-1 level to level 10, plus 2 wonderful duets were presented as well.

We had a total of over 40 attendees, both from the branch and from our music community here in the South Okanagan. The local music store, Wentworth Music supported us by sending a rep here from their Kelowna store to come and provide music by Christopher and Wendy, for the attendees to purchase. A lot of students bought books to have them signed by the 2 composers. It was a special time. We also gifted event posters to each performer, and they then in turn had Christopher sign them. It will leave a lasting impression for all, especially the students who came and played a song for a 'living' composer who wrote the song they were performing.

*Marlene Bartsch*





# Professional Development Bursary/Grant Trail/Castlegar and Nelson

June 17, 2023

## A workshop exploring how understanding the instrument enhances your musicianship

An insightful and engaging workshop, to learn more about the history, structure, features, and unique dimensions of the piano. Deepen your understanding of its mechanical and tonal aspects to enhance your own playing or teaching. Learn how to best care for and maintain your home or studio upright or grand piano. Question and answer session to follow. Tailored to BCRMTA members, music teachers and their senior students.

Nicole Zimmer





## Our Branches

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Kelowna  
Mid Island  
Mission  
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Sunshine Coast  
Trail / Castlegar  
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Provincial Members  
Life Members





# Abbotsford

Founded in 1971

Members in 2023 - 20

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

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



Our branch had 2 major events this year, a few workshops by zoom, in person meetings and our first luncheon since 2020.

In May we hosted our Celebration of Music but this year we included live performances for our students. The format was different for both disciplines. We had a total of 51 entries in piano and strings and \$9,450 in awards was given out to the students.

**Piano** – our adjudicator was Maureen Hollins. We had video submissions with an in-person performance requirement that was not adjudicated – this was for all to celebrate music. Awards were available to all students, on the quality of the performance rather than the level of difficulty.

**Strings** – our adjudicator was Nancy di Novo it was set up as a festival with live adjudication. Awards and trophies were presented at the end of each class.

Here is a list of the top performances:

## PIANO

- *Primary* - Emily Friesen - Adjudicators Choice \$200 - Gift Certificate \$50
- *Junior* - Gavin Lande - Adjudicators Choice \$200 - Gift Certificate \$50
- *Intermediate* - Christina Metzger - Adjudicators Choice \$200 - Gift Certificate \$50
- *Senior* - Susie Metzger - Adjudicators Choice \$700 - Gift Certificate \$50
- *Most Outstanding Performance* - Rafael Comeau - \$900 - Gift Certificate \$50

All students that performed in both the video and the live performance were presented with an cash award as well.

## STRINGS

### Primary

- Caleah Koperski - Gift Certificate \$50
- Alyssa Schultz - Canadian Trophy - Gift Certificate \$50
- Isaac Young - Primary Trophy - \$100

### Junior

- Selena Guo - Gift Certificate \$50
- Sam Nicolenco - Gift Certificate \$50
- Mya Van Delft - Gift Certificate \$50
- Jonah Wiebe - Junior Trophy - \$250

### Intermediate

- Elise Nicolenco - Intermediate Trophy - \$500
- Lukas Nicolenco - Cello/Viola Trophy - \$250

### Senior

- Alina Nicolenco - \$500
- Olivia Van Delft - \$250
- Ranen Wiebe - Senior Trophy - \$1000

### Ensemble Senior

- Nicolenco - Ensemble Trophy - \$250

Every year we try to do something a bit different for our Canada Music Week recital. Students delighted the audience with their performances. We presented awards to the students that received the highest mark on practical and theory exams. We concluded our event with a slideshow, highlighting photos of the award winners, these are students that achieved the highest marks for practical and theoretical exams taken between September 2022 - August 2023.

This year, Flory Godinez (our most recent transfer member) delighted us with readings of her two books. Here are the details of the two books:

The Adventures of Max and Millie: At the Pond - *Join Max and Millie on a fishing trip as they use music rests to catch a big fish.*

The Adventures of Max and Millie: The Notable Orchard - *Max and Millie along with their friends Luis and Lupita save the orchard of half and quarter notes from a big storm.*

Thank you Flory, and welcome to the Abbotsford branch.

In June at our year end luncheon, we were able to present two 50 year pins to Diane Petkau and Lillian Rogalsky, and to Marilyn Herrett, a 25 year pin. Congratulations!! What a gift you give to your students, past and present.

We also had two Zoom workshops with Rebekah Maxner. One on February 3, 2023 - the topic was on improvisation from the first lesson. The second one was on December 5, 2023 - dealing with rhythm for all ages. Thank you BCRMTA Heritage fund for supporting smaller branches with the ability to hire speakers for professional development.

We look forward to what 2024 will bring.

Dina Pollock







# Chilliwack

Founded in 1944

Members in 2023 - 29

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

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 2



The Chilliwack branch has seven business meetings per year where we plan local events, arrange professional development for members and keep up with BCRMTA, CFMTA events and RCM news.

In **January**, we fine tuned arrangements for our upcoming festival.

**February** was our annual general meeting. We elected (or re-elected) the executive and recruited members for various positions that keep the branch running smoothly. For example, the sunshine convenor arranges refreshments at recitals and sends flowers and gifts when a member is ill or suffers bereavement. The referral coordinator presented her annual report and the treasurer outlined a proposed budget for the coming year.

The festival in **March** had classes in: piano, brass, woodwinds, strings, voice, choral, band, and dance. As the Chilliwack Music and Dance Festival is an open festival, young people from all over the Fraser Valley competed. Winners went to the Performing Arts BC festival held in Penticton at the end of May. Winners at the Provincials went on to the Canada West Performing Arts Festival in Edmonton.

In **April** we enjoyed a Christopher Norton weekend with masterclasses and workshops for students and teachers.

The **May** meeting included a report from our provincial council delegate keeping us up to date on provincial matters.

Our spring recital was held on June 2. We met for a brunch social at the end of June.

In **September**, we made plans for the new teaching year. Members were encouraged to sign up for 20 minute presentations (their choice of topic) to open each meeting. "Gems" (positive thoughts or tips) were shared at the end of each meeting.

In **October** we planned the upcoming Canada Music Week recital. Students achieving 80% and above in practical exams levels 1 - 3, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, 10 - ARCT were listed in the program with bursaries given for the highest mark in each category. A theory bursary for subjects at level 9 and up and a pedagogy bursary were included.

The Canada Music week recital in **November** saw thirty-six students of piano, voice, and violin performing music by eighteen Canadian composers including member Kathleen Feenstra.

A brunch social in December finished the year.

*Nita Pelletier*





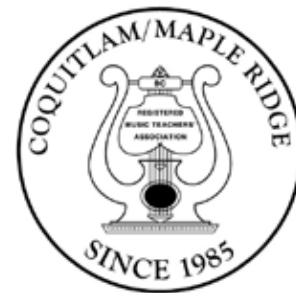
# Coquitlam / Maple Ridge

Founded in 1985

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

Members in 2023 - 56

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 2



This year felt like we were making our way back to more usual routines and what is becoming our new “normal”. Along with supporting our existing programmes, we accomplished a few significant additional supports.

We now have bylaws crafted and in place to guide us more clearly as we move forward thanks to Liz Munro and Sandra Lee.

We have a much clearer and more comprehensive budget to support our branch activities thanks to our Treasurer, Stephanie Forster.

For creating, analyzing and sharing results from our branch survey, thanks to Dr. Meijane Quong and Amber Tarling.

For revision of our website to be much more effective communicating who we are and for overseeing our FaceBook page, thanks to Ingrid Fast, Michael Sommerville, and Arianna Ervin.

Our workshops included:

- **Jane Hayes** (*Teaching the Language of Music Through Our Instrument*)
- **Dr. John Burge** (*Finding the Heart of the Music*)
- **Michelle Mair** (*Supporting our Students Toward More Independent Practising*).

We continue to use a zoom link for meetings and workshops, allowing us to access clinicians from anywhere, thanks to Jean Brown.

Several members signed up for a group subscription rate for Piano Magazine thanks to Doris Kung Wong.

We enjoyed an exhilarating Young Artist recital with Edward Duan, thanks to Liz Munro.

Our very popular North Fraser Music Festival featured adjudicators, Anne Wilson Unger and Bogdan Dulu, receiving high praise from teachers, students and parents, thanks to Michael Sommerville, Marjory Purdy and their team.

A Community Service Through Music Award was established thanks to Dr. Meijane Quong, along with her management of trophies for highest exam marks, fee survey and ARCT recognition for three students.

A wonderful recital for Canada Music Week included students sharing a brief introduction of their pieces and *O Canada* was led by student vocalist and pianist, thanks to Karen Wood and her team.

Membership information and management of so very many emails kept us informed, thanks to Tina Luan.

We continue to benefit from the up to date news from the Provincial Council, thanks to the faithful attending of Provincial meetings by Liz Munro and Sandra Lee.

Lending materials from our branch library continues to remain diverse thanks to resources managed by Sandra Lee, Greg Hartley, and Lorna Yeates (me).

MusicShare once again supported music education in District 43, Coquitlam, with funds raised by student performances and a much appreciated cheque was delivered thanks to Carla Read, and Lorna Yeates (me).

Our executive continues to devote their time, ideas and valued support to this vibrant branch, thanks to:

- Greg Hartley (Past President / Secretary),
- Stephanie Forster (Treasurer)
- Dr. Meijane Quong (Vice President)

A final thank you to our dedicated teachers who continue the work of this branch with participation in its many activities, encouragement of one another and sharing a passion for music with their students.

*Lorna Yeates*





# East Kootenay

Founded in

Members in 2023 - 4

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



East Kootenay Branch enjoyed an active Year 2023, in part supporting and working with the East Kootenay Performing Arts Festival (EKPAF). Events and announcements included:

- **February:** An in-depth look at piano workings and maintenance for the benefit of teachers and students was presented by Dr. Kendall Hafermehl, expert technician who divides his time between Calgary and our region.
- **April:** a lecture-recital by Jocelyn Lai, the piano adjudicator at EKPAF, included varied Classical works with Canadian “anchors”: Image Astrale and Image Terrestre by Jean Coulthard.
- **May:** the yearly pre-exam student recital was revived, partly in celebration of the post-Covid return to in-person RCM examinations at our local centre.
- **July:** A newspaper article recognized local students – Dallevin Lapaire (13), Edison Wilmot (16), and Grace Cleland (21), who represented the East Kootenay region at the BC Provincial Festival in Penticton and the Canada West Performing Arts Festival in Edmonton. Dallevin was named a runner-up in the BC Festival, Junior A Canadian class.
- **October:** Rena Sharon, Professor of Collaborative Piano at UBC, gave a Zoom presentation on the joys and challenges of collaboration between piano and other instruments.
- **October:** To honour recently deceased co-founder and adored colleague Wendy Guimont, with Wendy’s family and many donors established a Memorial Fund in her name. It will be bestowed to the Most Promising Piano Performer at EKPAF 2024.
- **November:** our once-again annual Canada Music Week recital included award presentations for highest exam marks.

Arne Sahlén







# Kelowna

Founded in

Members in 2023 - 17

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0

Year 2023 was a year of “Sturm & Drang” feeling the aftermath of COVID. There was a lot of rumbling whether the Branch would survive. Over the course of several years, our chapter has been experiencing a lot of aches and pains, undergoing much change. Although some members are no longer teaching and several members prefer to remain behind the scenes, inactive in participating and attending meetings or sharing thoughts, there are a handful of “gung ho” members who stand committed to wanting to see the branch move forward.

At the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 AGM, members in attendance clearly voiced their intentions of working together and keeping our branch alive. The design of [www.kelownamusicteachers.org](http://www.kelownamusicteachers.org) created with much passion, knowledge and dedication from Claudia Kargl and Marla Mesenbrink, working with Ron Beecroft of WebStorm proved to be a most noteworthy venture. Although it was a very costly expenditure, it received unanimous approval from all members. The result of this social media initiative, of bringing us together, raised the bar and awareness of who we are in the community and the high quality professionalism that we represent. We are an amazing group of outstanding teachers, musicians and multidisciplinary artists. The formation of the website gave each member the opportunity and privilege to highlight their expertise. The top notch credentials of each member are listed, along with website information, as well as some very impressive performance examples. This very upbeat, unifying members’ objective is a developmental goal highly recommended for other branches to pursue!

On a high note, two prospective members are eager to join early in the New Year! There is also talk of welcoming new student auxiliary teachers. For the first time in decades our chapter is going to have a full slate of executive members on its board. Our door is open for brand new ideas, new blood and new members to join our amazing “musical” TEAM!

HIGH FIVE to the Kelowna Branch!!

*Claudia Kargl*



*Left to Right: David Sproule, Claudia Kargl, Peter Raszka, Paul Dykstra, Joe Berarducci and Marla Mesenbrink*



# Mid Island

Founded in 1965

Members in 2023 - 31

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

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



In 2023 the Mid-Island branch returned to a more normal schedule of activities, although we continued to have hybrid meetings to allow our more distant members to attend.

Following the business portion of our January meeting, David Duke joined us via zoom with an inspiring presentation on the lives and music of Canadian Women Composers - Violet Archer, Barbara Pentland and Jean Coulthard.

The final item at our March meeting was a TED type talk by one of our members, Erika Wilson, on "Using Games in Teaching". There were many great ideas on using props, manipulatives and creative materials to teach and reinforce different musical concepts.

The afternoon of April 16 was a highlight when Christopher Norton came to give a Masterclass with 13 students and two Workshops (Junior and Senior) on developing creativity in improvisation and composition.

Edward Duan presented an amazing program at the Young Artist Concert on April 29. It was such a delight to hear this talented performer play wonderful music and make such insightful comments to introduce the pieces.

In the Spring our Scholarship Committee was able to award Scholarships to 5 worthy applicants. We also provided 3 Bursaries through the Mid-Island Performing Arts Festival.

Also in June we celebrated the accomplishments of 20 students who had completed exams Grade 8 or higher by giving them a Book Award. The books were especially chosen according to the student's favorite composer and contained a bookplate congratulating them.

On June 25 we gathered at a Potluck lunch on one of our member's patio to recognize 2 of our members who had recently retired - Susan Schleppe and Marjorie Munroe. Both have been very active through the years on the executive and committees. We will miss them!

At the October meeting we shared Insights from the Summer. This was followed a few weeks later with a coffee social at a Starbucks. We hope to continue these socials frequently to encourage and stimulate each other and collaborate on activities.

*Miriam Duckworth*





# Mission

Founded in 1998

Members in 2023 - 4

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 1



The Mission branch had a busy 2023! We continued to meet regularly over Zoom, as our members teach throughout the weekdays; morning, afternoon, and evening.

Three of our teachers combined their year-end recitals on June 10th. A large turnout of students and audience, enjoying the variety of solo and ensemble pieces.

June saw our year end luncheon at the Blackberry Kitchen, a local restaurant here in town. This year was especially important as it was the 25th Anniversary of the Mission Branch, started in 1998!

For our return to the regular school year, we decided to invest in some advertising in our local newspaper, the Mission Record. Two of our members were able to work with the Record to put together some wonderful ads online that posted over Facebook, Instagram, and the online publications of the Record.

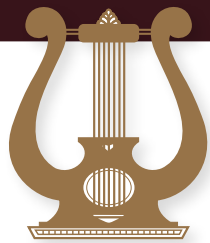
For Canada Music Week, we held a recital at Chartwell Carrington House here in Mission. Our four teachers had eleven students perform a variety of pieces written by Canadian Composers (beginner up to advanced). Each student prepared a short introduction about the composer and the piece they were playing and some students also chose to celebrate this special week by creating some art, either inspired by their composer or the piece they were playing.

Overall, it was a great year and we are looking forward to hosting workshops, putting together recitals, and meeting together in 2024.

*Elissa Wolff*







# Nelson

Founded in 1980

Members in 2023 - 3

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0

No report submitted





# North Island

Founded in 1976

Members in 2023 - 19

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 6



We have had a year of change for the North Island branch, with three of our active members retiring: Janet Shaw, Sonia Hauser and Cecile Godel. They will be missed! We were pleased to welcome two new members to our branch, Bridget Meagher and Ronald Morgan. Like many branches in the province, we have concerns about enough attendance at our monthly meetings going forward. We will be addressing these concerns in 2024.

In March 2023 we hosted BC Piano Competition winner Edward Duan for a recital in Campbell River. The recital was well attended, and the audience was thrilled with Edward's performance.

Through the year we enjoyed a variety of programs given at our monthly meetings, including:

- "Tone Production and Diagnostic Skills" (Cindy Taylor)
- Shiatsu massage for pianists (Keiko Bailey)
- Interviews with composers (Amie Webster's You Tube Channel)
- Keyboard harmony (Joyce Janzen & Nita Pelletier).

We had a social potluck in September, and wrapped up the year by going out for brunch in December. Our Student Teacher Auxiliary group, run by Cindy Taylor, continues to be one of the most active in the province. The STA has a meeting/program once a month on Zoom.

In November, in conjunction with the STA group, we held a student recital to celebrate Canada Music Week and raised \$265 for the Courtenay SPCA.

We look forward to our branch's next events and meeting programs in 2024.

*Jocie Brooks*



*Left to Right: Jocie Brooks, Edward Duan, Shelley Roberts and Cindy Taylor*



# North Shore

Founded in 1971

Members in 2023 - 63

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

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



The North Shore Branch of the BCRMTA sponsored and produced many exciting and innovative events/programs in 2023.

We started the year off with an exciting and informative workshop which we held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, entitled Music Teaching and Therapy, *Helping Diverse Learners Succeed as Musicians and in Life*, with clinician Birgitta Giesser, B.Ed. (Music), BMT, CMT, NMT.

North Shore members attended, and we had several members from the surrounding Vancouver area attend as well. The workshop touched upon music training to improve auditory perception and cognitive functions, as well as exercises for pitch recognition, basic rhythm recognition, sound location, to name only a few.

Eight (8) Branch Student recitals were held in 2023. These recitals occurred on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month (excluding September, March and the summer months, July, and August). Recitals of note were the Hallowe'en and CMW recitals held in October and November.

The year 2023 festival was its 50<sup>th</sup> edition, unfortunately delayed because of Covid. Long-serving and retiring organizers; Diana Marr, Pat Holme, and Alice Rada, (as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary), were celebrated with a reception and big cake. The Festival was held from February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The adjudicator line-up for the 2023 Festival was very impressive and included:

- Dory Hayley
- Libby Yu
- Itamar Erez
- Jonathan Der
- Karen Lee-Morlang
- Raul Valesco.

Despite a snow-day cancellation, the North Shore Music Festival forged ahead and was very successful.

In April we decided to contribute to our magnificent North Shore Lions Gate Sinfonia (LGS), that was in a precarious financial situation, unsure of their continuation in the fall. We voted at our April General Meeting to donate surplus fees collected from our Sunday Recitals to go towards the LGS.

April through the beginning of May, was also when we held our special, collaborative events with the Lions Gate Sinfonia. There were three main events with this collaboration. Auditioning students were chosen to either attend a Masterclass with Ian Parker and Clyde Mitchell on April 30<sup>th</sup>, perform with a small String Ensemble from the Sinfonia on April 29<sup>th</sup>, or perform with the actual LGS Sinfonia at the Pianos Galore concert, at the North Shore Centennial Theatre on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. All 3 events provided an exciting and life-time achievement reward for participating students.

At the General Meeting in May, 2023, the Branch Executive was decided and voted on.

Student of Branch teacher, Ralph Markham; Edward Duan, winner of the BCRMTA BC Piano Competition performed Sunday, June 11, 2023 at St Francis in the Wood Church, North Vancouver. Duan was selected for the "Young Artist" tour of BC, sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations (CFMTA) and was the winner of the BC Registered Music Teachers' Association Piano Competition in September. Edward went on to win the National CFMTA Competition in July 2023.

As for our annual Awards Recital, it was unfortunately postponed and rescheduled to January 2024.

The North Shore Branch held its first "Round Table" event/discussion after our November General Meeting, which was very successful, inciteful and satisfying to hear input from fellow members.

Our Christmas lunch, held at Northlands Golf Restaurant, was a nice chance to connect with our fellow teachers in the busiest season of the year.

It is nice to know that we are still going strong, even though attendance to some events was smaller compared to pre-Covid. We hold hope that this will change in 2024.

*Marcia Meyer*



# Prince George

Founded in 1978

Members in 2023 - 10

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



We held student recitals in February, May, and November.

At the February recital, \$120 in theory awards for 2022 exams were presented. A scholarship of \$150 was donated to the Prince George and District Music Festival.

We had five meetings during the year. At the May meeting Lori Elder presented a short workshop.

We welcomed new member Dustin Anderson who transferred from Alberta.

*Louise Phillips*





# Richmond

Founded in 1971

Members in 2023 - 89

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

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



Richmond Branch celebrates the year that was 2023

There is always something nostalgic about looking back on the year we have just traveled – and music has an especially unique ability to evoke nostalgia and transport us back through those memories. One of the most enjoyable parts of being a teacher is coming together in learning and conversation. Our monthly General Meetings returned to an in-person format as often as possible this year.

In 2023, music brought this nostalgia in a multitude of different ways. While nostalgia is certainly present in today's musical landscape, it's important to note that the industry continues to evolve with new methods, knowledge, and technology. Our teachers often draw inspiration from the past while infusing their own unique styles into their current musical endeavours. As musicians, teachers, leaders, and creators, we're never done learning. We're constantly seeking out resources to show us all new ways to do things, new strategies to help us be more effective and prioritize what matters, new musicianship skills to develop, and new ways to reach and inspire the young musicians we work with.

We welcomed an international selection of artists and educators to inspire us this year.

- Celebrated concert pianist & pedagogue Jarred Dunn joined us from Montreal for a two-part lecture/demonstration on Exploring & Crafting Classical Sonatas: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven.
- Birgit Giesser brought us important and topical information on Music Teaching and Therapy for helping diverse learners.
- Our own Ildiko Skeldon shared her experiences and knowledge during a mock Grade 8 exam during her informative "Questions for an RCM Examiner" series.
- Dr. Ross Salvosa presented his current lecture "Breaking Free from Oppressive Pedagogical Inheritances" – joining us from Washington state.
- In a very special presentation, Christopher Norton joined us in person, presenting his featured works from the new RCM syllabus.





## Richmond - cont.



- As always, Bob Kohl (sheet music manager) from Long & McQuade Vancouver came and set up a “pop-up” store during our in-person presentations as well as sharing his insights into new editions and seasonal releases.

As our world continued to re-open, we were able to embrace some of the traditions our branch has held dear with the aim to inspire us in creative new ways. We produced four in-person recitals and one virtual recital. We participated in selected community performance opportunities during the winter festive season including three Aberdeen Centre mall recitals and the Rotary sponsored Winter Wonderland event at Richmond City Hall. A record number of participants and teachers participated in those events. At those recitals we honoured our student First Class Honour recipients. We awarded medals to our highest mark receiving performance students during four exam sessions. In April we were able to distribute about \$2500.00 in scholarship awards (2022) in performance (all instruments & voice), theory, pedagogy, and community service.

We inaugurated a Linda Niamath-focused recital offering, celebrating her presence and contributions to our branch. From that beginning, we created a branch lending library that is available to all our members. Initially, it focused on the works of Linda Niamath and other Canadian composers with the contents donated directly from the personal libraries of our members. The library has quickly grown to feature any music that is possibly harder to find or access. Now our teachers can access a greater range of the syllabus options. Our members and students have volunteered their time to classify, sort, and digitalize this catalogue so it is available easily online.

There is heart behind what we do and the reasons why we do it. That is most apparent in the amount of personal time and energy volunteered by our membership to support all these events. That is what makes teaching music such a wonderful and life-affirming profession.

*Victoria Warfield*







# South Fraser

Founded in 1963

Members in 2023 - 80

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

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 3



The South Fraser Branch usually meets five times a year for meetings. The attendance of these meetings ranges between 10-20 members. This year we planned several events, the largest being our South Fraser Music Festival.

A Master Class with Marjory Purdy took place in **February** 2023. This event featured eight level 8 students from seven South Fraser Branch Teachers. Each participating student was allotted 30 minutes to perform and then work with Ms. Purdy. The insights Marjory shared were very appreciated by students and teachers who participated in this event.

In **April** we hosted Edward Duan in a recital event to recognise and support his journey as the provincial representative to the national competition held in July 2023. This event was well attended by teachers and students and their families.

We had our South Fraser Festival in the first week of **May**. We were delighted to have five amazing adjudicators: Sergei Saratovsky, Rita Attrot, April Smith, Michael Sommerville and Michelle Mares. Sergei also presented a workshop on Bach *Sinfonias* for teachers. Teachers from the community and from other branches were also invited and it was lovely to see some new faces mixed in with the familiar ones. During the festival we had a composition component as well. Compositions were submitted to Joanne Bender for feedback. We ended the event with a Celebration Recital, where gold standing performers were invited to play. Medals were given out to juniors and scholarships to the highest gold winners in level 8- ARCT.

Our branch held a recital on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> for Canada Music Week. Fifteen teachers participated by entering a total of 40 students. The program was fun and diverse, with many Canadian composers represented. The students ranged in skill level from preliminary to ARCT and everything in between. It was a fun evening. We also collected donations, and the proceeds from this will go towards our upcoming South Fraser Branch Festival in 2024.

Our branch deeply appreciates the people who make all these events possible! We wish everyone a productive year of teaching and sharing music.

*Alison d'Entremont*





# South Okanagan

Founded in 1955

Members in 2023 - 12

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



We have had a great year of celebrative learning and with also presenting events at our South Okanagan Branch.

In **April** we had the privilege of hosting both Christopher Norton and Wendy Beardall-Norton for a weekend of learning and gleaning from their musical talents. They taught on their writing styles, about being composers, as well as imparting their musical wisdom at a morning workshop. At 2:00 there were masterclasses for twelve of our students. It was a fabulous time for our branch to collectively learn, and to also give to our community musically. The Penticton Lakeside Resort Hotel again stepped up with their support, by donating us use of their ballroom facility for our event.

In **October** our branch held a 'Wine and Cheese' social event for all music educators in our South Okanagan area. Music educators were invited just to meet up, enjoy some delicious donated wine from the Play Estate Winery and hang out, and to get to know us local BCRMTA members. We held the event at the Penticton Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. It was very well received and appreciated. We plan on doing it again next year, as we want to unite the music educators in our area.

In **November** the South Okanagan Branch celebrated our 44<sup>th</sup> annual Canada Music Week in person recital at the beautiful

venue of the Penticton Lakeside Resort Hotel! Many selections from diverse B.C. composers tickled our ears. Canadian Composers such as Andrea Dow, Oscar Peterson, Jean Coulthard as well as our own local composers, **Anita Perry** and **Ernst Schneider**, and a new 8 year old composer, **Ellis Ojala**, (who played his 1<sup>st</sup> composition Waterfall) were all represented so very well. All were well applauded by over 100 attendees! At the end, deserving students were presented with over fifteen hundred dollars' worth of scholarships. We handed out the Madame Janisch Award of a plaque and funds which is presented to a student who excels in music as well as sharing their music within the community. The Penticton Sunrise Rotary presented their annual \$500 scholarship to our Top Student, David Cai. We could not do this without one of the best tuners in the Okanagan, Matt Arnott!

We are most grateful for the continued financial support of Scholarship Donors - the Janisch families, as well as the Penticton Sunrise Rotary along with the Penticton Lakeside Resort Hotel for their continued generosity. We are fortunate to share this vibrant Canadian music that is currently being locally composed and celebrated with our students and families.

*Marlene Bartsch*







# Sunshine Coast

Founded in 1998

Members in 2023 - 15

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 1



The Sunshine Coast Branch continues to thrive and grow! We are expanding our technological capacity through Zoom and offering scholarships and student recitals for our community while supporting each other.

Membership has grown to 15 teachers in the following disciplines: Composition, Flute, Harpsichord, Organ, Piano, Recorder, Theory, Violin and Voice. We have welcomed the first student teacher into our branch this year and we are excited about the opportunity to further music education in our community. At our AGM in **May**, we re-elected our executive for another two-year term with some new members:

- Arlys Peters - Program Coordinator
- Carl Montgomery - Secretary
- Serah Strandberg - Treasurer

Our Past President, Patricia Greenfield will also serve as Branch Contact and Membership Coordinator.

The monthly meetings have been streamlined to 6 general meetings, 1 AGM and 2 social events per year. The meetings continue to take place on Zoom. This permits maximum efficiency and includes members who are living and/or teaching in different communities such as Sechelt, Roberts Creek, Gibsons, Powell River, Langley, North Vancouver and Vancouver. In December and June, we meet in various restaurants on the lower Sunshine Coast for good food, conversation and networking.

Our professional development event this year was a tour of the Canadian Music Centre, BC Region on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. CMC Librarian, Jordan Nobles showed us the lending library and explained how to search for scores according to composer or instrumentation. We were also shown the Murray Adaskin Salon by CMC Administrator, Heather Molloy, where we each had the opportunity to play the piano and ask questions about the renting for future reference. Members enjoyed a light lunch at Breka café prior to the tour. The Sunshine Coast Branch is grateful to the BCRMTA for the Professional Development Grant and the Heritage Fund which covered travel expenses.





## Sunshine Coast - cont.



We held two student recitals at St. Hilda's Anglican Church in Sechelt: a pre-festival recital on April 1<sup>st</sup> and our Canada Music Week recital on November 18<sup>th</sup>, where we presented the Sunshine Coast Branch BCRMTA High Mark Award to Keon Shin, student of Carl Montgomery, for achievement in his RCM Level 6 piano exam.

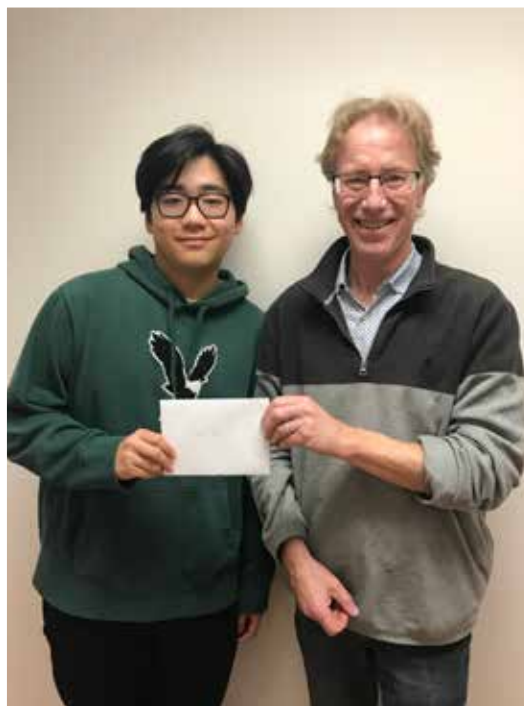
We have enthusiastically increased our scholarship program at the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts to \$750 to become a Gold-level sponsor. The branch now offers 3 awards for Canadian music, 3 for Performer's Choice, a Multi-Disciplinary Award and a Composition Award in addition to the High Mark Award for a total of 9 scholarships per year.

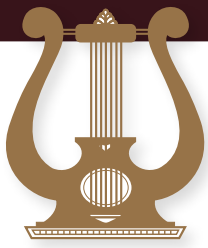
Our 3rd annual book sale took place on Labour Day Weekend. We collected a massive amount of scores, method books, books about music, fiction and various musical knick-knacks. We enjoyed live music by Val & Julie Rutter who performed piano duets for the public at Trail Bay Mall in Sechelt. The funds raised go towards our scholarship program.

Congratulations to branch member, Val Rutter who received her 25-year pin from BCRMTA in 2023!

We have many fond memories of 2023 and are looking forward to more inspiring events in 2024!

*Katherine Hume*





# Trail / Castlegar

Founded in 1944

Members in 2023 - 7

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



No report submitted





# Vancouver / Burnaby

Founded in 1920

[bcrmta.org](http://bcrmta.org)

Members in 2023 - 180

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 5



Greetings from the Vancouver/Burnaby branch! 2023 has been another busy year for our branch. We continue with the hybrid model of holding both in-person and Zoom branch events for our members.

We started 2023 with our in-person Annual General Meeting. It was an opportunity for our members to hear about exciting upcoming events for the year, and also a chance for everyone to mingle and catch up with each other.



Group picture from 2023 AGM

We offer our members professional development opportunities via our monthly workshops. We started the year off with a presentation by David Gordon Duke on the topic of *Women Who Composed: Re-thinking their Contribution and Legacy*. It was so well received that our branch decided to invite Mr. Duke back in September for an encore. For his second presentation, he talked extensively and passionately on Canadian Women Composer, with the focus on Barbara Pentland, Jean Coulthard and Violet Archer. In November, we welcomed Dr. Marina Thibeault, a French-Canadian violist, where she presented virtually on *Athletes in the Practice Room: How to Apply Sports Psychology to Music Performance*.







## Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.



*Attendees from the September 2023 David Gordon Duke Workshop*



*Promo graphic: Dr. Marina Thibeault workshop*

Our branch continued to provide performance opportunities for our students. We held our Celebration of Excellence (COE) recitals in March to celebrate students' examination achievements of 90% and above. Scholarships, trophies, certificates and recognition medallions were given out to students. We also put on two recital opportunities for our members' students: 68 students performed at our May spring recitals, and almost 80 students at the December winter recitals.



*Celebration of Excellence 2023 Group Pictures*



## Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.



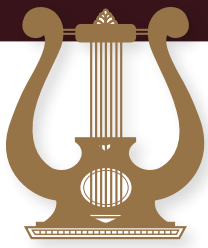
In support of the Young Artist Tour, our branch hosted in April the Young Artist Concert Tour featuring Edward Duan. Edward presented a program featuring composers such as Haydn, Scriabin, Chopin and Liszt. He later went on and won First Place at the July CFMTA National Competition.



Other programs and offerings we have organized in 2023 include:

- **Student Performers' Guild (SPG) Festival:** In 2023, the SPG Festival Committee hosted a bustling in-person festival, the first since 2017. This event featured 252 entries from 36 teachers, skillfully adjudicated by Yvette Rowledge for Elementary/Junior and Intermediate Divisions, and Chris Foley for the Senior Division. Their dedication provided our students with valuable feedback and inspiration.
- **Canada Music Week (CMW) Festival:** once again, our branch celebrated Canada Music Week with our CMW Festival featuring all Canadian music. The event was held in November at the Canadian Music Centre, one of our generous supporters. Eighteen teachers entered sixty-seven students from preparatory to Level 12. The variety of styles was very entertaining and one student even entered their own composition! Lori Elder of Prince George returned to provide excellent, encouraging adjudications. She was our first adjudicator five years ago and she was a welcome face for both teachers and performers alike.
- **Performance Group:** this is an offering for our members to experience music making in a supportive and relaxed environment. This small group of teachers met twice this year (February and May) and it is our hope that more of our members will join this music making and sharing experience in the coming years.
- **String Chamber Music Program:** it was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year in launching this program for our string students. The goal of this is to provide opportunities for our students to meet and have fun playing music together and learning chamber music in a joyful and positive environment. We were able to form two groups of violin trios in 2023, and these six students performed at our December student recital. A big shout out to our member, Margitta Krebs, for dedicating her time to coaching and guiding these young students.





## Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.



- Professional Development (PD) Grant: The PD grant was established back in 2018 to support our members in their efforts to continue their professional development. Each year, a portion of the funds from our 10-Year Surplus Plan is designated for disbursement. The amount distributed to each individual depends on the number of applications and the amounts submitted. In 2023, we are happy to have successfully given out \$1780 to all successful applicants.

We ended 2023 with our annual winter luncheon, taking place at Trattoria in Burnaby. It was very well attended by our members. Everyone had a great time celebrating the holiday season together.

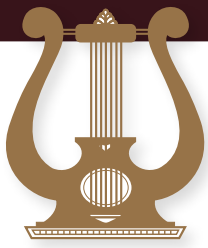




## Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.



*Hailey Wong*



# Vernon

Founded in 1948

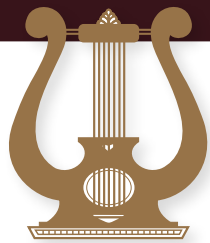
Members in 2023 - 27

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0

No report submitted







# Victoria

Founded in 1930

Members in 2023 - 104

[www.bcrmtavictoria.webs.com](http://www.bcrmtavictoria.webs.com)

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 4



The 93<sup>rd</sup> year of the Victoria Branch passed with some events virtually held and others in person. Under President Rafael Oei, five general meetings were held in person.

Guest speakers at our meetings were:

- January meeting—guest violin performances by students Armani El Quadghiri (11) and Noa Paster (12). Both accompanied by Monica Pfau.
- March meeting—Kelly Charlton on subject of teaching ideas and motivation.
- May meeting—Branch members Jacqueline Perriam (piano) and husband Erik Abbink (sax, theory) demonstrated how they have branched out from traditional teaching into the world of musical score composing for videos and documentaries. They shared a sample of their scores.
- September meeting—hosted by Simon Phillips and Assoc. Richard Howling of Tom Lee Music. They presented an update on piano manufacturing and a demonstration of the latest in hybrid and digital instruments.
- November meeting – Our annual Canada Music Week Celebration started with a breakfast meeting held in the Holiday Inn Banquet room and chaired by Nanako Dufleit. This year members paid tribute to the late Joan Hansen. We were pleased that her 2 sons Greg and Chris Lawson attended. Memory tributes from Sylvia Rickard and Susan de Burgh were read. Member Judith Pazder's flute choir known as High Notes performed 'Herbal Remedies' a set of 4 pieces; Basil, Tarragon, Rosemary and Sage composed for the group by Joan Hansen. Prior to the performance, Judith related her memory of Joan's composing process for this work. This performance is now on the Branch website for all to enjoy. Pres. Rafael Oei presented a bouquet to Jennifer Rebner congratulating her on her 50 yrs. of membership and her contribution to the Branch.

**Executive meetings:** Five were held virtually.



*Cover of Annual Murray Adaskin Composition Competition Program  
L to R: Joan Hanson, Lorna Paterson, Dr. Murray Adaskin*



*MC of the Murray Adaskin Composition Competition  
Lorna Paterson*



## Victoria - cont.



**Concerts:** Six student concerts were organized by our Chair Ina Dykstra. The Oct. concert called 'Costume Capers' proceeds of \$507 were donated to Santa's Anonymous. The November CMW concert included our annual Murray Adaskin Composition Competition results. The Adjudicator Lorna Paterson attended and presented the awards. She also spoke on Joan Hansen. The concert of Canadian works included works by both Paterson and Hansen. The student performers were pleased to be able to talk to Lorna at the end of the concert.

**Member's Concert:** October 1<sup>st</sup> Branch members graciously volunteered to perform in a concert held at UVic. The proceeds went to our extensive scholarship program. Thanks to Susan de Burgh for organizing the program and Stephen Brown who was the MC.

The Branch continues to give out approx. \$4000 in scholarships to deserving students.

**Workshops:** Christopher Norton

**Masterclasses:** Linda Low (piano), Edwin Gmandt (piano), and Dr. Yoomi Kim (piano).

**In Memoriam:** Diana Lawton and Alice Maclean were added to our Memoriam Collection of past member's stories.

**Archives:** UVic Library Archives has agreed to accept our Branch Archives. This year we submitted our Minutes from 1930 to 2023, newsletters, and scrapbooks from 1930 to 2012 and other miscellaneous items.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Branch Anniversary Celebration held in 2005 video is now on the Branch website for all to view. It includes performances by many members of compositions by past and current members. A member's choir was formed for the event to also celebrate past member's vocal works. A highlight was selections from the operetta 'The Brideship' by past member W. Lugrin Fahey. This video contains the only recorded video the Branch has of Winifred Scott Wood. She is accompanying a member.

We look forward to 2024.

*Wendy Maggiora*





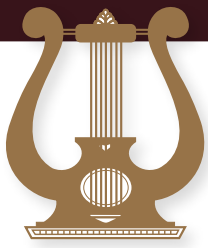
## Members - not covered by a Branch

### Provincial Members

These members live in areas not covered by a Branch

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|-----------------------|---|
| Ashcroft              | 1 |
| Burns Lake            | 1 |
| Golden                | 1 |
| Grand Forks           | 2 |
| Kamloops              | 7 |
| Nakusp                | 1 |
| Prince Rupert         | 1 |
| Quesnel               | 2 |
| Revelstoke            | 1 |
| Smithers              | 4 |
| Williams Lake         | 6 |
|                       |   |
| International Members | 1 |
| Multijurisdictional   | 1 |





## Life Members

The following members were honoured with Life Memberships (year in brackets) from the BCRMTA for their outstanding service to our organization.

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| Reginald Cox        | (1960)<br><i>Joined in 1947 Victoria</i>  |
| Mary Adamson        | (1962) (also Honorary Registrar 1988)<br><i>Joined in 1947 Victoria</i>                                 |
| Helen Dahlstrom     | (1975) (also Honorary President of CFMTA/FCAPM)<br><i>Joined in 1953 Trail/Castlegar</i>                |
| Murray Adaskin      | (1981)<br><i>Joined in 1974 Victoria</i>  |
| Meryl Shether       | (1994)<br><i>Joined in 1964 South Fraser</i>  |
| Robin Wood          | (1995)<br><i>Joined in 1965 Victoria</i>  |
| Winifred Scott Wood | (1995)<br><i>Joined in 1965 Victoria</i>  |
| Ernst Schneider     | (1998) Current (also current Honorary President of CFMTA/FCAPM)<br><i>Joined in 1965 South Okanagan</i> |
| Carol Shinkewski    | (2001) Current<br><i>Joined in 1976 South Fraser</i>  |
| Lynne Carmichael    | (2007) Current<br><i>Joined in 1982 Provincial Member</i>   |
| Susan Olsen         | (2015) Current<br><i>Joined in 1974 South Fraser</i>  |





# Complete Member List 2023

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dr. Erik Abbink    | Victoria          | Loretta Braun           | South Fraser          |
| Susan Adams        | Kelowna           | Launny Brian            | South Fraser          |
| Brooke Albers      | Victoria          | Jocelyn Brooks          | North Island          |
| Gaye Alcott        | Vancouver/Burnaby | Marty Brough            | Mid Island            |
| Natalia Alekseeva  | Provincial        | Jean Brown              | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Christina Allen    | Trail/Castlegar   | Lisa Brown              | Mid Island            |
| Jacqueline Allen   | Victoria          | Andrea Brown            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Karl Andersen      | Prince George     | Stephen Brown           | Victoria              |
| Dustin Anderson    | Prince George     | Michelle Bumpus         | South Fraser          |
| Mark Anderson      | Vancouver/Burnaby | Catherine Bundt         | South Fraser          |
| Margaret Anderson  | Victoria          | Jannie Burdeti          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jenny Anderson     | Victoria          | Paula Cain              | Victoria              |
| Ju Dee Ang         | Vancouver/Burnaby | Anna Cal                | Victoria              |
| Changiz Asadollahi | North Shore       | Dr. Jean-Pierre Calitz  | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Sharie Atley       | Chilliwack        | Marie Calvert Haslett   | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Katherine Au       | Vancouver/Burnaby | Mary-Clare Carder       | Victoria              |
| Audrey Bailey      | Victoria          | Marianne Carefoot       | Abbotsford            |
| Cherry Baines      | Victoria          | Lynne Carmichael        | South Okanagan        |
| Colleen Ball       | Victoria          | Gwendolyn Carnell       | Victoria              |
| Aline Banno        | North Shore       | Patrick Carpenter       | Mid Island            |
| Carrie Barker      | Provincial        | Marlene Carr            | Chilliwack            |
| Patrice Barnes     | Provincial        | Mary Jo Carrabre        | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Salvo Barrale      | North Shore       | Cheryl Carruthers       | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Katherine Bartel   | Vernon            | Rosalie Carver          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Marlene Bartsch    | South Okanagan    | Celine Cassis           | North Shore           |
| Zabeth Bayne       | Provincial        | Mary Ann Cayetano       | Richmond              |
| Deborah Baynes     | Victoria          | Tegan Ceschi-Smith      | Sunshine Coast        |
| Erika Bennedik     | South Fraser      | Ely (Yee Lai) Chan      | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Kristine Beny      | Victoria          | Robin Chan              | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Emerald Benzmer    | Vernon            | Vivian WY Chan          | Richmond              |
| Joseph Berarducci  | Kelowna           | Christine Wing Yan Chan | Richmond              |
| Nancy Bertoia      | Provincial        | Marie Chan              | Richmond              |
| Karen Bigham       | South Fraser      | Lillian Chan            | Richmond              |
| Lorna Bjorklund    | Victoria          | Rebecca Chan            | Richmond              |
| Kathleen Bjorseth  | Vancouver/Burnaby | Vivian Pui Hin Chan     | Richmond              |
| Deborah Boganes    | South Fraser      | Matthew Chan            | Richmond              |
| Dunja Bohinc       | Vancouver/Burnaby | Wendy Chan              | South Fraser          |
| Dianne Bohn        | Mid Island        | Fiona Chan              | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Arezu Bonakdarpour | South Fraser      | Jacqueline Chan         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Ellen Boston       | Victoria          | Brennan Chan            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| James Bowman       | Mid Island        | Susan Chan              | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Kristian Braathen  | North Shore       | Chao-I Jerry Chang      | South Fraser          |
| Colleen Branson    | South Fraser      | Nancy Chang             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |





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| Tina Chang              | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Alan Crane                | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jessie Chapin           | Provincial            | Jessica Crawford          | Kelowna               |
| Stephany Chappell       | Kelowna               | Gloria Cristobal          | Richmond              |
| Allyn Chard             | Victoria              | Bernice Cullen            | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Ellen Xilun Chen        | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Ross Curran               | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jennie Chen             | Richmond              | Elizabeth Currie          | Sunshine Coast        |
| Michael Chen            | Richmond              | Chuck Currie              | Victoria              |
| Clarisse Shin Ying Chen | South Fraser          | Alison D'Entremont        | South Fraser          |
| Leslie Chen             | South Fraser          | Karen Daggett             | South Fraser          |
| Shan Shan Chen          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Jo Ann Dalisay            | Victoria              |
| Lily Feng Yuan Chen     | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Christine Dandy           | Victoria              |
| Michael (Liang) Chen    | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Quyen Dao                 | South Fraser          |
| Angela Chen             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Zubin Daruwala            | North Shore           |
| Helen Cheng             | South Fraser          | Janet Davidson            | South Fraser          |
| Rebecca Cheng           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Shifra Day                | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jacqueline Cheung       | Richmond              | Catharina De Beer         | Victoria              |
| Chee Hwa Chiang         | Richmond              | Susan de Burgh            | Victoria              |
| Karen Chiu              | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Paloma de la Guerra       | Victoria              |
| Deborah Choit           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Jordana Delgado           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Tony Chotem             | North Shore           | Stanislava Deltcheva      | North Shore           |
| Joan Chow               | Richmond              | Martine denBok            | Nelson                |
| Kamela Christaki        | South Fraser          | Colleen Denoni            | Chilliwack            |
| Daisy Chu               | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Clinton Denoni            | Chilliwack            |
| Roseanna Chu            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Evelyne Deschenes Godbold | Victoria              |
| Drema Chuang            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Deborah Detmold           | Trail/Castlegar       |
| Hana Chung              | Abbotsford            | Brenda Di Rezze           | Chilliwack            |
| Dorothy Chung           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Nancy DiNovo              | North Shore           |
| Adele Clark             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Svjetlana Djordan         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Marjorie Close          | Vernon                | Dr. Carla Dodek           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Naomi Cloutier          | Provincial            | Christine Donkin          | Victoria              |
| Stacy Cole              | Abbotsford            | Rick Dorfer               | South Fraser          |
| Charlene Coles          | South Okanagan        | Erin Dorfer               | South Fraser          |
| Wendy Collins           | Vernon                | Crystal Doughty           | Kelowna               |
| Jennifer Condie         | South Fraser          | Susan Doughty             | Victoria              |
| Donald Conley           | Victoria              | Miriam Duckworth          | Mid Island            |
| Michael Connor          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Nanako Dufleit            | Victoria              |
| Robin Copas             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Gayle Dunsmoor            | Mid Island            |
| Fidelma Cordick         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Dr. Calvin Dyck           | Abbotsford            |
| Ruth Cornish            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Joyce Dyck                | Chilliwack            |
| Dina Corrado            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Wendy Dyck                | North Island          |
| Brenda Cottrill         | Abbotsford            | Robert Dyck               | Richmond              |
| Patrick Courtin         | Mid Island            | Jeanette Dyck             | Richmond              |
| Gail Craig              | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Tanya Dyck                | Victoria              |



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| Adam Dyjach              | Victoria              | Judy Friesen                  | Kelowna               |
| Paul Dykstra             | Kelowna               | Peter Friesen                 | Richmond              |
| Ina Dykstra              | Victoria              | Dr. Garry Froese              | Victoria              |
| Serena Eades             | Sunshine Coast        | Aida Gabitova                 | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Barbara Eadie            | Victoria              | Blair Galston                 | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Susan Edwards            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Tracey Garvin                 | Provincial            |
| Saya Ejima McGowan       | South Fraser          | Janina Gevers                 | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Colette Elbl             | North Island          | April Gibson                  | North Shore           |
| Lori Elder               | Prince George         | Elizabeth Gilchrist           | South Fraser          |
| Laura Elliott            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Cynthia Goddard               | South Fraser          |
| Alice Enns               | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Cecile Godel                  | North Island          |
| Michelle Wanda Erlandson | Provincial            | Florence Godinez Meeds        | Abbotsford            |
| Arianna Ervin            | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Karen Elizabeth Goebel        | Vernon                |
| Christine Eschman        | Victoria              | Elizabeth Goh                 | Victoria              |
| Susan Evans              | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Billy Gollner                 | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Katherine Evans          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Victoria Gomon                | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Carmen Falconer          | Mid Island            | Yu-Ting Stevia Gong           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Donna Falconer           | Mid Island            | Janet Gonzales                | South Fraser          |
| Irina Faletski           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Dr. Edmundo Gonzalez Alvarado | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Linda Falls              | North Shore           | Larissa Goruk                 | Provincial            |
| Sharon Farenhorst        | South Fraser          | Linda Gould                   | Victoria              |
| Ingrid Fast              | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Martina Govednik              | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Lucy Fawcett             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Florence Graham               | Mission               |
| Kathleen Feenstra        | Chilliwack            | Iryna Graifer                 | Victoria              |
| Karin Fehlauer           | Chilliwack            | Dawn Grasmeyer                | Provincial            |
| Tracy Fehr               | South Okanagan        | Jennifer Gray                 | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Aurora Felde             | North Shore           | Patricia Greenfield           | Sunshine Coast        |
| Lucy Feldman             | Vernon                | Donna Griblin                 | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Betty Li Ying Feng       | Richmond              | Cecelia Griffin               | Victoria              |
| Jia Feng                 | Richmond              | Jade Guan                     | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Ivana Ferraro            | East Kootenay         | Lisa Guthrie                  | Victoria              |
| Christine Fetzko         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Charlotte Hale                | Victoria              |
| Leah Field               | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Tabea Hall                    | Chilliwack            |
| Youmi Finke              | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Helen Hall                    | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Dr. Carolyn Finlay       | North Shore           | Dr. Corey Hamm                | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Colleen Finlay           | Richmond              | Elizabeth Hammermeister       | South Fraser          |
| Alissa Fisette           | North Island          | Lisa Hansen                   | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Tyler Fleming            | Richmond              | Greg Hartley                  | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Sandra Fletcher          | Victoria              | Diana Harvey                  | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Stephanie Forster        | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Joe Hatherill                 | Victoria              |
| Anne Frame               | North Shore           | Melanie Hau                   | Richmond              |
| Tammy Francis            | Trail/Castlegar       | Heather Hay                   | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Roslyn Frantz            | Kelowna               | Ellie Hedges                  | Nelson                |



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| Jane Hein                | Vernon                | Dr. Hey Woun Hyun    | North Shore           |
| Catherine Heinzelman     | Provincial            | Olga Ioutskevitch    | Richmond              |
| Marilynn Hemsley         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Florence Ip          | Richmond              |
| Ingrid Henderson         | Victoria              | Barbara Irschick     | North Shore           |
| Sevilya Hendrickx        | Mid Island            | Shirley Isaac        | Chilliwack            |
| Douglas Hensley          | Victoria              | Dr. Rachel Iwaasa    | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Celeste-tina Hernandez   | Chilliwack            | Mary Jackson         | Mid Island            |
| Marilyn Herrett          | Abbotsford            | Robyn Jacob          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Heidi Hewitt             | Vernon                | Joyce Janzen         | Abbotsford            |
| Laurie Hirschman         | Chilliwack            | Galina Jitlina       | Richmond              |
| Donald Hlus              | South Fraser          | Beverley Johnson     | South Fraser          |
| Mimi Yau Ho              | Richmond              | Mark Johnson         | Sunshine Coast        |
| Janet Ho                 | Richmond              | Ljiljana Jorgacevic  | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Hsing-Hua (Steve) Ho     | South Fraser          | Azra Jovanovic       | North Shore           |
| Teresa Ho                | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Isaac Juarez-Flores  | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Katherine Hoi-Tung Ho    | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Lars Kaario          | North Shore           |
| Grace Hoff               | Richmond              | Susan Kadatz         | Victoria              |
| Louise Holland           | Victoria              | Claudia Kargl        | Kelowna               |
| Maureen Hollins          | South Fraser          | Dawna Kavanagh       | Trail/Castlegar       |
| Patricia Holme           | North Shore           | Elizabeth A. Kearney | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Eric Homonick            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Kristine Keil        | South Fraser          |
| Emyr Honeybun            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Kathy Kelbert        | South Fraser          |
| Erin Hope-Goldsmith      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Tom Kellough         | Sunshine Coast        |
| Dr. Moira Hopfe-Ostensen | Sunshine Coast        | Lauren Kelly         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Patricia Horrocks        | Mid Island            | Catharine Kemp-Roth  | Victoria              |
| Clemie Hoshino           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Lois Kerr            | Richmond              |
| Jane Hou                 | South Fraser          | Li Mei Khoo          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Nell Howard              | Victoria              | Susan Kiddie         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Kim Hsieh                | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Swan Kiezebrink      | Prince George         |
| Amanda Yi-Chen Hsueh     | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Dagmar Kilian        | North Island          |
| Meggie Hu                | Richmond              | Denise Killick       | North Shore           |
| Sue Yeh Shih Huang       | Richmond              | Won Joo Kim          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Ting-I Huang             | Richmond              | Kate Soo Young Kim   | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Sijia (Jessica) Huang    | Richmond              | Yoomi Kim            | Victoria              |
| Ruth Huang               | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Anna King            | Trail/Castlegar       |
| Sara Huang               | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Jacki Kliever        | South Okanagan        |
| Jason Hui                | Richmond              | Beverley Knight      | Victoria              |
| Lily Mei Yee Hui         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Emily Ko             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Deborah Hui              | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Leanne Koch          | South Fraser          |
| Katherine Hume           | Sunshine Coast        | Yuan Kong            | Richmond              |
| Carol Hung               | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Alice Koo            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Alison Hunter            | North Shore           | Irena Koprivica      | Richmond              |
| Iris Hwang               | Richmond              | Heather Koss-Huisman | Vernon                |



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| Patty Kou            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Edward Leung            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Margitta Krebs       | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Simone Leung            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Debra Krol           | Chilliwack            | Jean-Sébastien Lévesque | North Shore           |
| Christy Kuettel      | South Fraser          | Kristi Lewis            | Victoria              |
| Doris Kung-Wong      | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Lynne Leydier           | South Okanagan        |
| Heidi Kurz           | Sunshine Coast        | Xiao Li                 | Richmond              |
| Sarka Kvicinska      | Chilliwack            | Katharine Li            | Richmond              |
| May Ling Kwok        | Victoria              | Jonathan Li             | Richmond              |
| Jordan L'Abbe        | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Dr. Jack Liang          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jing Lai             | Richmond              | Judy Lillace            | Provincial            |
| Ines Lai             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Doris Lin               | Richmond              |
| Jeremy Laity         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Natasha Little          | North Shore           |
| Shirley Lam          | Richmond              | Oscar Liu               | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Joanne Lambert       | Victoria              | Lynn Yingying Liu       | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jacinthe Laramee     | Mid Island            | Christina Lo            | South Fraser          |
| Dorothy Lau          | Richmond              | Jennifer Lo             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Amelia Sau Man Lau   | Richmond              | Margaret Lockhart       | Kelowna               |
| Siu Ngan Eva Law     | South Fraser          | Adele Lofgren           | Abbotsford            |
| Guyonne Le Louarn    | Victoria              | Emily Logan             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Sookja Lee           | Abbotsford            | Joanne Loughheed        | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Sandra Lee           | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Karen Louie             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Kajin Lee            | North Shore           | Linda Low               | Victoria              |
| Donna Lee            | Richmond              | Virginia Lowrie         | North Island          |
| Grace YK Lee         | Richmond              | Tina Chi Luan           | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Betty Lee            | Richmond              | Andrew Luchkow          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Grace Yi-Ying Lee    | South Fraser          | Mark Luchkow            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Elizabeth Lee        | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Amy Ma                  | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Hilda Lee            | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Laurie MacArthur        | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Virginia Lee         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Susan MacDonald         | Victoria              |
| Tiffany Lee          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Teng Mackay             | Chilliwack            |
| Jennifer Lehtovaara  | Mid Island            | Tae Maeda               | North Shore           |
| Carmen Leier         | South Okanagan        | Wendy Maggiora          | Victoria              |
| Sylvia Leigh         | South Fraser          | Kati Magyar             | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Amy Lelliott         | North Island          | Daniel Mahlberg         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Carrie Lemke         | North Island          | Leslie Mahr             | Trail/Castlegar       |
| Julie Lemon          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Iwona Maj               | North Shore           |
| Eleanor Lenko        | Kelowna               | Angela Malmberg         | Richmond              |
| Joni Chung Yee Leung | Richmond              | Sylvia Maltby           | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Prudence Leung       | Richmond              | Janet Marcotte          | South Okanagan        |
| Jennifer Leung       | South Fraser          | Michelle Mares          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Bonnie Leung         | South Fraser          | Ralph Markham           | North Shore           |
| Cindy Leung          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Ildiko Markus           | North Shore           |
| Katherine Leung      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Diana Marr              | North Shore           |



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| Galina Martyniuk      | North Shore           | Marina Navrotski      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Teresa Marusarz-Borek | Mid Island            | Grace Neudorf         | Vernon                |
| Masako Matsumoto      | North Shore           | Esther Neufeld        | South Fraser          |
| Patrick May           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Philip Newns          | Victoria              |
| Kimberly Mayze        | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Shu Fung Ng           | Richmond              |
| Mariya Mazur Udovenko | Richmond              | Pauline Ng            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Jennifer McGregor     | Chilliwack            | Christina Nguyen      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Elizabeth McKee       | South Fraser          | Murray Nichol         | North Shore           |
| Bonnie McKeeman       | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Maureen Nielsen       | Prince George         |
| Yumi McLaughlin       | North Shore           | Paulette Nielsen      | South Fraser          |
| Jacquie McLeod        | Prince George         | Wendy Nin             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Christine McMahon     | Mid Island            | Yuko Noble            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Ann Mendenhall        | Victoria              | Kelly Nobles          | North Shore           |
| Mariah Mennie         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Florence Noh          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Jerri Mercer          | North Shore           | Dennis Nordlund       | South Okanagan        |
| Marla Mesenbrink      | Kelowna               | Rosemary O'Connor     | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Marcia Meyer          | North Shore           | Daniela O'Fee         | Provincial            |
| Christian Meyers      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Rafael Oei            | Victoria              |
| Yuka Mikami           | North Shore           | Jacquelyn Ohnander    | Provincial            |
| Maria Mikic           | Prince George         | Susan Olsen           | South Fraser          |
| Deborah Miles         | Provincial            | Gail Olsen            | Provincial            |
| Christine Millar      | Chilliwack            | Rebecca Ong           | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Tanis Mitchell        | North Shore           | Marina Osmolovska     | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Karen Mofakham        | Richmond              | Miya Otake            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Victoria Moiseyeva    | Richmond              | Megumi Otani          | South Fraser          |
| Margit Moldovan       | Provincial            | Arlene Overman        | Victoria              |
| Carl Montgomery       | Sunshine Coast        | Dr. Annabelle Paetsch | North Shore           |
| Carmen Moore          | Vernon                | Michelle Panayi       | Victoria              |
| Dr. Ronald Morgan     | North Island          | Dr Michael Park       | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Michael Morimoto      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Carol Anne Parkinson  | North Island          |
| Susan Morrison        | Mid Island            | Lisa Parsons          | Vernon                |
| Trudy Morse           | Richmond              | Nataliya Pashchenko   | Victoria              |
| Michael Morse         | Richmond              | Amy Paster            | Victoria              |
| David Morse           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Linda Patterson       | Mid Island            |
| Maria Moularas        | South Fraser          | Alison Patterson      | North Shore           |
| Faye Mulder           | South Fraser          | Heather Patton        | Vernon                |
| Lynda Mundstock       | Chilliwack            | Heather Pawsey        | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Elizabeth Munro       | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Nicole Payie          | Victoria              |
| Helga Murray          | South Fraser          | Judith Pazder         | Victoria              |
| Natalya Mykhaylova    | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Alexander Pechenyuk   | North Shore           |
| Ken Nachtigal         | Chilliwack            | Tegan Peemoeller      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Debra Nagy            | Abbotsford            | Nita Pelletier        | Chilliwack            |
| Margot Napier         | Victoria              | Kevin Pendergast      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |





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| Kimberly Pendergast   | Victoria              | Carol Riediger          | Chilliwack            |
| Bo Peng               | Richmond              | Jean Ritter             | Abbotsford            |
| I-Fen Peng            | South Fraser          | Stephen Robb            | Richmond              |
| Frances Perriam       | Victoria              | Shelley Roberts         | North Island          |
| Jacqueline Perriam    | Victoria              | Alison Roberts          | North Shore           |
| Anita Perry           | South Okanagan        | Carmen Roberts          | South Fraser          |
| Arlys Peters          | Sunshine Coast        | Donna L. Robertson      | North Island          |
| Dr. Carl Petersson    | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Donna J. Robertson      | Victoria              |
| Diane Petkau          | Abbotsford            | Lillian Rogalsky        | Abbotsford            |
| Nadia Petriw          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Krista Rogers           | Mid Island            |
| Monica Pfau           | Victoria              | Mary Rogers             | Victoria              |
| Jarvis Phan           | South Fraser          | Elisa Rolston           | North Shore           |
| Louise Phillips       | Prince George         | Joslin Romphf Dennis    | Richmond              |
| Allison Picketts      | Victoria              | Linda Rothero           | East Kootenay         |
| Ursula Pidgeon        | Kelowna               | Kathryn Rowe            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Katya Pine            | South Fraser          | Arthur Rowe             | Victoria              |
| Amber Pitre           | Mid Island            | Yvette Rowledge         | South Fraser          |
| Karin Plato           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Dr. Rudy Rozanski       | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Patricia Plumley      | Mid Island            | Paris Russell           | Victoria              |
| Elisabeta Podut       | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Valerie Rutter          | Sunshine Coast        |
| Dina Pollock          | Abbotsford            | Julie Rutter            | Sunshine Coast        |
| David Poon            | Sunshine Coast        | Marlene Sabo            | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Leona Porth           | Abbotsford            | Arne Sahlen             | East Kootenay         |
| JoAnn Primeau         | North Shore           | Dr. Gilbert Sak         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Geraldine Pugh        | Victoria              | Joanne Sakumoto Chan    | Richmond              |
| Marjory Purdy         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Amber Sanderson         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Linlin Qin            | Richmond              | Diane Sanford           | North Shore           |
| Dr. Sherilene Quezada | Mid Island            | Susan Schaffer          | Vernon                |
| Dr. Meijane Quong     | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Ann Schau               | Victoria              |
| Nicholas Rada         | North Shore           | Carol Schlosar          | Vernon                |
| Janelle Ragno         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Dr. Milton Schlosser    | Victoria              |
| Kathryn Ranger        | Victoria              | Ernst Schneider         | South Okanagan        |
| Peter Raszka          | Kelowna               | Tamara Schwartzentruber | Nelson                |
| Carla Read            | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Marlene Schweb          | Vernon                |
| Siiri Rebane          | North Shore           | Ruby Seah               | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Jennifer Rebner       | Victoria              | Takuhi Sedefci          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Elizabeth Reed        | Mission               | Gregory Semerdjian      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Hilda Reimer          | Abbotsford            | Susan Senkow            | South Fraser          |
| Vanessa Rektor        | South Fraser          | Nick Sergienko          | North Shore           |
| Karen Rempel          | Vernon                | Marnie Setka-Mooney     | Victoria              |
| Pavel Rhyzlovsky      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Janet Shaw              | North Island          |
| Patti Richardson      | North Shore           | Evgeny Shcherbakov      | North Shore           |
| Sylvia Rickard        | Victoria              | Hiroko Sheppard         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |



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| Marina Sheversky      | Kelowna               | Donna Symons           | North Shore           |
| Carol Shinkewski      | South Fraser          | Dianne Szarapka        | South Fraser          |
| Waka Shinko           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Christine Taber        | Victoria              |
| Alynn Shiness         | Chilliwack            | Theresa Takacs         | Provincial            |
| Kelly Chang Shu       | Richmond              | Keiko Takahashi        | Victoria              |
| Barbara Siemens       | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Karrie Tam             | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Tami Sikina           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Jessica Tam            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Rowena Silver Bridson | Richmond              | Magdalene Boon Hui Tan | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Ellen Silverman       | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Dr. Patricia Tao       | Kelowna               |
| Adrienne Sim          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Amber Tarling          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Darian Simmons        | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Lyn Taron              | Vernon                |
| Andrew Sims           | North Island          | Sarah Tatto            | South Fraser          |
| Sharon Sinclair       | Mid Island            | Cynthia Taylor         | North Island          |
| Gwennie Siu           | North Shore           | Irmi Teichrob          | Chilliwack            |
| Ildiko Skeldon        | Richmond              | Ewa Telega             | Abbotsford            |
| Pamela Smirl          | Victoria              | Laura Teng             | South Fraser          |
| April Smith           | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Dimiter Terziev        | Provincial            |
| Kimberlee Smith       | South Fraser          | Rita Thatcher          | South Fraser          |
| Ella Smith            | South Fraser          | Becky Thomas           | Provincial            |
| Jammy Smith           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Kevin Thompson         | South Fraser          |
| Patrick Smith         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Youliana Tichelova     | North Shore           |
| Victoria Smus         | Richmond              | Luda Tkatchenko        | Victoria              |
| Mary Sokol Brown      | North Shore           | Julia Toews            | Abbotsford            |
| Angela Sommer         | Vernon                | Lorraine Toljanich     | North Shore           |
| Michael Sommerville   | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Sandra Tong            | Richmond              |
| Young Hae Son         | North Shore           | Christina Tong         | South Fraser          |
| David Sproule         | Kelowna               | Gabrielle Tong         | Victoria              |
| Neala St. Hilaire     | Victoria              | Cheryl Tradewell       | Victoria              |
| Toni Stanick          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Robyn Tremblay         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Dr. Allison Star      | Victoria              | Tiffany Tsai           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Sandra Starek         | South Fraser          | Emily Tsang            | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Susan Stephen         | Mid Island            | Fiona Tsang            | Richmond              |
| Karen Sterner         | Mid Island            | Sin Yu Tsang           | Richmond              |
| Alyssa Stoffberg      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Evelyn Tsen            | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Djina Stojkov         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Isabella Tsisseriev    | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Carmen Stoney         | Vernon                | Lea Tsui               | South Fraser          |
| Calla Strain          | South Fraser          | Jennifer Turner        | Victoria              |
| Serah Strandberg      | Sunshine Coast        | Tetiana Tymoshenko     | North Shore           |
| Carol Stromberg       | Vernon                | Dennis Tymoshenko      | North Shore           |
| Kenneth Stromberg     | Vernon                | Laura Tyrrell          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Dr. Betty Suderman    | Abbotsford            | Dorothy Uytengsu       | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Malinda Sunderland    | Vernon                | Sherrie van Akker      | Chilliwack            |
| Melissa Sutherland    | Vernon                | Charity Van Gameren    | Vernon                |



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| Maggie Van Wyk          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Sharon Wishart      | Mid Island            |
| Ellen Vander Putten     | Mid Island            | Arline Witrisna     | Richmond              |
| Monique Vander Wart     | Provincial            | Elisa Wolff         | Mission               |
| David Vandereyk         | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Kelley Wong         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Vesaleh Verdiyeva       | North Shore           | Gary Ka Lai Wong    | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Bruce Vogt              | Victoria              | Vivien Wong         | Richmond              |
| Heilwig von Koenigsloew | South Fraser          | Tina Wong           | Richmond              |
| Caralee Voth            | Chilliwack            | Geneviene Wong      | South Fraser          |
| Lois Voth               | Chilliwack            | Mary-Jane Wong      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| David Voth              | Chilliwack            | Carolyn Wong        | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Cvetozar Vutev          | Provincial            | Gloria MW Wong      | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Dexine Wallbank         | Victoria              | Hailey Wong         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Yi Tyng (Tina) Wang     | Chilliwack            | Lydia Wong          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Tina Wang               | Richmond              | Christopher Wong    | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Xuan Wen Wang           | Richmond              | Karen Wood          | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Karin Ching-I Wang      | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Susan Wood          | Mid Island            |
| Season Wang             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Nancy Wood          | North Shore           |
| Daniel Wardrope         | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge | Karen Wu            | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Victoria Warfield       | Richmond              | Julie Wyse          | Vernon                |
| Nancy Warkentin         | Mid Island            | Fafan Xiao          | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Berva Warkentin         | South Fraser          | Ji Lai Xu           | South Fraser          |
| Andrew Warriner         | Richmond              | Chin Yang           | North Shore           |
| Aaron Watson            | Victoria              | Winnie LiWen Yang   | Richmond              |
| Cara Webb               | East Kootenay         | Emma Yang           | Richmond              |
| Laura Webster           | Mission               | Queenie Wenhui Yang | Richmond              |
| Amie Webster            | North Island          | Lydia Yang          | South Fraser          |
| Diana Welsh             | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Yang (Rachel) Yang  | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Dr. Wayne Weng          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Andrew Yang         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Sharon Capadouca West   | North Shore           | Sharon Yau          | Richmond              |
| Jennifer West           | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Ivy Yau             | Richmond              |
| Sarah Westwick          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Lorna Yeates        | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Julia Wick              | Prince George         | Cindy Yee           | Richmond              |
| Abigail Wiebe           | Chilliwack            | Terry Yeh           | Prince George         |
| Aleah Wielinga          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Joanna Man-Chun Yeh | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Alice Wiens             | Provincial            | Amy Yen             | Richmond              |
| Rosanne Wieringa        | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Aouda Yen           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Crystal Wiksyk          | Victoria              | Kitty Yeung         | Richmond              |
| Robyn Williams          | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Rebecca Yew         | South Fraser          |
| Patricia Williamson     | Victoria              | Annie Yip           | Victoria              |
| Erika Wilson            | Mid Island            | Julie Yip           | Victoria              |
| Jeannie Wilson          | North Island          | Janet Yonge         | Victoria              |
| Susan Wilson            | Victoria              | Debbie Young        | Victoria              |
| Anne Wilson Unger       | Vancouver/Burnaby     | Gloria Yu           | Richmond              |



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| Gordon Yu             | Richmond          |
| Yolk Kin May Yu       | Vancouver/Burnaby |
| Torey Zachary         | Vancouver/Burnaby |
| Nataliya Zadnipyryana | Vancouver/Burnaby |
| Yuri Zaidenberg       | South Fraser      |
| Marlaena Zamora       | South Fraser      |
| Martina Zechendorf    | Provincial        |
| Bo (Bonnie) Zhang     | Richmond          |
| Maggie Yun Zhang      | Vancouver/Burnaby |
| Yikai Zhang           | Vancouver/Burnaby |
| Yihan Zhang           | Vancouver/Burnaby |
| Qiangyin Zhang        | Victoria          |
| Xiaofen Michelle Zhao | South Fraser      |
| Diya Zhong            | Richmond          |
| Jasmine Li Ping Zhuo  | South Fraser      |
| Frank Zieginsin       | North Shore       |
| Nicole Zimmer         | Trail/Castlegar   |
| Rachel Pei Yao Zong   | Richmond          |





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| Charlene Ausa        | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Anneka Bonser        | Sunshine Coast        |
| Ariana Boulter       | Mission               |
| Kristiana Braun      | South Fraser          |
| Malia Dalisay Brodie | Victoria              |
| Leah Bruno           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Christine Carlson    | Victoria              |
| Cecilia Cheung       | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Kathleen Clissold    | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Tracey Coulter       | South Okanagan        |
| Angela Essak         | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Catherine Grandmont  | North Island          |
| Emily Jou            | Chilliwack            |
| Aiyun Jessica Jou    | Chilliwack            |
| Michelle Klimchuk    | South Fraser          |
| Brenda Lam           | Vancouver/Burnaby     |
| Paulina Seewing Lee  | Coquitlam/Maple Ridge |
| Leah Lifton          | South Fraser          |
| Lisa Mann            | North Island          |
| Jill Marston         | North Island          |
| Bridget Meagher      | North Island          |
| Ronni Pakosz         | North Island          |
| Sharon Perrin        | Victoria              |
| Heather Randall      | North Island          |
| Deborah Ross         | North Island          |
| Sibylle Wilson       | Victoria              |







I have relished being part of the BCMTA executive Board and getting to know and work with each delegate and committee chair. I truly feel I have friends all over the province.

Rock on!

Amita

To my colleagues at BC RMTA

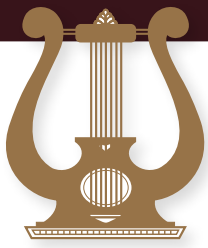
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From the heart.

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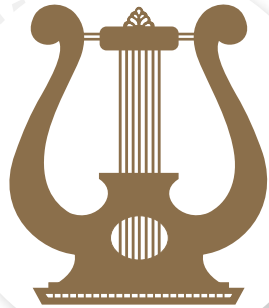
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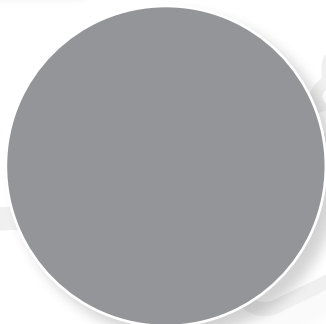


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## Members we have lost this year

### *In Memoriam*

Wendy Guimont

joined the BCRMTA East Kootney branch in 1980



Diana Lawton

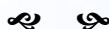
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Janet Marilyn Leffek

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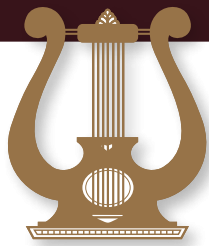


Alice E. MacLean

joined the BCRMTA Victoria branch in 1970



*You will be missed*



## Members we have lost this year

### Wendy Guimont

July 8, 2023

#### In Loving Memory

Our beautiful Wendy Guimont, aged 65, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2023 in the comfort of her home surrounded by family. She fought a courageous battle against Stage 4 pancreatic cancer; inspiring us all with her strength and bravery.

Wendy was born to Don and Betty Rankin in Nanaimo, BC. She went on to achieve her Bachelor of Music in Performance at the University of Victoria. For over 45 years, she taught piano to over 2000 students, trained hundreds of teachers, and was the MYC coordinator for Western Canada and California.

Wendy was also the resident pianist for the East Kootenay Symphony, the Sun Valley Song Choir and the Chair for the EKMTA for many years.

On August 9, 1980 Wendy married Rod Guimont. They had two beautiful daughters, Penny and Gina, and settled in Cranbrook, BC. In recent years, Rod and Wendy then became grandparents; this was a gift that Wendy cherished more than anything.

Wendy survived a previous fight with cancer in 2007, which inspired Rod and her to live life to its fullest. They spent many blissful years at their home in Riondel, enjoying golf, hiking, fishing, biking and spending time with their wonderful West Kootenay friends. Their winters were spent RVing in the south.

Wendy's legacy of gratitude, joy, positivity, unlimited work ethic and immense strength will forever be remembered by everyone whose lives she touched.

Wendy is preceded by her father, Don Rankin and sister, Penny.

She is survived by her mother, Betty Rankin, husband Rod, daughters Penny (Jeff) and Gina (Jared), and four grandchildren, Laine, Ella, Esmae and Bodie.

The family would like to thank Dr. Lowden and the Oncology team at the EKRH, the home-care nurses, and all the friends and family who have supported them throughout this 17 month battle.

In lieu of flowers, at Wendy's request, donations can be made to the East Kootenay Music Teacher's Association at: <https://everloved.com/life-of/wendy-guimont/>

A Celebration Of Life was held at the Cranbrook Alliance Church on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm MDT.

Colourful and bright attire encouraged!







# Members we have lost this year

## Diana Lawton

August 24, 1939 - July 9, 2023

Diana Lawton passed away on July 9, 2023, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, at the age of 83. Born on August 24, 1939, in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, Diana leaves behind a loving family including her husband Wolfgang Hoefer, children Christian (Kareen) and Elise (Scott), and grandchildren Marianne, Florian, and Cohen. She is also survived by her brother Chip, her sister Stephanie, and their respective families.

Diana's life was marked by major achievements. She earned the Associateship (A.R.C.T.) Diploma with "First Class Honours" from the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto. She continued her studies with French Pianist and Pedagogue Yvonne Hubert at L'Ecole de Musique Vincent d'Indy, Université de Montréal. There, she received both the Bachelor of Music and the Master of Music degrees in performance "avec très grande distinction." She received prestigious awards, including the Cécile Léger Scholarship Award of the Ladies' Morning Musical Club of Montreal, First Prize in the Concerto Class resulting in a televised performance with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Orchestra conducted by Wilfred Pelletier, and the Best Chamber Musician Award at the Québec Provincial Music Competition.

After completing her studies in Montreal, Diana pursued postgraduate studies in Munich, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria, with renowned pianist Friedrich Wührer. She further refined her artistic abilities under the guidance of Ivan Moravec and Hans Keller during study periods in Prague and London.

Returning to Canada, Diana joined the faculties of the Maritime Conservatory of Music in Halifax and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She taught piano interpretation and technique, performed solo recitals, and engaged in chamber music performances. Diana's passion for music extended beyond teaching and performing; she traveled across Canada as an examiner for the Royal Conservatory Examination System.

Later, Diana became a faculty member of the Department of Music at the University of Ottawa. Alongside her university teaching, she maintained a significant class of private students, many of whom went on to establish careers as professional musicians. She performed as a soloist and collaborated with leading musicians from the National Arts Center.

In 1992, Diana relocated to Victoria, British Columbia, where she taught piano and piano accompaniment at the School of Music, University of Victoria, until 2004. During this time, she continued to give masterclasses, performed as a soloist and chamber musician in Canada, Germany, and Italy, and served as an adjudicator at various music festivals and competitions in British Columbia.

From 2009 to 2012, Diana lived in Singapore, where she lectured and served as a jury member at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. She also played an active role in the Executive Committee of the Chopin Society Singapore, responsible for international liaison.

Diana's teaching philosophy aimed at transcending the physical requirements of the piano to achieve pure musical expression. Her love for music, her captivating artistry and musicianship, infectious laughter, elegance, and grace touched the hearts of friends, students, and colleagues around the world. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family expresses their gratitude to the staff of the Royal Jubilee Hospital and the Victoria Hospice Team for providing exceptional care during Diana's final weeks. Special thanks go to Drs. Inman, McArdle, Minaker, Dewart, and Malik for their outstanding support.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in Diana's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

A Celebration of Diana's life took place on Saturday, July 29, at the University Club on the Campus of the University of Victoria.



## Members we have lost this year

### Janet Marilyn Leffek

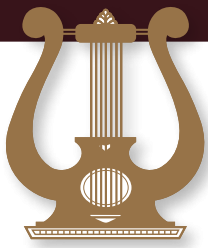
January 9, 1934 - January 10, 2023

Janet died peacefully on the 10th January after a battle with dementia in the Broadmead Memorial Lodge Care Home. She is survived by her loving husband, Ken, of 64 years, her daughter Katharine (David), her son Geoffrey (Clare), 13 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Janet was born in Tamworth, Ontario to Helen and James Wallace where she spent her early years before the family moved to New Brunswick, first to Sussex, then to Moncton. She studied piano with Ernest Freeborn, and accompanied choirs and the school orchestra at Moncton High School. She went on to Mount Allison University where she obtained a B.Sc. in home economics (cum laude), in 1955, and also studied piano there with Evron Kinsman, and accompanied many singers.

In 1956 Janet travelled to England, where she studied with Robin Wood at the Royal Academy of Music, and in 1957 was awarded the LRAM diploma. She sang for two years with the Royal Choral Society in London, whose members performed regularly in the Royal Albert Hall with the London Symphony under Sir Malcolm Sargent and others.

In 1958 Janet married Ken Leffek in London with the ceremony performed by Lord Donald Soper. They returned to Canada and settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1961. In 1968 Janet met Yvonne Enoch, who introduced her to the group teaching of piano, in classes of eight students with four pianos. She was hired by the Halifax School System in 1971 to teach piano by this method. The programme grew over twelve years until over 200 children and three part-time teachers were involved. It reached its high point in 1980 when 32 of her students playing 16 pianos in the Halifax Metro Centre performed an arrangement of "The Carnival of the Animals" by Saint Saens. This remains to this day a unique performance in the annals of classical music. Sometime later the programme was terminated by the School Board on the grounds that it was elitist. All told Janet taught piano in Halifax for over 30 years and played an active part in the Nova Scotia Registered Music Teachers' Association of which she was made a life member. For nine years she was also the rehearsal accompanist for the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Choir. Janet has given lectures and workshops on piano group teaching in Nova Scotia and England and taught the piano pedagogy course at Acadia University for one year as a sabbatical replacement. She has adjudicated at over two dozen music Festivals in the four Atlantic provinces and British Columbia. Janet's last performances were recitals at Care Homes in Victoria, including a number at the Broadmead Memorial Lodge, where she spent the last two years of her life after she developed dementia. Our special thanks are given to Dr. Christine Roh and the staff of this home for the loving care which they gave Janet during her last years. Donations to Broadmead Care would be greatly appreciated.





## Members we have lost this year

### Alice E. MacLean

July 01, 1925 - April 08, 2023

Alice MacLean (nee Pinckston) was born on July 1, 1925 in Edmonton, Alberta. In 1941, at age 16, she left school to work as a secretary at the US Air Force Base in Edmonton as a part of the war effort. She always desired higher education so she completed her GED and pursued her academic interests at Camosun College after the family moved to Victoria in 1970.

Alice met her husband, Huntley, at Poole Construction Ltd. in Edmonton where they both worked. They married in 1952 and had five daughters. After retiring to Victoria, they fell in love with the wild beauty of the West Kootenays when daughter Cathy moved there in 1975. They eventually built a house on the shores of Slocan Lake, which also became a showcase for Mom's passion for gardening. After Huntley's death in 1996, Alice continued to make the long solo drive every spring to spend the summer at the lake, working on and always expanding her beautiful garden.

Mom was an accomplished pianist. She completed her Royal Conservatory of Music teaching diploma in Edmonton while raising her five children, and continued to teach after moving to Victoria. After retiring from teaching she was actively involved in the Victoria Conservatory of Music Alumni.

Mom was a creative soul with many interests. As a lifelong learner, she was always open to new experiences and adventures. She engaged in many projects, the results visible in the clothes she made for her children, the upholstered furniture, hand-stitched quilts, paper toile pictures, garden designs and in later years her paintings.

She was curious and engaged - be it following world politics or her grandchildren's escapades. She was an avid reader. She valued and nurtured her relationships and connections with people, and maintained them with phone calls, letters and emails. She loved to travel and kept journals of her trips abroad; journals that revealed that she was also a writer.

She was a free spirit, gentle and strong, funny and playful, engaging and generous in every way. Her life reflects a remarkable willingness to be open, to go with the flow, embrace change and be of the present.

Alice is survived by her children Cathy, Jean, Marian, Janice and Margaret; her sons-in-law Bob, Matt and Ian; her grandchildren Cassandra, Sandon, Claire, Kelvan, Jackson and Kyla; and her great-grandchildren Caleb, Lucas, and Dylan.

Thank you to Shannon Oaks Independent Living in Oak Bay for providing such a wonderful environment for the nearly three years that she resided there.





