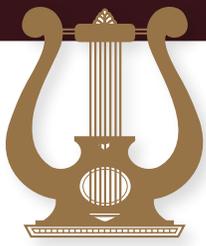


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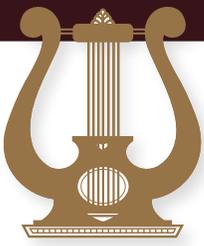
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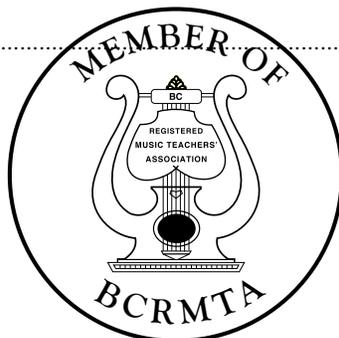
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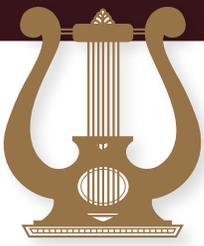
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President's Message

Barbara Siemens

The Year in Review is a great opportunity to look back at 2025 and see all that was accomplished. The online format allows for the inclusion of more material and pictures, and most especially gives space to fully honour those respected members who have passed away this year. As always, there is greater detail available for all Council business in the minutes and reports from the Annual and Semi-Annual meetings, visit bcrmta.bc.ca in the Members Only section for the complete listings.

My message this year will highlight a few points to compliment what follows in the magazine.

I would first like to clarify my listing on page 90 as *“Acting President”*. As of 2020, the BCRMTA Bylaws state that a president may only serve a single term of two years. My term ended April 2025, however, last year the 1st vice president at the time, Sue Wood, was unable to step into the position of president for health reasons. Without an experienced individual to immediately move into the role of president, Council passed a motion to allow me to function as *“Acting President”* until April 2027. I appreciate the faith of the Council in their decision, and I thank the Executive for their patience and support as I juggle tasks at the Provincial and National levels of the Association.

In 2025, the BCRMTA continued to explore ways to move with the times. Our online presence expanded through the efforts of the Social Media Committee along with several of the Branches. Be sure to visit [BC Registered Music Teachers Association on Facebook](#) and the pages of other Branches to “like/follow” and help boost the ratings. The goal has been to increase awareness of the BCRMTA with parents, teachers, and potential members. We hope to have future advertising campaigns in peak seasons again this year.

Further to communicating information, members can investigate both the Provincial bcrmta.bc.ca and National cfmta.org websites. There is much available for both teachers and their students from discounted concert tickets to competitions (instrumental, composition, essay, poster) as well as online workshops and presentations. If there are areas in which you have particular interest, consider stepping forward to take on small projects or support an endeavour. Feel free to contact me at president@bcrmta.bc.ca and I can steer you in the right direction.

Inclusivity has been another focal point of the year. The “Affiliate Member Teacher” or AMT category has been added to the proposed 2026 BCRMTA Bylaws. Should the updated Bylaws be accepted at the April Council meeting, AMT’s will have full rights and privileges of membership, but in lieu of a diploma or degree in their field, their experience and reputation will be accepted as appropriate qualifications. Check bcrmta.bc.ca under the Membership dropdown menu for the application in late April, and spread word amongst your non-RMT colleagues! Along with other housekeeping points, the Bylaws also clarify the status of Student Teacher Auxiliary and Retired members. After April 2026, the next revision of the Bylaws will be in 2028.

Facilitating the transfer of knowledge has become increasingly important. With the reduction in Executive terms enacted in 2020, there is less time for 1st and 2nd vice presidents to learn the procedures of the Association before taking on the presidency. In order to maintain continuity, a revised Policies and Procedures Manual has been presented to Council. If accepted at the April meeting, it will provide more detail on BCRMTA documents, archives, council procedures, and much more. Check bcrmta.bc.ca in the Members only page in early May for the latest version.

My last thought in this message, is to extend my heartfelt thanks to each member who has supported the BCRMTA in some fashion. You may have volunteered on a Committee, joined Council as a delegate, attended an event, or encouraged students to participate in an activity. Whatever your contribution, large or small, you are the life blood of the Association and every effort you have made is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Barbara Siemens BCRMTA President



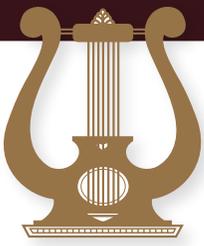
Meet our new Chairs

Canada Music Week / Student Composer

Leah Lifton



Leah Lifton has been teaching piano for 11 years now. She specializes in early beginner and elementary level students, and finds passion through teaching her students to love music in their own way. Leah also enjoys teaching composition, and has entered many of her students' own compositions into festivals or for recital performances. In her free time, Leah enjoys writing and playing her own music and playing board games with friends.



Meet our new Chairs

Social Media

Dr Allison Star



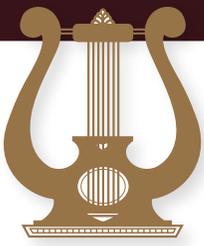
Dr. Star is an internationally recognized classical pianist, accompanist, adjudicator, and musicologist.

Her early training includes studies at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver) with Mary Tickner and Jane Coop. She was awarded scholarships for Graduate Studies at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles), where she worked with Brooks Smith and Jean Barr. Dr. Star was then awarded a full scholarship to continue her graduate studies at the Dominican University of San Rafael (San Francisco Bay area) with Dr. Ted Blair.

Dr. Star loves to combine her passion for teaching, performing, and research, notably in her presentation of many lecture-recitals across the U.S.A. and Canada. Her published research is found on several websites, notably the Hector Berlioz website, Beethovenhaus Bonn, and the University of Victoria; as well, she has published articles in *Musicological Explorations* (published by The University of Victoria). She is currently working on research in French Romanticism.

She runs an active music studio with many award-winning students, and she is a Senior Examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto) specializing in advanced Piano Performance and Pedagogy.

She actively supports Music Education for children through her volunteer work for the B.C. Registered Music Teachers Association. She lives with her family in Victoria, where she regularly participates in charity sporting events to raise funds for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation.



Meet our new Chairs

Student Composers' Club

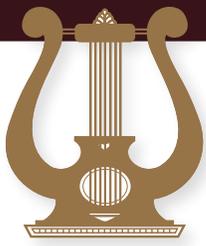
Kathleen Feenstra



Kathleen Feenstra has been teaching piano and theory in BC's Fraser Valley since 2001. Accredited by The Royal Conservatory of Music with an ARCT in Piano Performance (2010) and also an ARCT in Piano Pedagogy (2019), Kathleen is a member of the British Columbia Registered Music Teachers Association, the Association of Canadian Women Composers, and is an Associate Composer of the Canada Music Center. She enjoys teaching, composing, and arranging, and is passionate about seeing her students succeed in their musical studies.

As a composer, Kathleen specializes in creating works that are pedagogical in nature. She has created more than 100 pedagogical works for piano. Recordings of her music are available on all major platforms. Kathleen has published five books of piano repertoire with 80 Days Publishing, featuring music for all levels of students. She has also made numerous arrangements of popular pieces for her students.

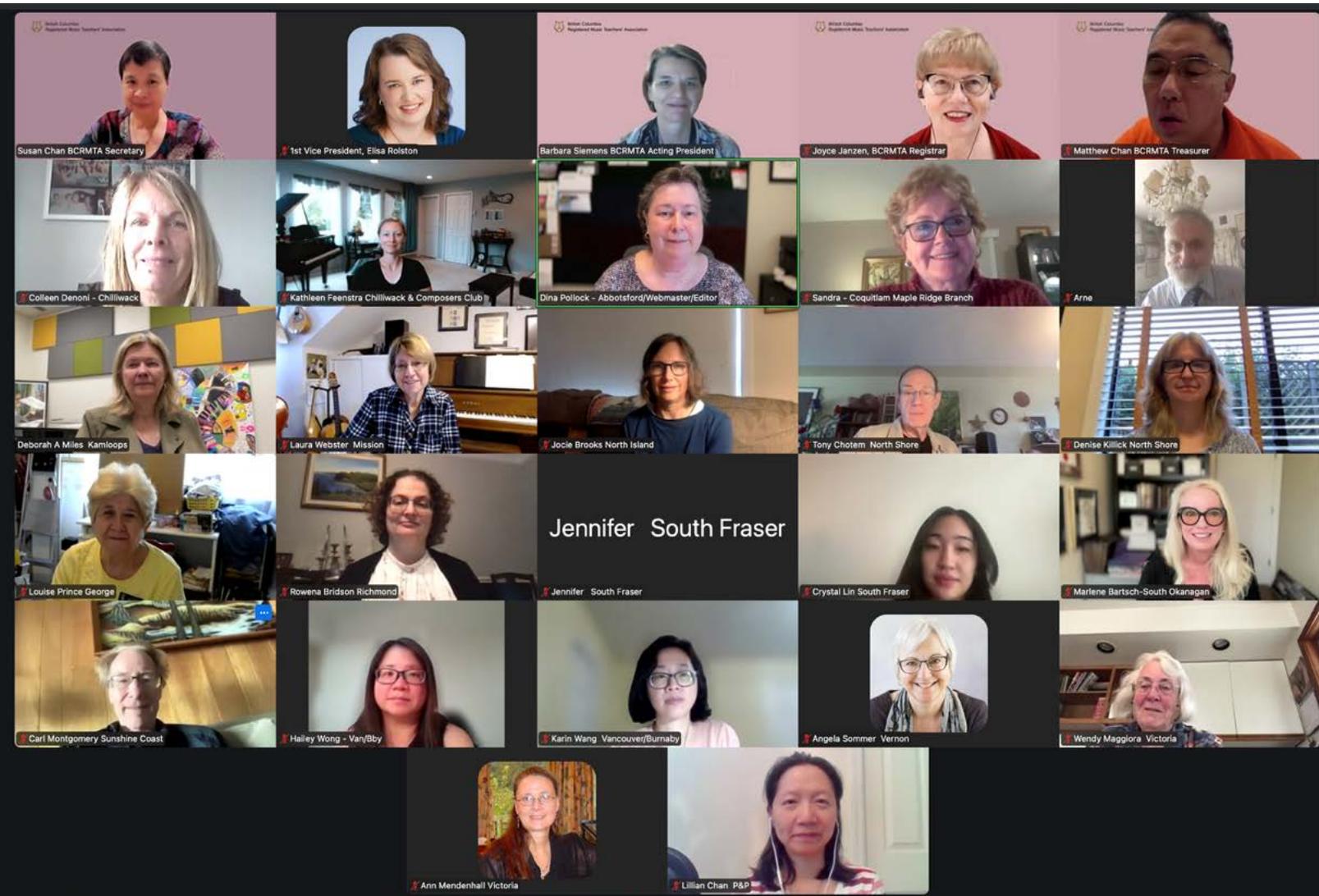




BCRMTA Provincial Council Meetings

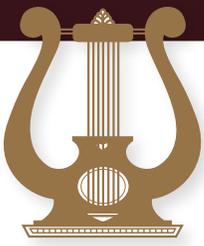
Two council meetings were held in 2025 : **April 13, 2025** - Hybrid - Richmond

September 14, 2025 - Virtual Platform via Zoom



September 14 - Zoom meeting





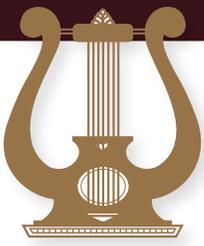
25 Year Pins Presented in 2025

This year we have the pleasure of recognizing 11 members who will receive their 25 year pin:
(These members joined in 2000.)

Abbotsford	Julia Toews
Mid Island	Christine McMahon
North Island	Donna Robertson
Richmond	Emma Yang
South Fraser	Beverly Johnson
	Kimberlee Smith
South Okanagan	Lynne Leydier
Vancouver / Burnaby	Daniel Mahlberg
	Sharon Yau
Vernon	Melissa Sutherland
Victoria	Jo Ann Dalisay

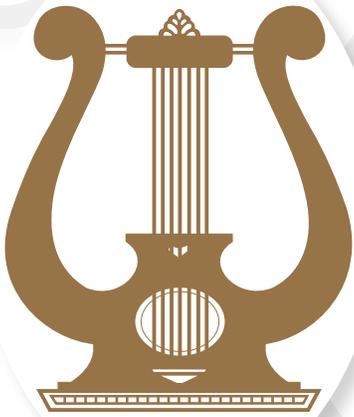
Congratulations to each one!

Joyce Janzen - BCRMTA Registrar

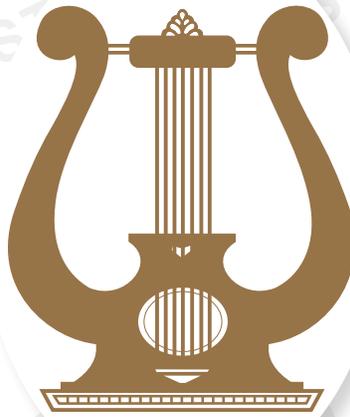


50 Year Pins Presented in 2025

This year we have the pleasure of recognizing three members who will receive their 50 year pin:
(These members joined in 1975.)



Aline Banno – **North Shore**



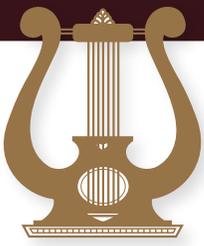
Mary Jackson – **Mid Island**



Wendy Maggiora - **Victoria**

Congratulations !

Joyce Janzen - BCRMTA Registrar



60 Year Pins Presented in 2025

This year we have the pleasure of recognizing two members who will receive their 60 year pin:
(These members joined in 1965.)



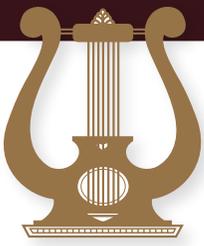
Ernst Schneider – **South Okanagan**



Paloma de la Guerra – **Victoria**

Congratulations !

Joyce Janzen - BCRMTA Registrar



65 Year Certificate Presented in 2025

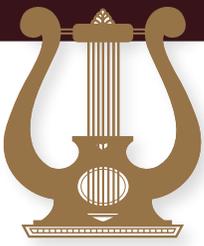
This year we have the pleasure of recognizing one member who will receive their 65 year certificate:
(These members joined in 1960.)



Joyce Dyck – Chilliwack

Congratulations !

Joyce Janzen - BCRMTA Registrar



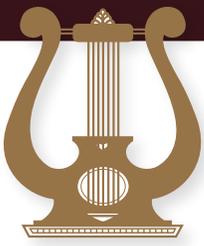
BCRMTA Pedagogy Awards

Each year, the BC Registered Music Teachers' Association presents an award to the students receiving the highest aggregate marks in the Pedagogy Teachers' Diploma offered by:

- BC Conservatory of Music
- Conservatory Canada
- Royal Conservatory of Music
- Open Category - Graduates of pedagogy/music programs from other recognized institutions

No awards were presented in 2025





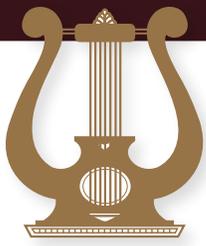
BCRMTA Student Composer Competition

2025 Adjudicator - Jennifer Butler



Our adjudicator this year was Jennifer Butler, a composer, educator and flutist living in Vancouver. Jennifer competed her Bachelor of Music degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and holds both a Master's degree and Doctorate in Music Composition from the University of British Columbia. She is passionate about teaching music as a creative subject and was the Composer Mentor for the Okanagan Symphony's Young Composer Program from 2021-2024, worked as a teaching artist for Vancouver Opera from 2019-2022, and was the Composer-in-Residence for Vancouver's Sonic Boom festival in 2022.





Student Composer Winners 2025

PREPARATORY: 8 years & under

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

No Entries

CATEGORY A: 11 years and under

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

1st Place	Nathan Syyong	<i>Don't Ever Underestimate the Smallest Elephant</i>
2nd Place	Filip Ilea	<i>Here I Come</i>
	Baye Lindberg	<i>Lazy Mary</i>
Honourable mention		
	Garrett Rostek	<i>Trash Panda</i>
	Nathan Syyong	<i>Sonatina in D Major</i>

CATEGORY B: 15 years and under

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

1st Place	Will Zhu	<i>Aeris</i>
2nd Place	Will Zhu	<i>Souffle D'Aube</i>
	Will Zhu	<i>Aetherian Waltz</i>
Honourable mention		
	Noa Paster	<i>Regnboygn Tantsn</i>
	Will Zhu	<i>Solitude</i>

CATEGORY C: 19 years and under

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

1st Place	Xavier Burgers	<i>Clearing</i>
2nd Place	Xavier Burgers	<i>Fluctuations</i>
Honourable mention		
	Alessio Dagostini	<i>Frozen Waterfall (Violin and Piano)</i>

CATEGORY D: Open

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

1st Place	Max Francis	<i>Quartet Op. 6</i>
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Adjudicator for 2025 - Jennifer Butler

Thank you to all the composers - Congratulations to the winners for 2025





BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2025

CATEGORY A: 11 years & under
A1 An original work for solo instrument
or any combination of instruments

1st place Nathan Sy Yong *Don't Ever Underestimate the Smallest Elephant!*

My name is Nathan and I have been playing piano for 7 years, studying under May Ling Kwok. I study at the Victoria Conservatory of Music. I began composing music two years ago under the guidance of Christine Donkin. The idea for this song began when I watched a documentary on elephants and I wanted to create a tune that fits with the personality of an elephant calf. The twist in my composition is to highlight an energetic elephant who is trying its hardest to be like the adults and to be noticed, but ends up getting into mischief. *

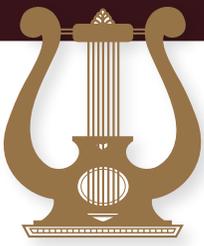


Don't Ever Underestimate the Smallest Elephant!

Nathan Sy Yong

With Expression ♩ = 92

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, marked 'With Expression' and a tempo of ♩ = 92. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains measures 1 through 4. The second system contains measures 5 through 8. The score features various dynamics including *mf*, *p*, *f*, and *mp*, and includes triplets in both the treble and bass staves. The key signature changes from one sharp (F#) to one flat (Bb) at the end of the piece.



BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2025

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

1st place Will Zhu Aeris

Will is a 15-year-old student and composer based in Vancouver, BC. Passionate about music, he enjoys playing the piano, singing, and composing both electronic and classical pieces. He works with DAWs to create unique soundscapes, blending his love for modern production with traditional composition. Outside of music, Will is an avid skier, golfer, and swimmer. He also shares his home with Milky, his beloved pomsky. ✨



Aeris

Will Zhu

Piano

♩ = 110

The musical score for 'Aeris' is written for piano in 4/4 time with a tempo of 110. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 3. The second system contains measures 4 through 6. The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth-note runs. The bass clef provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. Performance markings include *pp* (pianissimo) and *ped.* (pedal) throughout the piece.



BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2024

CATEGORY C: *19 years and under*
C *An original work for any instrument, voice, or combination of voices and instruments, with or without accompaniment*

1st Place **Xavier Burgers** ***Clearing***

I've been seriously composing since I was 16, however I fell in love with classical music at the age of 13. I enjoy snowboarding, programming, and playing/making video games in my spare time. This piece, *Clearing* is a piano trio and has two main sections: a slower, more "open" section and a faster more energetic one. This piece is not yet finished as I plan for there to be a final synthesis section where both sections interact and develop together (A, B, A+B) . I feel like the piece needs some cutting down and some refinement to make the developments of each section more satisfying, as well as more repetition of motifs and harmony to familiarize the audience with the material before the synthesis. *

Clearing

Xavier Burgers

A ♩ = 34 Still, clear, calm

Violin

Violoncello

Piano





BCRMTA Student Composer Winners - 2025

CATEGORY D *Open*

1st Place **Max Francis** **Quartet Op. 6**

Max Francis is a composer and multi-instrumentalist from Victoria, British Columbia. In 2022, at age 11, he became the youngest person in history to win the BC Fiddle Championship and to receive an invitation to compete in the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Competition, where he is a three time top-10 finalist, including a 3rd place finish in 2024. Max is also a US National Old Time Fiddle Champion in the 12-and-under and Youth Swing categories. In addition, Max is an accomplished classical violinist and has performed as a soloist with the Victoria Symphony and a featured artist with the Emily Carr String Quartet. His classical compositions have been awarded the highest honours at Canada's National Music Festival. Max also plays 6-string and tenor guitar, mandolin, banjo, piano, and bodhran. In December 2024, he released his debut album *Home*, consisting of original fiddle tunes.



Quartet Op. 6

Adagio
(♩ = 50)

Max Francis

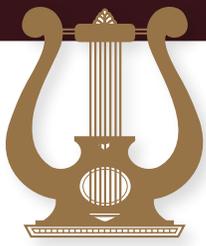
Clarinet in Bb

Violin

Violoncello

Piano





Musical Community Service Awards Spring - May 2025

Mid Island	Dianne Bohn	Hongye Chen	Bronze
		Hongye Chen	Silver
		Hongye Chen	Gold (62)
		Shen Jia Qi (Jackie) Fang	Bronze
		Shen Jia Qi (Jackie) Fang	Silver
		Shen Jia Qi (Jackie) Fang	Gold (71)
		Abby Ge	Bronze
		Lucia Jiang	Bronze
		Lucia Jiang	Silver
		Lucia Jiang	Gold (70)
	Angel Ma	Bronze	
	Everest Ma	Bronze	
	Everest Ma	Silver	
	Everest Ma	Gold (60)	
	Phoebe Ma	Bronze	
	Olivia Wang	Bronze	
	Olivia Wang	Silver	
	Sherry Yu	Bronze	
	Sherry Yu	Silver	
	Julia Zhang	Bronze	
Grace Zhao	Bronze		
Grace Zhao	Silver		
Olivia Zhou	Bronze		
Richmond	Trish Horrocks	Emma Chen	Bronze
		Emma Chen	Silver
		Lily Chen	Bronze
Richmond	Lillian Chan	Samuel Asis	Silver
		Chloe Javier	Bronze
		Tristan Kong	Bronze
		Adi Mohan	Bronze
		Jason Pinto	Silver
		Jenny Xie	Bronze
		Jenny Xie	Silver
Lily Yuen	Bronze		
Trail/Castlegar	Tammy Francis	Olivia Ovington	Bronze
		Ian Richards	Bronze
		Ian Richards	Silver

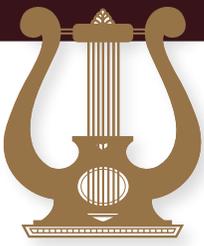
The number in brackets behind the Gold certificate is the number of hours the student has volunteered.

- 10 volunteer hours is required to achieve a Bronze certificate.
- 35 volunteer hours is required to achieve a Silver certificate.
- 60 volunteer hours is required to achieve a Gold certificate.

Thank you for your service to the community!

Joyce Janzen - Registrar





Musical Community Service Awards

Fall - October 2025

Coquitlam/Maple Ridge	Paulina Lee	Trevor Chun Him Lai	Bronze
Richmond	Lillian Chan	Olivia Dong	Bronze
		Bennett Kong	Bronze
		Callum Kong	Bronze
		Kerry Liu	Bronze
		Kerry Liu	Silver
		Zielo Rivera	Bronze
		Zoe Rivera	Bronze
		Joanne Tung	Silver
		Harvey Wong	Bronze
South Fraser	Michelle Bumpus	Emma Bumpus	Bronze
		Emma Bumpus	Silver
		Katerina Plotnic	Bronze
	Kevin Thompson	Mira Bumpus	Bronze
Sunshine Coast	Katherine Hume	Allegra Montgomery	Bronze
Vernon	Melissa Sutherland	Ella Irving	Bronze
		Lucy Ling	Bronze
		Karsten Miller	Bronze
		Talus Miller	Bronze
		Ellie Poulin	Bronze
		Victoria Timms	Bronze

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10 volunteer hours is required to achieve a Bronze certificate.

Since this program began in 2002, more than 1,000 Musical Community Service Awards have been earned!

Joyce Janzen - Registrar



2025 BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT TOUR HAMILTON LAU PIANO



COQUITLAM/MAPLE RIDGE

Sunday - February 16th, 2025 2:00 pm
Place des Arts - 1120 Brunette Ave Coquitlam

NORTH ISLAND

Sunday - April 6th, 2025 2:00 pm
Stan Hagen Theatre - Courtenay

CHILLIWACK

Saturday - April 12th, 2025 7:00 pm
Chilliwack Cultural Centre, Rotary Hall - Chilliwack

SUNSHINE COAST

Sunday - May 4th, 2025 2:30 pm
Raven's Cry Theatre, 5555 Sunshine Coast Highway - Sechelt

KAMLOOPS

Thursday - May 29th, 2025 7:00 pm
Kelson Hall, 330 St Paul Street, Lori Marchand Theatre (upper level)
Kamloops

VANCOUVER / BURNABY

Sunday - May 11th, 2025 4:15 pm
Immanuel Baptist Church - 109 E 40th Ave. Vancouver

SOUTH OKANAGAN

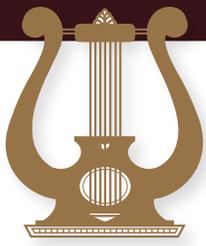
Sunday - June 1st, 2025 3:15 pm
Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre - Penticton

Young Artist Series

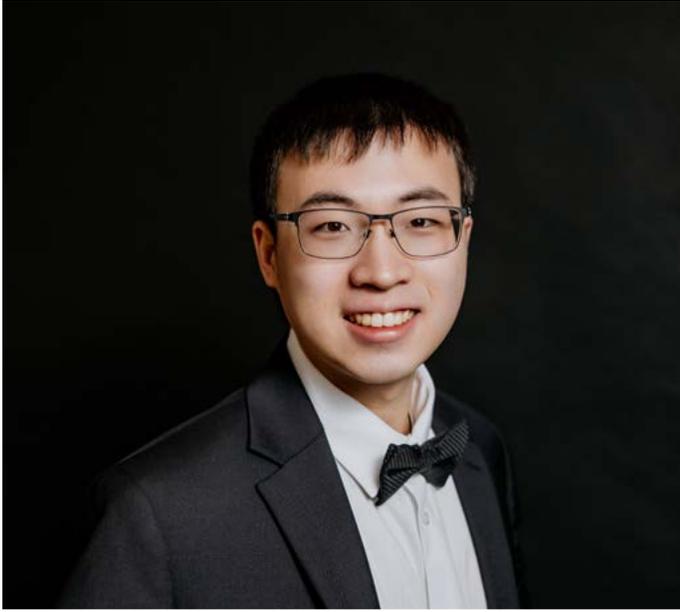


British Columbia Tour





Meet our BCRMTA Competitor at the CFMTA National Piano Competition Hamilton Lau



Named by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) as one of "30 Hot Canadian Classical Musicians Under 30," Hamilton Lau is establishing himself as a promising, energetic, and dedicated musician. Born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, he began his piano studies at the age of four, and he currently studies at the University of British Columbia with Corey Hamm.

He has achieved awards from numerous competitions at the international, national, and provincial level. He won the Canadian Music Competition and the Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival, received the Silver Medal from the Vancouver International Music Competition, and earned Second Prize at the Shean National Piano Competition. Hamilton has performed concertos, solo recitals, and chamber concerts in Canada, the United States, and Europe, and has attended summer festivals such as the Sarasota Music Festival and Orford Musique. In 2025, he will embark on a solo recital tour of British Columbia, Canada.

Semi Final Program

Prelude and Fugue in f# minor, BWV 883, WTC II
Johann Sebastian Bach

Hosu
Howard Bashaw

Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream
Felix Mendelssohn-Sergei Rachmaninoff

Piano Sonata No. 7 in Bb Major, Op. 83
Sergei Prokofiev

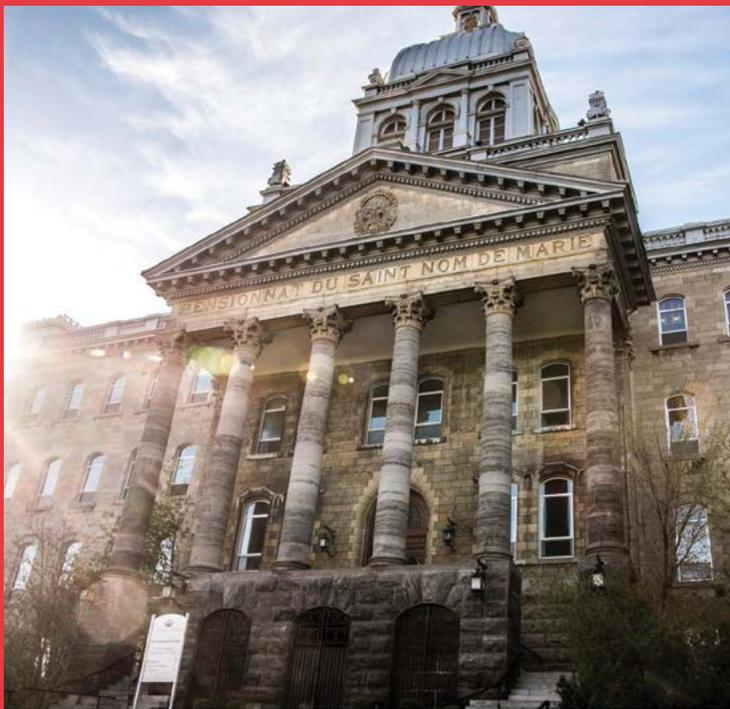
Final Program

Piano Sonata No. 31 in Ab Major, Op. 110, 3rd mvt
Ludwig van Beethoven

Etude No. 6 "Autumn in Warsaw"
Gyorgy Ligeti

Tannhauser Overture
Richard Wagner-Franz Lisz





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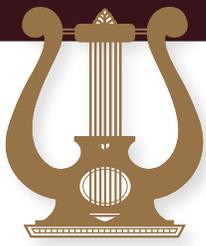


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CFMATA National Piano Competition Hamilton Lau

The CFMATA National Piano Competition was held in Montreal on July 3 and 4 in the beautiful concert hall at L'école de musique Vincent-d'Indy. The BCRMTA was admirably represented by Hamilton Lau, winner of the September 2024 BC Piano Competition and the featured performer in our Spring 2025 Young Artist Series, supported in part by the CFMATA in honour of their 90th anniversary. Seven branches across the Province were able to hear Hamilton in the YA concerts, and I was privileged to attend the April event in Vancouver as well as some of the National semi-finals on July 3, and the final on July 4. What a treat!

At every performance, Hamilton exuded confidence and mastery. In Montreal, the concert hall presented both aural and visual delights. Hamilton's impressive tonal control was magnified by the high ceilings and fantastic acoustics, while the blue/white decor and stain glass windows delighted the eyes. In the semi-finals, his program was varied with a clearly defined Bach *Prelude and Fugue BWV 883*, a mischievous Mendelssohn/Rachmaninoff *Scherzo* transcription from "*Midsummer Night's Dream*" and a powerful Prokofiev *Sonata Op. 7*. Howard Bashaw's *Hosu* was a bold avant guard choice for the Canadian option. There were moments when the audience wasn't quite sure if Hamilton was producing the creaking sounds through an innovative piano technique dictated by the composer, or if it was the 100+ year old building shifting in the heat. Hamilton confirmed afterwards that it was the chair! Those of us who heard Hamilton that Thursday afternoon were thrilled by his playing and gratified to find out that he was chosen as a finalist.

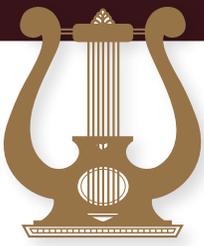
The finals the next night showcased three very talented and dedicated pianists, Hamilton from BC, Julien Gagné from Québec, and Adam Zheng from Ontario. All three demonstrated musicality as well as professionalism and each had strengths in abundance. Still, there were considerations to be weighed and an unenviable decision to be made: I was grateful to be in the audience instead of behind the judging table. In the end, Adam took third place as well as the Canadian Chopin Society Award, Hamilton took second place and the Ernst Schneider Canadian Music Award, and Julien took first place. That night, each competitor deserved the ample applause they received, but I must confess to being especially enthusiastic for our BC representative. Hamilton, you captured the hearts of many of those present and you did your Province proud, thank you! The BCRMTA wishes your every success in your musical future!

Barbara Siemens



L to R: Hamilton Lau - BC, Julien Gagné - Québec,
Adam Zheng - Ontario.





BCRMTA Student Composers' Club

BCRMTA Online Social

Online Social

This year the Online Social Committee hosted two series of meetings: one with dates in January, March, and May, and the second in July, September, and November. The events were scheduled during a variety of times to allow for teachers with irregular schedules to join at least one or two per year. At each meeting, announcements and information was shared, followed by discussion on a chosen subject. Topics were wide ranging and included: creating connections within the BCRMTA community, challenges and rewards in teaching experiences, using keyboard harmony to bridge the gap between theory and practice, application of the Alexander Technique, piano pedagogy for beginners, improving the studio recital experience, dealing with scheduling conflicts and instances of disrespect, benefits of a detailed studio policy statement, encouraging the practice of technique, coping with pressure to accelerate students through levels, motivating students, and setting up studios for the start of the year.

Mimi Ho, Laura Teng, Jammy Smith, and Patricia Plumley were among the Committee members who served as hosts and guided the discussions, many thanks to the others who worked the scenes to organize the events.

Barbara Siemens

Student Composers' Club

The BCRMTA Student Composers' Club entered its 2nd year of existence in the fall of 2024.

The club meets once a month over Zoom on Sunday evenings from October - May. The sixteen student members are hosted by Kathleen Feenstra (Chilliwack branch) with help from Mark Johnson, Pam Smirl and Judith Pazder.

During meetings students have the opportunity to show each other what they have been composing and receive feedback from each other, the hosts, and any guest composers/ attendees.

Last month the club had the privilege of having Sean Bickerton of the Canada Music Center join their meeting. He offered very valuable insight to the students about what the Canada Music Center is and how it exists to support Canadian composers and promote Canadian music. He also had great insights to share with the students regarding their compositions.

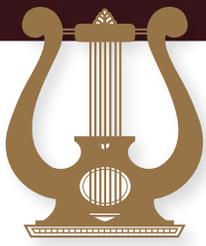
The club is looking forward to hosting the renowned composer Rodney Sharman at its February meeting. He will be speaking with the students on topics related to composing and will also be listening to student presentations of their works and offering valuable feedback to them.

In April and May the club is looking forward to hearing from composer (and club co-host) Mark Johnson. The final meeting of the club will occur in May for the 2024-2025 school year.

Registration to join the club for the following school year will open up in September 2025.

Kathleen Feenstra





Student Composers' Club's Masterclasses

The BCRMTA Student Composers' Club's Masterclass event, held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at the beautiful Murray Adaskin Salon in Vancouver, was an uplifting and inspiring celebration of young musical talent. It was a day marked by artistry, collaboration, and community spirit.

The event was made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Sean Bickerton and the Canadian Music Centre, who not only provided the stunning venue, but also sponsored a delicious lunch for all participants and engaged professional musicians and a composer mentor to bring the students' works to life. Their commitment to nurturing emerging Canadian composers was instrumental in making this event a reality.

Spearheading the event was Kathleen Feenstra, Chair of the BCRMTA Student Composers' Club, whose leadership, vision, and dedication ensured a rich and rewarding experience for all. She was supported in her efforts by Pam Smirl and Mark Johnson, whose assistance helped bring the event to life with care and professionalism.

The afternoon opened with a warm welcome and social lunch, followed by remarks from Sean Bickerton and introductions by the BCRMTA team. Each student then participated in a live masterclass with composer mentor Elizabeth Knudson, receiving professional insights and encouragement while hearing their compositions performed live by acclaimed musicians **Tina Chang** (piano) and **Jennifer Moersch** (cello).

The featured student composers and their works were:

- **Nathan Syyong** – *Sonatina in D Major*
- **Jakob Constible** – *A Day at the Beach*
- **Derek Lowe** – *Impromptu-Romanze for Cello and Piano in B Major*
- **Cristen Bao Sicoli** – *The Ship That Sails the World*
- **Paolo Roland Self** – *The Inside Passage*
- **Bodi Minardi** – *Tableau*



Cristen Sicoli, Derek Lowe, Paolo Self, Elizabeth Knudson, Nathan Syyong, Jakob Constible, Tina Chang, Bodi Minardi, Jennifer Moersch



Student Composers' Club's Masterclasses

Each piece offered a unique perspective—ranging from classical inspiration to deeply personal and imaginative soundscapes. It was a joy to witness the passion and promise of these young composers as their ideas were brought to life on stage.

This Masterclass event was more than a performance—it was a powerful example of mentorship in action, a celebration of youthful creativity, and a testament to the importance of supporting the next generation of Canadian composers. We look forward to watching these talented musicians continue to grow and inspire.

Kathleen Feenstra - Chair



Elizabeth Knudson, Tina Chang, Jennifer Moersch

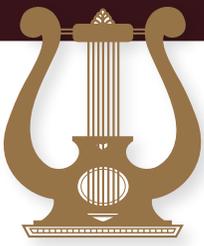


Mark Johnston, Pam Smirl, Kathleen Feenstra



Sean Bickerton - Canadian Music Centre





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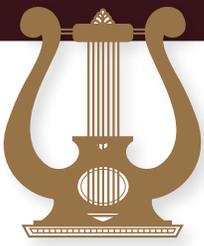
Vancouver / Burnaby

Coquitlam / Maple Ridge

Kamloops

Richmond

Victoria



Heritage Fund - Abbotsford

We had two workshops with the funds from the Heritage Fund

Date - January 10, 2025

Presenter - Dr. Allen Reiser

Online Zoom Presentation

1 - Our branch hosted a Zoom workshop with Allen Reiser. The topic was the *Art of the Sonata*. We invited the Mission and Chilliwack branches to join us. Allen is an amazing speaker, clear ideas, and a great handout.

Date - February 22, 2025

Presenter - Dr. Jarred Dunn

In-person lecture and masterclass

This was done as a collaboration with Chilliwack and Mission Branch

2 - Our 2nd event was a lecture and masterclass with Dr. Jarred Dunn. The lecture was:

Workshop *Healthy Practice, Performance Preparation, and Perspective for Teachers* this was a collaboration with 3 branches - Abbotsford, Mission, and Chilliwack branches of BCRMTA This interactive workshop focuses on practicing and teaching as they pertain to preparing students for examinations and competitions. We will discuss how to position and move the hands and arms for optimal comfort and agility in beginner students. Teachers are encouraged to bring any technical/fingering, practicing, or repertoire issues they regularly face with students.

Dr Dunn conducted a masterclass with four of our students performing. The masterclass was recorded and is available for viewing through the CFMTA video library. 🌟

Dina Pollock





Heritage Fund - Richmond

Date - February 5, 2025

Presenter - Dr. Michelle Huang

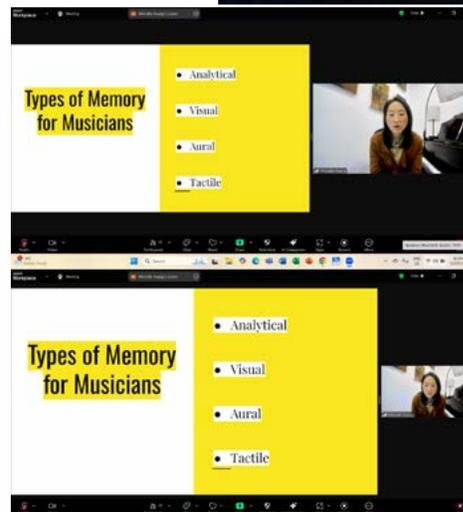
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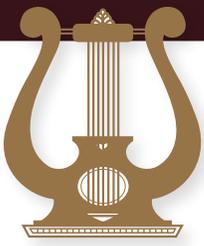
We had the pleasure of inviting Dr. Michelle Huang to speak to us about memorization. We looked at four different types of memory: visual, tactile, aural and analytical, and learned how best to use them to securely memorize our pieces for the next performance. We learned that there is a direct correlation between excellent practice habits and memory and how the act of storytelling can really help to secure memory. She gave us some insight as to how best to help our students achieve their performance and music learning goals.

“This is how we learn music, not just how we can perform correctly. It is how we can learn music better and more deeply.”

We left the workshop feeling inspired and ready to try these suggestions with our own students today! ✨

Rowena Silver Bridson





Heritage Fund - Vancouver / Burnaby

**Date - February 3, 2025 - rescheduled to March 10
due to bad weather.**

Presenter - Dr. Saratovsky

Lecture

On March 10, 2025, a captivating and insightful lecture recital took place at Tom Lee Music in downtown Vancouver. Hosted by the BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby branch, this event brought together music lovers and educators for an in-depth exploration of Johann Sebastian Bach's Complete Sinfonias. This event provided both a scholarly and artistic experience, offering a deep dive into the history, analysis, and interpretation of these remarkable works.

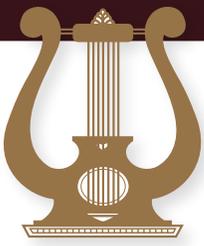
Dr. Saratovsky guided everyone on a fascinating journey into the mind of one of the greatest composers of all time, J.S. Bach. The lecture/recital format was unique, combining analysis of the work with live performance, providing a well-rounded experience for the participants.

After the detailed discussions, everyone was treated to a performance of the Sinfonias. Dr. Saratovsky performed the entire collection, bringing the theoretical analysis to life through an expressive and informed interpretation. The performance highlighted the beauty and depth of Bach's music, and the audience was deeply moved by the intricacy and emotional depth of the pieces.

This event had left a lasting impression on all who attended. Participants were not only enlightened by the scholarly content but were also inspired by the artistry and passion with which Dr. Saratovsky performed the music. The combination of the lecture and performance had created an engaging and memorable experience for all. ✨

Andrew Yang





Heritage Fund - Chilliwack

Date - April 25, 2025

Presenter - Dr. Terry Small

Workshop

Terry Small, The “Brain Guy” (Terry Small Learning Institute) gave a 2 hour workshop to our branch on April 25, 2025 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Chilliwack Cultural centre in one of their studio rooms.

We had twelve teachers, including one from Mission branch and six guests attend.

His topic was *Healthy Brain, Resilient Mind - 5 steps to a calmer, happier, sharper you!*

All present found the workshop, very insightful, informative and engaging. He is such an excellent Presenter.

Carol Riediger





Heritage Fund - Sunshine Coast

Date - May 11, 2022

Presenter - Hamilton Lau

Young Artist Concert

The Sunshine Coast Branch was delighted to host Hamilton Lau, piano for the 4th Young Artist Concert in the BC Tour. We held the concert at the Raven's Cry Theatre where fifty audience members attended, including many local music students. We were fortunate to collaborate with two important community partners:

- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Performing Arts
- The Coast Recital Society.

The concert was held during the festival season and highly promoted by them. They also contributed \$500. The Coast Recital Society donated the use of their Steinway concert grand which was a terrific honour. Hamilton's program was eclectic and showcased his excellent technique. We are so grateful to him and the whole Sunshine Coast community for their support for this event.

Katherine Hume



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2025 BRITISH COLUMBIA
**YOUNG ARTIST
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HAMILTON LAU PIANO



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Sunday - April 6th, 2025 2:00 pm
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Heritage Fund - Vancouver / Burnaby

Date - May 11, 2025

Presenter - Hamilton Lau

Young Artist Concert

We're happy to share that the May 11th concert featuring Hamilton Lau, part of the Young Artist Tour, was a great success! It was well attended, and we were all treated to an afternoon of outstanding music.

As a special Mother's Day touch, Hamilton performed a beautiful transcription of Dvořák's *Songs My Mother Taught Me*, which was especially moving for the occasion.

After the concert, we enjoyed light refreshments, and it was lovely to see many audience members connecting with Hamilton, offering their congratulations and well wishes for his upcoming performance.

We wish Hamilton all the best in the upcoming CFMTA National Piano Competition! 🌟

Hailey Wong

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Heritage Fund - Coquitlam / Maple Ridge

Date - May 21, 2025

Presenter - Dr. Jarred Dunn

Zoom Workshop

Professor Dunn spoke about Competition Preparation and how to make sure students are doing well under pressure.

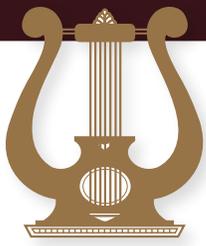
He spoke about what excellent stage presentation looks like and what skills students need in order to benefit from playing under pressure.

He spoke about Healthy Practice Habits, he also said to treat exams/competitions as a concert.

It was a very interesting workshop and many people informed me that they enjoyed it very much. 🌸

Jean Brown





Heritage Fund - Kamloops

Date - May 29, 2025

Presenter - Hamilton Lau

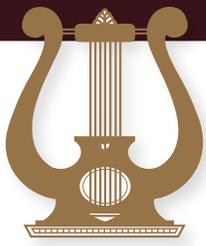
Young Artist Concert

On Thursday evening on May 29th the Kamloops Branch gave a Hamilton Lau Concert at the Lori Marchand Theatre in the Kelson Hall. It was well attended by students, teachers, members of our branch and the public. As I had been in attendance for Hamiltons performances in September at our conference I knew what to expect, and as I anticipated, the audience was thrilled with Hamiltons performance and won over by his warm personality. Our Artistic Director Chris Young wants Hamilton to come back and play with the KSO! We put on a reception afterward. We are grateful to have been able to host this event. 🌸

Deborah Miles



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Heritage Fund - Richmond

Date - November 5, 2025

Presenter - Karen Lee-Morlang

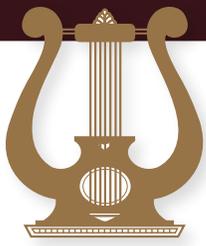
In Person Session

The Richmond branch had a wonderful event at South Arm United Church on November 5th, 2025. We invited local collaborative pianist Karen Lee-Morlang to share stories, experiences and insights into working both as a professional as well as a collaborative piano pedagogue to students of all levels.

Karen's enthusiasm for this art form was palpable and our members left feeling motivated to encourage more collaboration amongst our students whether we taught piano or another instrument. Karen spoke about her own amazing experiences teaching music. These anecdotes were very exciting and inspiring. 🌸

Rowena Silver Bridson





Heritage Fund - Victoria

Date - November 21 - November 22, 2025

Presenter - Karen Lee-Morlang

Meeting - Concert

The Victoria Branch usually hosts two events for the Annual Canada Music Week celebrations. This year they were:

- The **Canada Music Week Breakfast Meeting**, Friday, 21 November 2025: The Banquet Room of the Lakes Restaurant & Bar, Holiday Inn, 4670 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria: ably organised by Social Chair, Nanako Dufleit and Past President, Evelyne Deschênes-Godbold. Thank you both. We also thank Long & McQuade and Tapestry Music for sponsoring the door prizes, and Nanako for sponsoring the beautiful flower pot giveaways.
- **Canada Music Week Concert**, Saturday, 22 November 2025: Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort Street, Victoria that included performances by the winners of our Annual Murray Adaskin Composition Competition. Grateful thanks to our Concert Chair and Canada Music Week Coordinator, Joe Hatherill, assisted by Carolyn Powell.

Our **Canada Music Week Breakfast Meeting** opened with a welcome to all and to featured composer for Canada Music Week 2025 and adjudicator of our Murray Adaskin Composition Competition, Stephen Brown. There were twenty-three attendees.

The morning began with a hearty breakfast and the Branch's General Meeting, during which the following members were congratulated:

- Joanne Dalisay (25 yr. pin)
- Wendy Maggiora (50 yr. pin)
- Paloma de la Guerra (60 yr. pin)

The meeting was then followed by an engaging presentation by Stephen Brown, who gave us some insight into his creative process through his topic: *Influences, Techniques, and Stuff to Use*.

The next day, our Annual **Canada Music Week Concert** was hosted by Master of Ceremony, Linda Low. She opened the program by leading in the singing of *O Canada* from the piano. Featured Composer and Adjudicator, Stephen Brown, then explained the intricacies of the musical form in compositions and illustrated this to the audience by having them participate using the rhyme *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*.

The awards for the Murray Adaskin Composition Competition were then presented:

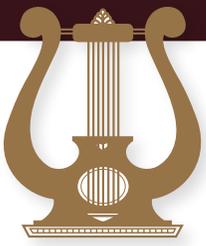
- **First Place** – Junior Category: Hope Syyong for *Centipede*
- **First Place** – Intermediate Category: Jakob Constible for *A Day at the Beach*
- **Honourable Mentions** – Intermediate: Bodi Minardi for *Sonata in D Major, 1* and Nathan Syyong for *“Raindrops”*

Thank you, Tom Lee Music, for sponsoring the Murray Adaskin Competition prizes.

The concert segment then opened with Hope Syyong and Jakob Constible performing their winning compositions. In all there were twenty-three performers who came together to honour and celebrate the music of Canadian composers. Apart from the piano, students performed on the cello, violin, flute, and alto-saxophone. Local composer, Nicholas Fairbank, who was also in attendance, had his composition *Sidney Island Swing* performed by Sophie Buckley. Nicholas took a round of applause as the audience acknowledged his presence. Students also paid tribute to our featured composer by performing three of his compositions. The concert fittingly ended with Stephen's composition, *Extremities*, performed by Rosalia Carlson. ✨

Rafael Oei





Professional Development Bursary/Grant

A Professional Development Bursary/Grant is available to assist branches with less than 40 members to conduct ongoing professional development. This fund is for programs that benefit the branch - masterclasses, workshops, clinicians, videos etc.

An eligible branch may apply every two years for an amount up to \$300.

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Professional Development Bursary/Grant Chilliwack

Date - April 25, 2025

Presenter - Dr. Terry Small

Workshop

Terry Small, The “Brain Guy” (Terry Small Learning Institute) gave a 2 hour workshop to our branch on April 25, 2025 from 10 am - noon at the Chilliwack Cultural centre in one of their studio rooms.

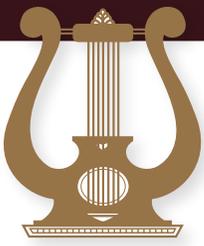
We had twelve teachers, including one from Mission branch and six guests attend.

His topic was *Healthy Brain, Resilient Mind - 5 steps to a calmer, happier, sharper you!*

All present found the workshop, very insightful, informative and engaging. He is such an excellent Presenter.

Carol Riediger





Professional Development Bursary/Grant Kamloops

Date - May 29, 2025

Performer - Hamilton Lau

Young Artist Concert

On Thursday evening on May 29th the Kamloops Branch gave a Hamilton Lau Concert at the Lori Marchand Theatre in the Kelson Hall.

It was well attended by students, teachers, members of our branch and the public. As I had been in attendance for Hamiltons performances in September at our conference I knew what to expect, and as I anticipated, the audience was thrilled with Hamiltons performance and won over by his warm personality.

Our Artistic Director Chris Young wants Hamilton to come back and play with the KSO! We put on a reception afterward.

We are grateful to have been able to host this event. 🌸

Deborah Miles

**2025 BRITISH COLUMBIA
YOUNG ARTIST
CONCERT TOUR
HAMILTON LAU** PIANO

COQUITLAM/MAPLE RIDGE
Sunday - February 16th, 2025 2:00 pm
Place des Arts - 1120 Brunette Ave Coquitlam

NORTH ISLAND
Sunday - April 6th, 2025 2:00 pm
Stan Hagen Theatre - Courtenay

CHILLIWACK
Saturday - April 12th, 2025 7:00 pm
Chilliwack Cultural Centre, Rotary Hall - Chilliwack

SUNSHINE COAST
Sunday - May 4th, 2025 2:30 pm
Raven's Cry Theatre, 5555 Sunshine Coast Highway - Sechelt

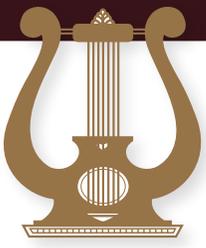
KAMLOOPS
Thursday - May 29th, 2025 7:00 pm
Kelson Hall, 330 St Paul Street, Lori Marchand Theatre (upper level)
Kamloops

VANCOUVER / BURNABY
Sunday - May 11th, 2025 4:15 pm
Immanuel Baptist Church - 109 E 40th Ave. Vancouver

SOUTH OKANAGAN
Sunday - June 1st, 2025 3:15 pm
Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre - Penticton

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Young Artist Series
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Professional Development Bursary/Grant Mission

Date - May 31, 2025

Presenter - Arianna Mae

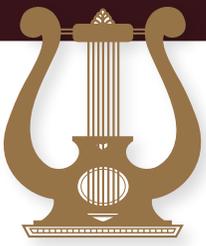
Workshop

Workshop with Arianna Mae of Arianna Mae studios entitled *Social Media: The ins and outs of getting started and how not to hate it.*

Discussed how to set up Facebook and Instagram for our studios, as a way to build community among our studio, and between teachers, and as a way of advertising. We had about ten participants and it was a very informative workshop! ✨

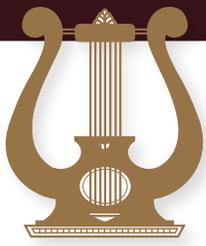
Ariana Boulter





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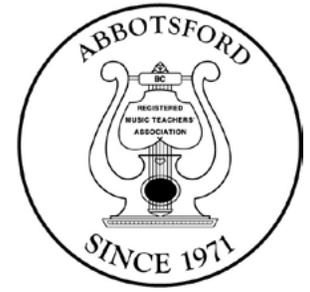
Abbotsford

Founded in 1971

Members in 2025 - 23

www.abbotsfordmusicbcrrmta.com

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 2



On January 10th, 2025, our branch hosted a Zoom workshop with Dr. Allen Reiser. The topic was the *Art of the Sonatina*. We invited the Mission and Chilliwack branches to join us. Dr. Reiser is an amazing speaker, clear ideas, and a great handout.

On February 22nd we had a lecture and masterclass with Dr. Jarred Dunn. This was done as a collaboration with Chilliwack and Mission Branch. The lecture was on *Healthy Practice, Performance Preparation, and Perspective for Teachers* this was a collaboration with three branches - Abbotsford, Mission, and Chilliwack branches of BCRMTA This interactive workshop focuses on practicing and teaching as they pertain to preparing students for examinations and competitions. We will discuss how to position and move the hands and arms for optimal comfort and agility in beginner students. Teachers are encouraged to bring any technical/fingering, practicing, or repertoire issues they regularly face with students. Dr Dunn conducted a masterclass with four of our students performing. The masterclass was recorded and is available for viewing through the CFMTA video library. Thank you BCRMTA Heritage Fund for supporting these two events.

Our focus then turned towards the planning for our 2nd Celebration of Music Scholarship Competition.

- Piano - included an adjudication and a performance component, an adjudication with Dr. Emily Logan on May 26 and a performance on May 31. Awards and certificates were presented after the performance. This was only open to our branch members.
- Strings - was a festival, with the top performances participating on May 31. This was open to all string students in Abbotsford.

Thank you to one of our new members Niki Borne as committee chair, Jean Ritter generously agreed to be co-chair to mentor Niki with this event, to Dr Calvin Dyck for fundraising for the scholarships. We had ninety participants (sixty-nine piano - twenty-one strings) and a total of \$5,565.00 was awarded to our students. Thank you to the committee for such an amazing experience for our students.

June we had our year-end luncheon.

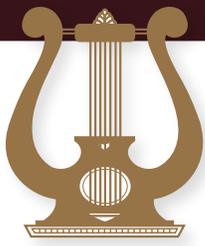
Our Canada Music Week recital and award presentation on November 22nd at Calvin Presbyterian Church. We opened with Betty Suderman playing *O Canada*, this was followed by performances by twenty-two students representing seven members. The program included pieces by Canadian composers, as well as a wide variety of composers from different eras.

It was great to see a large audience attend and enjoy the concert. We are slowly going back to the number of attendees we had attend pre-Covid. Every year we acknowledge all the students who achieved over 80% on both theory and practical subjects. At the end of the concert a video was viewed by the audience, showcasing the students who received the highest marks in all levels. Thank you to all the members that helped with organizing our event.

We ended the year with a luncheon in December.

Dina Pollock





Chilliwack

Founded in 1944

Members in 2025 - 34

www.chwkmusiclessons.com

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 1



FEBRUARY

- Jessica Jou became a full BCRMTA member after completing the required four years of Student Teacher membership.
- Nita Pelletier completed BCRMTA requirements and is now also listed as a Professional Theory Instructor.
- We donated trophies to the Chilliwack Music and Dance Festival, which we received from the Abbotsford BCRMTA branch.
- At our AGM, the following executive positions were elected for a two-year term:
 - Secretary – Brenda DiRezze
 - Treasurer – Carol Riediger
- Pianist **Jarred Dunn** gave a concert with the Abbotsford Valley Concert Society on February 21 and presented a workshop and master class on February 22, which we co-hosted with the Abbotsford and Mission branches.

- Our Spring Recital, traditionally held on the last Friday of May at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre, was cancelled this year only in order to support the Rising Piano Stars concert coordinated by Clinton Denoni. The evening before, our students also participated by performing at a fundraiser for this event.

JUNE

- An Adult Recital, coordinated by Kathleen Feenstra, was held in the home of a student, providing adult learners an opportunity to perform for one another.
- We gathered for our customary June brunch at Preston's.

JULY

- The CFMTA Conference was held in Montreal, where Nita Pelletier presented a Theory workshop.

MARCH

- The Chilliwack Music and Dance Festival was a success, with many thanks to Laurie Hirschman and Tabea Hall for their leadership and dedication.

SEPTEMBER

- **Merlin Thompson** presented a workshop titled *What Music Teachers Need to Know About Practising*.

APRIL

- Congratulations to our composer, Kathleen Feenstra, who won a CFMTA competition for Winter-themed music.
- We participated in the Young Artist Tour by hosting a recital for Hamilton Lau, winner of the BC Piano Competition.
- **Terry Small**, The Brain Guy, presented a workshop titled *Healthy Brain, Resilient Mind*. We were encouraged to nourish our brains with healthy foods, laughter, connection, social interaction, continued learning, exercise, and daily gratitude journaling.

OCTOBER

- We began communication with Shannyn Denoni to assist us in setting up a branch website.
- RCM announced changes allowing Piano Études for Levels 8, 9, and 10 to be selected from the 2015 Edition.

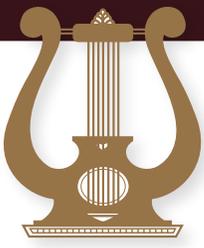
MAY

- Members were invited to participate in an online Social Media workshop to assist branches with their Facebook pages

NOVEMBER

- Our Canada Music Week Recital was held at Sardis Community Church on the third Friday of November. We experimented with a digital slide presentation of the program rather than printed programs. We also hired a student photographer to take group photos for our new website.





Chilliwack

Founded in 1944

Members in 2025 - 34

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Student Teacher Auxiliary - 1



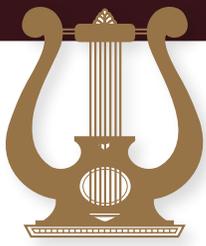
DECEMBER

- Our Annual Christmas Luncheon was held at Bow & Stern. I am deeply thankful to the many teachers who contributed their time and energy throughout the year. You showed your support by attending meetings and generously volunteering your expertise for events and activities. Our Executive members have been consistently responsive and engaged. Brenda, our Secretary, has put great care into the Meeting Minutes, and I especially appreciate the Looking Ahead section that keeps us oriented toward upcoming events. Carol, our Treasurer, continues to manage our finances with foresight and diligence. Sherrie has done an incredible amount of work organizing events. Teng faithfully looks after snacks and hospitality. Clinton has sent out countless emails—at least fifty! Tabea has invested significant time coordinating student referrals. Our provincial delegates attended meetings and reported back to us. Kathleen has contributed greatly through organizing recital programs, and many teachers have led presentations and discussions at our meetings.

I look forward to the coming year as we continue to support one another as a group. I have greatly appreciated the presentations at our meetings in past years, and I hope we can look forward to some exciting and meaningful ones in the year ahead. ✨

Karin Fehlauer





Coquitlam / Maple Ridge

Founded in 1985

www.registeredmusicteachers.com

Members in 2025 - 56

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 3



Membership:

It's wonderful to see our numbers growing a little with additional RMT and STA members. Getting to know these newer faces at meetings or social events has been great.

Executive:

Greg Hartley continues to graciously serve as Past President. Lorna Yeates will continue as President until 2027, if needed. Arianna Ervin has embodied the Vice President's role with gusto and Stephanie Forster continues to keep excellent financial records and prepare budgets as our Treasurer. We have been without a secretary since end of March, 2025, and hope this position will be filled in the near future. There is concern that members who do not attend regularly are missing important support and information. While not an executive member, we could not manage without our Communication and Membership coordinator, Tina Luan.



Delegates:

We continue to be grateful for the faithful reporting from Sandra Lee and Liz Munro.

Workshops:

Jean Brown continues to plan and schedule inspiring workshops for the year. She is now helped by Carla Read. We enjoyed time with:

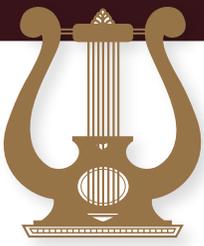
1. Dr. Lucas Wong - Teaching improvisation to students
2. Our well attended branch member duet party
3. Jared Dunn - Preparation for exams and competition
4. Marjory Purdy - Using body rhythm and coordination to teach repertoire.



Canada Music Week:

Rosemary O'Connor and Karen Wood prepared a very special experience for students in November. Along with performances of Canadian content and performances from students who achieved highest exam marks in the year, we were privileged to add a workshop by Christine Donkin for the students who performed her work. We aim to budget for an additional clinician in alternate years.

Canada Music Week with Christine Donkin



Coquitlam / Maple Ridge - cont.



North Fraser Music Festival:

Under the guidance of Michael Sommerville, Marjory Purdy and team, another rewarding festival experience was enjoyed by students and teachers during the last week of April. The week concluded with an Honours concert of students selected by the adjudicators.

Young Artist Tour:

Liz Munro organized a terrific concert on Feb. 16 featuring Hamilton Lau.

MusicShare:

This year we saw a surge in participation and funds raised by this initiative where students host individual recitals for donations or teachers collect at group recitals. There were enough funds to share with two school districts, Coquitlam and Maple Ridge. Funds were used to support a Band Jamboree for incoming students, help rent an additional tuba so all three students at the same school had an instrument to use, and rent a trombone as a secondary instrument for a keen and skilled student. Lorna Yeates is delighted to continue overseeing this project.

Member Connections:

One of our members, Jacky Mak, took an interest in interviewing and collecting data from members regarding what is working for them and how we might serve them better. He started with those who regularly attend, followed by those who do not regularly attend but may involve students in the North Fraser Music Festival or Canada Music Week. His next set of interviews will focus on those who do not seem to be involved in any way.

Facebook page and Website:

Ingrid Fast continues to manage our pages and observes some increase in viewing.

Socials:

2025 saw an increase in attendance at social gatherings in June and December. We discovered that we like the timing of breakfast get togethers!

Community Service Through Music Award:

This project was launched by Dr. Meijane Quong and is overseen by Greg Hartley. Student Verity Leung was presented with a financial award for her exceptional contribution of performance in her community. Her efforts have garnered substantial funds for the Kinbrace organization.

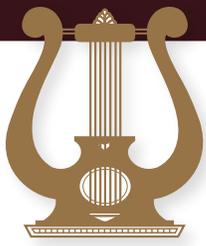
CFMTA Conference:

Lorna Yeates attended the national event in Montreal in July. As well as thoroughly enjoying the connecting and learning, she brought back several names of possible workshop clinicians.

I continue to enjoy supporting this branch in all its endeavours. The connections among members are invaluable.

Lorna Yeates





East Kootenay

Founded in

Members in 2025 - 5

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



East Kootenay Branch enjoyed a lively year including a *Fur, Feathers and Friends* recital. Students presented a fine sampling of animal-themed music. The event raised funds for the local SPCA agency.

Amy Zanrosso, a superb pianist and teacher, gave a master class in April for intermediate and senior students at the home of EK member Cara Webb. Amy gave wise advice and insight to young pianists from Cranbrook, Creston and Fort Steele.

In honour and memory of the late Wendy Louise Guimont, an EK Branch Founding Member, a competition in her name was inaugurated on May 2, 2025. Wendy was beloved to all as a teacher, Music for Young Children Co-ordinator, symphony and choir pianist, outdoor enthusiast, and more. Her husband Rod and daughters Penny and Gina co-ordinated the Competition along with EKMTA. The adjudicator, Jani Ann Parsons, had been a student of Wendy and went on to an international career before settling in Calgary.

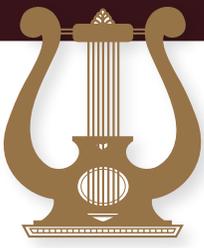
EK Branch lost another adored member in singer and voice teacher Lorraine Francis Butler. Also a starburst personality, Lorraine had performed for 11 years at the Summer Theatre in historic Fort Steele, a rebuilt ghost town with strong tourist appeal. She served on our Symphony and Festival boards as well as staying active for decades in EKMTA. Lorraine and Wendy are much missed.

As described in the Canada Music Week Report, our region hosted two Canada-themed recitals - in Creston and Cranbrook. Plans ahead include *More Fun Than One* for any number and combination of students and instruments.

P.S. Thanks to Branch member Penny Long for her instruction to students about the concert dress standard - *More formal than normal*.

Arne Sahlén



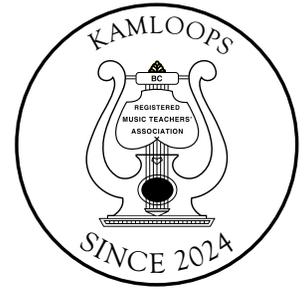


Kamloops

Founded in 2024

Members in 2025 - 9

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



The year 2025 was a great start for our young branch. Our goal is to grow and increase our members!

We hosted two events in 2025 year.

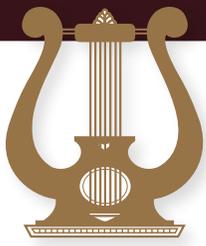
In **May**, Hamilton Lau came to Kamloops. He performed at the Lori Marchand Theatre in the Kelson Hall. We had a good number in the audience and what a great performance it was! Parents, students, teachers and the general audience felt we were very fortunate to have such a skilled pianist come to our city. And Hamilton was very kind and chatty with all.

In **November** we hosted an *Elevator Music* event in the Bruce Dunn Hall, again in The Kelson Centre. This was a student performance event, the audience sat café style, sipped on tea and coffee, ate snacks, visited and played board games. Our students supplied the background music. The families were excited about this event and asked to do it again next year.

Although our branch number is few we have committed members who are enthusiastic and eager to begin a new chapter of music teaching in this thriving community.

Deborah Miles





Kelowna

Founded in

Members in 2025 - 15

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0

We are happy to report that our executive held a number of meetings in an effort to plan educational, sharing and connecting opportunities. One option we visited was hosting a workshop by presenter Amy Stephens from San Diego. We had first seen her talks on “Connecting Canada” in the summer of 2024. In early spring 2025, worldwide changes caused us to put this on hold.

We are very sad to report that we lost a respected member David Sproule in February of 2025. He held a membership with the BCRMTA for over twenty-five years. Friend and colleague Paul Dykstra remembers David:

“He was known and loved in the community for his musical versatility, which spanned the traditional repertoire and jazz and everything in between, for his teaching skills and inimitable sense of humour and childlike approach to everything! He contributed in a big way to the Kelowna music scene, and was also a force for a long time in Prince George before that”.

He is and will continue to be missed by friends, colleagues and family.

In **June**, our Kelowna chapter hosted Derek Oger from Conservatory Canada. We invited other local branches and the presentation was attended by 15 teachers from Kelowna, Vernon, Kamloops and the South Okanagan. We even had a visitor from Calgary who stopped in to join us! We enjoyed a lively and informative presentation of the CC newest edition of Mosaics. Derek performed various repertoire selections from Prep to Level 6. He was able to demonstrate that this series has included lesser known works in Classical and Contemporary idioms, plus works from Canadian, BIPOC and women composers. We learned that the CC offers a variety of resources including a YouTube Channel, digital badges, flex exams, and recordings on a number of platforms. The workshop ended with a draw for a complete set of Mosaic Books Prep to Level 6. There were two lucky winners and I know they have been enjoying exploring the new repertoire in their studios. All participants were invited to share a light lunch allowing for further conversation. New connections were made between chapter members.



David Sproule





Kelowna - cont.

In **June**, we also held our AGM where a quorum voted unanimously to reinstate Joe Bararducci as acting president. Marla Mesenbrink will remain on as treasurer, and Melodie Petersen remains as secretary, each fulfilling their two-year terms respectively.

In **August**, our executive was able to meet to update the by-laws for our branch. Final copy was submitted to the BCRMTA secretary August 31st.

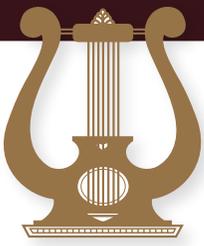
In **September**, an outreach event was held for local teachers. It was hosted at Joe Berarducci's home and a local winery provided a discount and free 'merch' for the evening (family-owned boutique winery active in supporting live music). Seven teachers attended, including one from the Vernon Chapter. We were able to discuss challenges, triumphs, games, incentives and pedagogical ideas. We all agreed that we learn not only from teaching every day, but from sharing with each other.

Our chapter was honoured to be invited by Vernon Chapter, Lisa Parsons, to attend an online workshop given by Dr. Merlin Thompson on November 14th. Two of our members attended and I purchased his book "*More Than Music Lessons*". I found his key thought (loosely quoted) "*Let's not expect every student to be the ideal student*" to be so relevant, encouraging and affirming.

Overall, despite personal, professional and world challenges, this was a year of making good solid connections with other teachers, other branches, and gave us renewed energy and enthusiasm for the teaching year ahead!

Melodie Petersen





Mid - Island

Founded in 1965

Members in 2025 - 31

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



No report submitted





Mission

Founded in 1998

Members in 2025 - 3

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 1



A brief overview of the Mission Branch Activities in 2025, begins on **February 22nd** with the Jarrod Dunn Masterclass and Workshop, made available through the Valley Concert Society in Abbotsford. It was a positive and enjoyable experience for the attending members and participating student.

Later on **April 25th**, 2025 with Thanks to the Chilliwack Branch, we were invited to a Terry Small Talk regarding the 'healthy brain, the resilient mind' always a fascinating topic for learning and teaching! It is worth noting here, that with Mission being such a small Branch, we truly do appreciate the invitations from our neighbouring RMTA Branches of Abbotsford and Chilliwack, for including us whenever possible, in their activities. Thank You!

May 31st, 2025 we had the pleasure of hosting Arianna Mae of Coquitlam on an informative, Zoom Presentation regarding the options of connecting with future students and parents through social media, and more specifically the creating of Facebook Page/s to be compatible with the BCRMTA Facebook Page. How do we give greater exposure to the: Registered Music Teachers' Association?

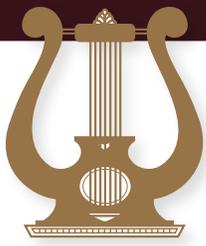
On **June 14th** we held our Mission Branch Year End Recital at a local Church, where students have expressed their joy of performing at. And of course to 'top off' the School Year, we always enjoy our relaxing Year End Luncheon at The Heritage Park, which happened on June 20th.

The beginning of our New School Year of 2025 to 2026, has come with some rather significant challenges. Thankfully though, we are now back on the path of planning for future recitals, workshops and brain storming.

The Fun Stuff!

Laura Webster





North Island

Founded in 1976

Members in 2025 - 16

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 6



The North Island Branch meets the 4th Monday of the month on Zoom. After a short business meeting, we have program/presentation to inspire our teaching and foster professional development. Our Student Teacher Auxiliary (STA) group joins us for the program, which has brought new energy into our dwindling group!

Some of the presenters we've enjoyed this year include:

- Rebekah Maxner (*Teaching Scales and Finishing up the Year, Summer Motivators and Fall Start Up*).
- Merlin B Thompson offered us 2 programs:
 - *What Teachers Need to Know about Practicing*
 - *Have you Noticed? Times have Changed.*

We also watched some excellent videos featuring Amy Boyes, and Seymour Bernstein. Many of our branch teachers have a lot of expertise, and Cindy Taylor gave us a great hands-on program: *Diagnostic skills at the piano: use of wrist, hand and arm movement*.

In addition to our monthly meetings and programs, our branch participated in several events in 2025. The North Island Music Festival (in Courtenay) started up in February, after several year's absence. The Campbell River Music Festival also started up again with many Campbell River area students participating.

In **April**, we hosted Hamilton Lau (Young Artist and Provincial Piano Competition winner) for a recital at Courtenay's Stan Hagen Theatre. Hamilton was very well received and we had a great turnout for this event. Hamilton hopes to return to Courtenay to perform again someday!

In **November**, we held our annual Canada Music Week student recital in Courtenay. Students performed Canadian repertoire and several performed their own compositions.

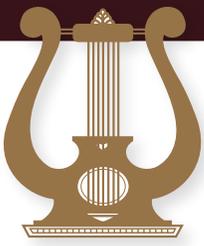
We were saddened by the passing of one of our long-time branch members, Virginia (Ginny) Lowrie, in October. Ginny was active in our branch for many years as a piano and voice teacher. She was a member of the BCRMTA for over 60 years! She will be greatly missed.

The North Island branch had a good year in 2025 and we look forward to our plans for more presentations and events in the coming year.

Jocie Brooks



Canada Music Week - North Island



North Shore

Founded in 1971

Members in 2025 - 53

www.northshoremusicteachers.com

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0





Prince George

Founded in 1978

Members in 2025 - 10

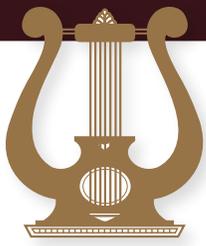
Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



We held student recitals in February, May, and November for piano, violin, and cello students. Our February meeting was by Zoom with in- person meetings in May, June, September and October. At our June meeting Maria Mikic shared several interesting teaching books including one on autism.

Louise Phillips



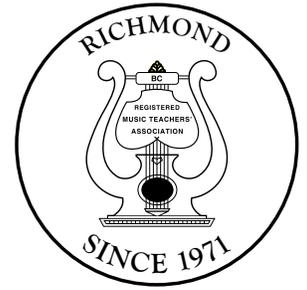


Richmond

Founded in 1971

Members in 2025 - 90

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



The Richmond Branch experienced a significant change in 2025, as our Past-President, Victoria Warfield, stepped down after eight outstanding years of leadership. I was honoured to be elected as the new President at our AGM in March, alongside my colleague, Arline Witrisona, who joined the executive as Vice-President. Together we worked diligently to provide a seamless transition for our members.

Our branch had an excellent year of professional development opportunities. We welcomed several engaging guest speakers, including:

- Allesadra DiCienzo, who presented the workshop *From Expert to Beginner: Using the Science of Sight Reading To Improve Beginner Music Reading*.
- In November, Karen Lee-Morlang led a workshop entitled *The Collaborative Pianist*, an informative and thoroughly enjoyable session that left members inspired with new ideas to encourage collaboration amongst their students.

Throughout the year, we hosted multiple in-person branch recitals, during which forty-three medals were awarded to students achieving top exam marks. At our June recital, we were also pleased to present twelve Scholarships to deserving students.

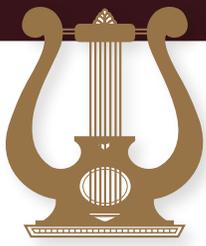
A highlight this year was our Aberdeen Christmas Event, held at Richmond's Aberdeen Centre, which included eighty-seven student performers representing twenty-three members' studios.

Overall, 2025 was an excellent year for our branch and we are looking forward to even more exciting and enriching events in 2026.

Rowena Bridson



Canada Music Week - Richmond



South Fraser

Founded in 1963

Members in 2025 - 76

Life Members - 2

www.southfrasermusic.com

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 2



January 15 Branch Meeting / Workshop

Our meetings were more casual in nature this year as key executive positions remain vacant. The meeting was followed by a workshop by Kevin Thompson on *Sight Reading and Ear-Training* which was most enjoyable. Many teachers added their insight on these topics as well.

March 1 Branch Recital

The three recitals were great! 100 students participated and there was some wonderful playing. It was good for the teachers to get together, and also good for the students to hear each other play.

April 16 Branch Meeting / Workshop

After the "business" meeting, Esther Neufeld gave a pedagogy workshop on *Creative ways to conquer rhythmic challenges*. Jennifer Condie also demonstrated some tools for learning and working on the Heather Schmidt piece *Shimmer*. We extended an invitation to the broader teaching community, and four additional non member teachers joined the workshop

May 24 Branch Recital

Nineteen teachers supported this day of recitals! 101 students performed and they were privileged to play on a beautiful Steinway Grand piano provided by Tom Lee. Preliminary to ARCT levels were presented. The day was filled with energy and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Kevin Thompson for organizing these recitals for our students!!

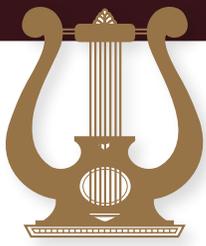
June 18 meeting over lunch at Northview Golf & Country

September 10 Business Meeting / Festival 2026 Plans

There was a discussion on the idea of reviving our South Fraser festival! Interest was immediate and plans were soon underway.



Teachers June Luncheon



South Fraser - cont.



November 2 Masterclass

Level 8 – 10 students with Hamilton Lau!

He was excellent! He was engaging and approachable, and the students responded well to the way he worked with them. While participation and attendance was low, those students and teachers present had a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Thank you Maureen Hollins for arranging this special event.

November 12 Business Meeting

Many important topics included details for our upcoming festival. The festival has always been our main event and we are thrilled that it will be going ahead in April 2026. After the business meeting, we had an informal discussion on what to do when students keep requesting make-up lessons! Always a topic that interests each of us. Teachers shared their strategies.

November 22 Canada Music Week Recital

The number of performers were smaller this year, but it was huge with enthusiasm. All the pianists exuded delight in their “recital piece” and the opportunity to share it. Many audience members caught the students’ eagerness and returned positive appreciation.

The program featured primary grades through senior level. A pre-concert chat with the students focused on Nova Scotia composer, Anne Crosby Gaudet. The performance concluded with a draw for a door prize for a bookstore gift card, photos and a very yummy Celebratory Cake!

Thank you to Maureen Hollins for organizing this CMW Recital.

Thank you to

- Kevin Thompson for leadership during this past year.
- Dianne Szarapka, our treasurer for both the branch and the festival.
- Michelle Barsalou, webmaster, and communicator who we could not manage without.

Esther Neufeld



Canada Music Week Recital



South Okanagan

Founded in 1955

Members in 2025 - 11

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 2

Life Members - 2



We had a great year of events and learning at the South Okanagan Branch.

This past fall we hosted our third annual social event, a *Wine, Cheese, and Music Party* for all music educators in the South Okanagan area. Two of our three new members attended and met not only branch members but also other music educators in the region. We sampled from bottles of tasty Okanagan wine and platters of delicious charcuterie while chatting about music and teaching. It was so good to connect and bond with fellow musicians and music teachers in our mutual goal of bringing the best music education to the south Okanagan. We look forward to continuing this annual event.

The South Okanagan Branch celebrated its 70th Branch Anniversary and Canada Music Week in style with a concert at the elegant Penticton Lakeside Resort. This event was so well attended that overflow seating was required. The concert began with a resounding rendition of *O Canada* with enthusiastic audience participation, uniting us in the joy of being in Canada and celebrating Canadian artists. The recital featured diverse

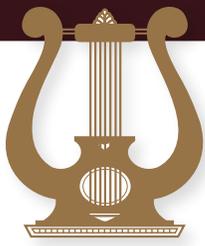
selections of BC composers from Linda Niamath, Stephen Chatman, to our own local composers, Anita Perry, and Ernst Schneider, as well as an 8-year-old student composer.

Against the backdrop of our attractive Canada Music Week and South Okanagan Branch banners, we awarded over \$1,500 worth of scholarships to deserving students. We are most grateful for the continued financial support of Ernst Schneider for the Colleen Schneider Award, the Sunshine Rotary Club for sponsoring our higher grades scholarships, and the Forbrich family for sponsoring the Madame Janisch Award. Afterwards, attendees hobnobbed while partaking of a most beautiful and delicious Happy 70th Birthday South Okanagan BCRMTA cake. Tremendous fun!

We are looking forward to the coming year with optimism about the future of our branch and what we will contribute to our South Okanagan community.

Marlene Bartsch





Sunshine Coast

Founded in 1998

Members in 2025 - 15

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 1



2025 was indeed a full year of welcoming new members. Our Branch has added two members both delightful additions to our branch increasing our numbers to sixteen and bringing fresh energy to our group.

We welcomed:

- Simon Gidora, graduate in violin performance from McGill and voice from the Glenn Gould School
- Dr. Rachel Iwassa, a fine pianist who has recently transferred her membership from Vancouver.

Under the leadership of Co-Presidents, Patricia Greenfield and Serah Strandberg our members enthusiastically supported this years Canada Music Week Celebration with performing members joining their students in a memorable concert of wonderful Canadian Compositions, including a charming composition by senior piano student, Taho Shinagawa. High mark awards for exams were presented to students of Heidi Kurz and Dr. Moira Hopfe-Ostensen and a lovely reception and book sale followed the concert.

Our members also enjoyed social outings at our two luncheons which were held in June and December. Zoom meetings are put aside and we can share relaxed conversations and a meal together without time constraints.

Perhaps our biggest undertaking was presenting the Winner of the BCRMTA Piano Competition, Hamilton Lau, in performance on May 4, 2025 at the Raven's Cry Theatre in Sechelt. The event was organized under the wonderful leadership of Past-President, Katherine Hume. It was a beautiful event which coincided with our yearly Festival of the Performing Arts, another event which our teachers support each year as the oldest festival on the Coast. Hamilton gave an afternoon of inspiration and joy to all in attendance and enriched the musical scene on the Coast.

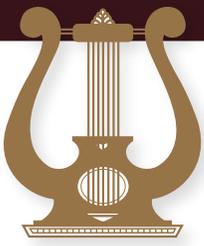
These are some of the 2025 highlights of our Branch on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. As another year begins, we wish everyone our warmest wishes during the coming months of 2026. May it be filled with many memorable musical events and delightful collaborations with your colleagues.

Patricia Greenfield and Serah Strandberg



Canada Music Week - Sunshine Coast





Trail / Castlegar

Founded in 1944

Members in 2025 - 8

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



Greetings to all,

I am pleased to present the President's report for 2025.

The first event of our year is usually our spring recital which this year took place on March 9th at the local Presbyterian church. It was well attended, and is always a great opportunity to share music together.

The Kootenay Festival of the Arts followed in April. Many of our students/teachers took part in performances, workshops, and as audience members and had a great time in all genres and venues.

On June 21st, one of our long time members, Deb Detmold had her retirement party, and even though all members could not attend, it was a lovely dinner and great opportunity to thank Deb for all of her years at the branch. Fortunately for us, she has stayed on as a retired teacher. We are so happy!

Duet Fest was our last major event of the year and part of our Canada Music Week celebration. It took place November 22nd with a recital following on November 23rd. Branch member, Anna King, led a workshop for four pairs of young students and their teachers. Students performed Canadian duets and worked through the challenges of ensemble playing. The festivities continued Sunday, November 23rd, with *A Celebration of Canadian Music*, a recital featuring twenty-eight Canadian works. Students of all ages performed piano solos and duets, voice selections, and violin pieces in a wide range of styles. Afterwards we held an awards and scholarships ceremony recognizing students who achieved the highest examination marks within the branch. Strong audience and a warm atmosphere. Conservatory Canada Medals of Excellence for highest marks in BC were handed out as well.

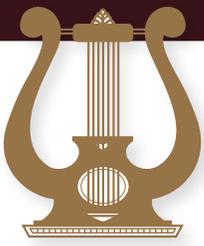
Our branch wishes everyone a wonderful year ahead of teaching and sharing music.

Nicole Zimmer



Canada Music Week - Trail / Castlegar





Vancouver / Burnaby

Founded in 1920

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Members in 2025 - 171

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 2

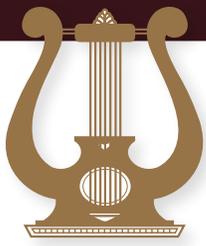


Greetings from the Vancouver/Burnaby Branch! 2025 has been another active and engaging year for our members. This marked the first year since the pandemic that all of our events were held fully in person, allowing members to reconnect, collaborate, and engage face to face.

The year began with our **Annual General Meeting** on January 27, 2025 at Long & McQuade, Vancouver, which gave members the opportunity to learn about upcoming initiatives and events, while also reconnecting and socializing with colleagues.

On March 2, 2025, we hosted our annual **Celebration of Excellence (COE) Recital**, recognizing students who achieved examination results of 90% and above. This year, 52 outstanding students were honoured with scholarships, trophies, certificates, and recognition medallions. Congratulations to all of the award recipients on their exceptional achievements.



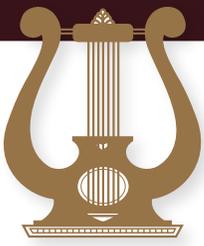


Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

On March 10, 2025, we hosted a presentation at Tom Lee Music in downtown Vancouver featuring **Dr. Sergei Saratovsky**. The event offered members and guests an in-depth exploration of Johann Sebastian Bach's *Complete Sinfonias*, providing both scholarly insight and artistic inspiration through historical context, musical analysis, and performance.

Dr. Saratovsky led participants on a fascinating journey into the compositional mind of J.S. Bach through a lecture-recital format that seamlessly integrated discussion with live performance. Following the analytical portion, Dr. Saratovsky performed the complete set of Sinfonias, bringing the material to life with an expressive and informed interpretation. The performance showcased the technical brilliance, structural sophistication, and emotional depth of these works, leaving a strong and lasting impression on the audience.





Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

On May 11, coinciding with Mother's Day, we hosted the **Young Artist Tour concert** featuring **Hamilton Lau**. The event was well attended and offered an afternoon of exceptional music-making.

In honour of Mother's Day, Hamilton performed a beautiful transcription of Dvořák's *Songs My Mother Taught Me*, a particularly moving highlight of the program.

Following the concert, light refreshments were served, providing a welcome opportunity for audience members to connect with Hamilton and extend their congratulations and best wishes as he prepared to represent British Columbia at the July 2025 CFMTA National Piano Competition.

2025 BRITISH COLUMBIA
YOUNG ARTIST
CONCERT TOUR
HAMILTON LAU PIANO

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 4:15PM
City Baptist Church
109 East 40th Avenue, Vancouver BC, V5W 1L6

PROGRAM:

Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp minor, BWV 883

Ludwig van Beethoven
Piano Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110
III. Adagio ma non troppo - Allegro ma non troppo

György Ligeti
Etude No. 6 "Autumn in Warsaw"

Howard Bashaw
Hosu - I. The Mountain, II. The Lake, III. The Waterfall

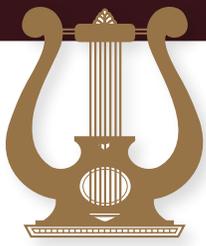
Felix Mendelssohn, trans. Sergei Rachmaninoff
Scherzo from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Richard Wagner, trans. Franz Liszt
Tannhäuser Overture

Young Artist Series
CFMTA
FCAPM
British Columbia Tour

FREE ADMISSION
Scan here to reserve your seat!





Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

The **Performance Group** met in March and May 2025, offering members a welcoming and supportive environment in which to share music in a relaxed and collegial setting. Repertoire of all styles was encouraged, memorization was optional, and ensemble performances were warmly welcomed. This year's gatherings took place at the Canada Music Centre in downtown Vancouver and at Long & McQuade (368 Terminal Avenue), and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.





Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

We joyfully concluded the school year with a **June branch luncheon** at Time & Kitchen, located at the Hilton Hotel in Burnaby. In a special gesture of appreciation, the branch proudly sponsored the luncheon, allowing members to gather and enjoy the occasion at no cost. Nearly 50 members joined us, and it was a delight to see both familiar and new faces come together for a lively afternoon filled with connection, conversation, and a wonderful sense of community.

June 2025 Members Luncheon



BCRMTA Van/Bby Branch

June 2025 Members Luncheon



BCRMTA Van/Bby Branch

BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch Presents

Flow & Practice

with Dr. Evgenia Rabinovich

September 29, 2025
10:15am-11:45am
Tom Lee Music
728 Granville Street

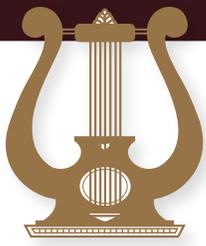
Branch members - free
Non-branch members - \$10

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Come uncover the practice methods and performance preparation strategies to reach peak performance and elite flow

After a restful summer break, we began the new school year with an in-person workshop on September 29 titled “*Flow and Practice*,” presented by **Dr. Evgenia Rabinovich**. The workshop explored how young classical pianists develop strong practice habits and prepare for performances that feel focused, confident, and deeply engaging. Through interviews with adolescent and young-adult pianists and their teachers, Dr. Rabinovich shared insights into practical approaches to practicing and performance preparation that help musicians perform at their very best.



Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

On November 3, we were delighted to learn about **Mr. Robert Silverman**'s remarkable journey of studying the entire first book of *The Well-Tempered Clavier*. Through his engaging commentary, he offered fresh insights into these masterworks, deepening our appreciation of Bach's music. His performances of several Preludes and Fugues were truly inspiring. This special event was generously co-sponsored by Tom Lee Music and our branch.

Robert Silverman
"The Joy of Bach" Teacher Workshop

Join Steinway Recording Artist and Educator Robert Silverman teacher workshop of Bach's Well Tempered Clavier Book 1

Bach
 The Well-Tempered Clavier
 Book 1

Date / Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Monday, October 27th, 2025

Venue: Tom Lee Music MEC
 728 Granville Street, Vancouver

Free Admission for BCRMTA members

Available for Purchase at Event:
 · Bach's Sonic Tapestry Book
 · Bach's Sonic Tapestry Book and Double CD of The Well Tempered Clavier Book 1

To register please scan QR Code:





Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

Other programs and offerings we have organized in 2025 include:

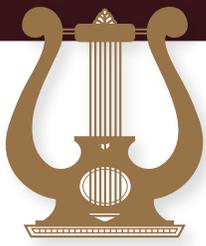
- **Student Performers' Guild (SPG) Festival:** the SPG Festival Committee hosted a vibrant in-person festival, marking the third since 2017. This event featured 244 entries submitted by 35 teachers, skillfully adjudicated by Dr. Donna Symons in the Preparatory, Elementary, Junior and Intermediate Divisions, and Dr. Bogdan Dulu for the Senior and Adult Divisions. Their dedication provided our students with valuable feedback and inspiration.
- **Canada Music Week (CMW) Festival:** On November 22 and 23, 2025, we held our seventh annual Canada Music Week Festival at the Canadian Music Centre in downtown Vancouver. This year, we had sixty students from Preparatory to ARCT levels. Our adjudicator was Dr. Jane Hayes. Tom Lee Music generously donated 1st and 2nd place gift cards for each class and the branch presented 1st and 2nd place scholarships for each division as well. The CMW Festival Committee, Emily Ko and Joanna Yeh appreciated the support and enthusiasm of the students, parents, and teachers!
- **String Chamber Music Program:** 2025 marked the fourth year of our String Chamber Music Program, which continues to provide string students with opportunities to connect, collaborate, and experience the joy of making music together in a positive and supportive environment. The program has seen wonderful growth, expanding from six students in 2023 to 19 students this year. Six chamber ensembles were formed, all of which performed at our Winter Student Recital on November 29. Heartfelt thanks go to Janelle Ragno for organizing the ensemble groups, and to Margitta Krebs and Andrew Luchkow for their dedication in coaching and guiding these young musicians.
- **Student Recitals:** Each year, we host two recital events for our members' students—the Spring Recitals in May and the Winter Recitals in November. In 2025, we were delighted to welcome 121 students to participate, showcasing their hard work, growth, and musical achievements throughout the year.

BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch
2025 Winter Recital #2



BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch
2025 Winter Recital #3



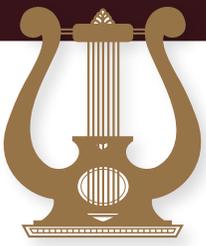


Vancouver / Burnaby - cont.

- **Professional Development (PD) Grant:** Established in 2018, the PD Grant supports our members in pursuing ongoing professional growth. Each year, a portion of funds from our 10-Year Surplus Plan is allocated for this purpose, with individual awards determined by the number of applications and requested amounts. In 2025, six members were awarded grants, each receiving \$200, for a total of \$1,200, helping them further their professional development and enrich their teaching and musical practice.

We wrapped up 2025 with a joyful winter luncheon at Time & Place in the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, sharing a festive afternoon with a small group of our members. Delicious food, lively conversation, and plenty of laughter made it a truly memorable occasion—a perfect way to celebrate the year, reconnect with friends, and enjoy the warmth of our musical community.



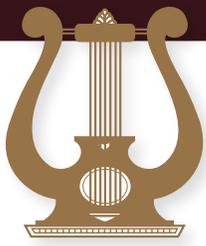


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Lastly, we remember with sadness the passing of two cherished branch members, **Dr. Daniel Mahlberg** (1975–2025) and **Ruth Huang** (1978–2025). Their contributions to our community were deeply valued, and their memories will be long cherished. Obituaries and tributes can be viewed on our branch's [In Memoriam](#) page.

Hailey Wong





Vernon

Founded in 1948

Members in 2025 - 22

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 0



The Vernon Branch BCRMTA has had a successful and productive year. Various events for teachers and students have nurtured musical growth in our community and the surrounding areas.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in **March** including an election for the executive committee.

During the Spring, students participated in festivals, including Shuswap Music Festival, and the new Vernon Performing Arts Festival.

As well, it was a pleasure to congratulate, Melissa Sutherland, when she received her twenty-five year pin.

In **May**, our group hosted a recital and discussion by pianist, Simi Luttrell, who performed music from 1720 - present day, with compositions by Handel, Mozart, Caroline Shaw, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. The event poster said *"he displays emotional depth and intensity, capturing the dramatic essence of the music"*. A musician pursuing his Masters in Music, under the direction of Dr. Henry Kramer, his recital was excellent. Vernon RMT, Carol Schlosar, former teacher of Simi, was in attendance. A luncheon followed the concert.

In **June**, a workshop was held at the Kelowna Community Music School, where Derek Oger, from Conservatory Canada hosted a discussion called *A Journey Through The Mosaics Repertoire*. Teachers from Kelowna, Vernon, and other areas including the South Okanagan attended. This event was both informative and interesting, including performances of great pieces, and snacks were provided.

Our branch was invited by the Kelowna RMT, to a social event in September, called *What's Working Wine and Cheese*. Held in Kelowna RMT, Joe Berarducci's home, this event was a pleasure to attend. Teachers exchanged some ideas that work well in their studios.

In the fall, we welcomed new member, Julie Wormald, into our group.

A webinar, that our branch hosted in **November**, included the Kelowna RMT, with clinician, Dr. Merlin Thompson. The subject was from Traditional to 21st Century: *Exploring Why, How, and WHAT'S NEXT FOR MUSIC TEACHERS*.

He spoke on strategies for teaching in today's world, with topics such as teacher led learning versus student led learning. Teachers enjoyed this online event, leaving with valuable suggestions.

Next, was the Canada Music Week Recital, where students performed, *O Canada* by Calixa Lavallee, *Squirrels at Play* by Boris Berlin, *Witches and Wizards* by Christine Donkin, *Crocodile Teeth* by Nancy Telfer, *Leafy Sea Dragon* by Ina Dykstra, and a piece composed by a student, in addition to other selections. Awards were presented at the end of the concert for the top exam marks all year in our branch, in the subjects of Piano and Theory.



The final meeting of our business year was held in **January 2026**. An excellent presentation was provided by Vernon RMT, Nataliia Belichenko, on the use of Harmony in Tchaikovsky's Music. Nataliia was the Associate Professor of the Music Theory Department, at the Kharkiv I. P. Kotlyarevsky National University of Arts in the Ukraine. Examples of music were used during a detailed discussion, related to the connection between Tchaikovsky's music and Russian Musical Tradition.

Going forward, we will continue to appreciate the benefits of being a member of the BCRMTA.

Lisa Parsons





Victoria

Founded in 1930

Members in 2025 - 100

www.bcrmtavictoria.webs.com

Student Teacher Auxiliary - 4



The 95th year of the Victoria Branch passed with in person and virtual events. Under President Rafael Oei five executive meetings were held in his home. Four general meetings were held as follows:

- **March** - The AGM - guest performer was Malak El Quadghii (violin)
- **May** - guest speaker was Michelle Mares on the 'Physical Aspects of Piano Playing'
- **September** - guest speaker was Tricia Baldwin (Dean of Vic. Conservatory)
- **November** - CMW breakfast meeting chaired by Nanako Dufleit at the Holiday Inn. Guest speaker was Stephen Brown. Flowers were presented to Paloma de la Guerra (60 year member) and Wendy Maggiora (50 year member)

Seven Branch Student Concerts

Chaired by Ina Dykstra at first then by Joe Hatherill for the rest of the year. Ina was presented with flowers for her wonderful contribution as Concert Chair for the past years. We wish her well in her move to St. Albert, Alberta.

The Costume Capers October

Concert proceeds were donated to Santa's Anonymous. The CMW November concert featured the Branch *Murray Adaskin Composition Competition*. Entries had being adjudicated by Stephen Brown. Stephen addressed the audience and presented the awards. The concert followed featuring compositions by students and Canadian composers including three piano works by Stephen Brown.

The 3rd annual Members concert was held in October at U Vic. Chaired by member Susan de Burgh. Members: Monika Zaborowski, Natasha Pashenko, Guyonne Le Louarn, Doug Hensley, Christine Donkin, Nanako Dufleit, Jennifer Turner, Robert Holliston, Judith Pazder, Jillian Forster Fair, and Bruce Vogt gave performances.

Proceeds to the Branch Scholarship Fund.



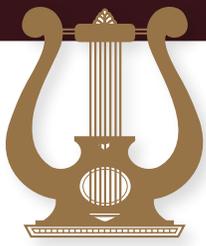
Stephen Brown & President Rafael Oei



Paloma de la Guerra (60 year member)



Wendy Maggiora (50 year member)



Victoria

Founded in 1930

Members in 2025 - 100

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Student Teacher Auxiliary - 4



Three Masterclasses were held for member's students given by: Michelle Mares, Michelle Panayi, and Dr. Milton Schlosser.

Awards

Chaired by Louise Holland, Susan Kadatz, and Geraldine Pugh. The Branch continues to give financial awards to deserving students. This year approx. \$4500 was awarded thanks to legacy investment income and donations to the following:

- GVPAF in memory of Elise Le Gresley
- Summer Bursaries
- RCM exam levels 8 & 10 in memory of the RCM Victoria Alumni
- RCM exam level 7 in memory of Susan Pappajohn
- RCM exam levels 5, 6, 9, by Branch and donations
- RCM exams for levels 9 & 10 History / Harmony in memory of Hilda King
- ARCT study award in memory of Helen Gibson
- Branch open senior performance competition in memory of Madeleine Till
- Branch Student Teacher award in memory of Madeleine Till

The Branch continues with FaceBook (courtesy of member Dr. Allison Star)

A quarterly newsletter and website (courtesy of member Charlotte Hale)

Monday email notices to members (courtesy of member Amy Paster)

Archival work and Branch board located at VCM and Tom Lee Music Store (courtesy of member Wendy Maggiora)

Publicity including posters for several events (courtesy of member Debbie Young)

Membership in the Branch - 98

Student teachers - 5

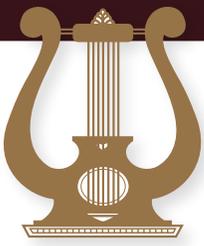
Assoc. members - 28 (*members who have retired from the BCRMTA but still wish to be in touch with the Branch*)

Memoriam Collection

Past member Marilyn Maginley's Bio and photo were added.

Wendy Maggiora





Members - not covered by a Branch

Provincial Members 21

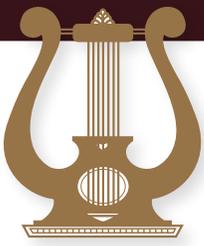
These members live in areas not covered by a Branch

Ashcroft	1
Burns Lake	1
Golden	2
Grand Forks	2
Houston	1
Kaslo	1
New Denver	1
Prince Rupert	1
Quesnel	1
Revelstoke	1
Smithers	4
Terrace	1
Williams Lake	4

International Members 1

Multijurisdictional 1



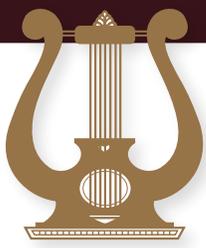


Life Members

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

Reginald Cox	(1960) <i>Passed in 1977</i> <i>Joined in 1947 Victoria</i>
Mary Adamson	(1962) (Honorary Registrar 1988) <i>Passed in 1993</i> <i>Joined in 1947 Victoria</i>
Helen Dahlstrom	(1975) (Honorary President of CFMTA/FCAPM) <i>Passed in 2012</i> <i>Joined in 1953 Trail/Castlegar</i>
Murray Adaskin	(1981) <i>Passed in 2002</i> <i>Joined in 1974 Victoria</i>
Meryl Shether	(1994) <i>Passed in 1996</i> <i>Joined in 1964 South Fraser</i>
Robin Wood	(1995) <i>Passed in 2004</i> <i>Joined in 1965 Victoria</i>
Winifred Scott Wood	(1995) <i>Passed in 2012</i> <i>Joined in 1965 Victoria</i>
Ernst Schneider	(1998) Current (past Honorary President of CFMTA/FCAPM) <i>Joined in 1965 South Okanagan</i>
Carol Shinkewski	(2001) Current <i>Joined in 1976 South Fraser</i>
Lynne Carmichael	(2007) Current <i>Joined in 1982 Provincial Member</i>
Susan Olsen	(2015) Current <i>Joined in 1974 South Fraser</i>

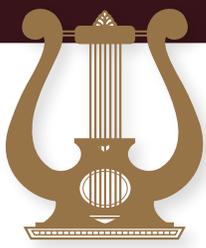




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Christina Allen	Trail / Castlegar	Loretta Braun	South Fraser
Jacqueline Allen	Victoria	Launny Brian	South Fraser
Dr. Laura Altenmueller	Abbotsford	Jocelyn Brooks	North Island
Karl Andersen	Prince George	Jean Brown	Coquitlam / Maple Ridge
Dustin Anderson	Prince George	Lisa Brown	Mid Island
Mark Anderson	Vancouver / Burnaby	Andrea Brown	Vancouver / Burnaby
Jenny Anderson	Victoria	Stephen Brown	Victoria
Ju Dee Ang	Vancouver / Burnaby	Lisa Buchy	South Fraser
Sheila Ardies	Chilliwack	Michelle Bumpus	South Fraser
Emily Armour	Victoria	Catherine Bundt	South Okanagan
Changiz Asadollahi	North Shore	Dr. Aurora Burdeti	Richmond
Sharie Atley	Chilliwack	Dr. Jannie Burdeti	Vancouver / Burnaby
Katherine Au	Vancouver / Burnaby	Cari Burdett	Mid Island
Dr. Helena Aung	Vancouver / Burnaby	Elisa Butler	Mission
Audrey Bailey	Victoria	Paula Cain	Victoria
Cherry Baines	Victoria	Anna Cal	Victoria
Colleen Ball	Victoria	Marie Calvert Haslett	Vancouver / Burnaby
Aline Banno	North Shore	Marianne Carefoot	Abbotsford
Susan Barak	Multijurisdictional	Lynne Carmichael	South Okanagan
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Marlene Bartsch	South Okanagan	Cheryl Carruthers	Vancouver / Burnaby
Zabeth Bayne	Provincial	Rosalie Carver	Vancouver / Burnaby
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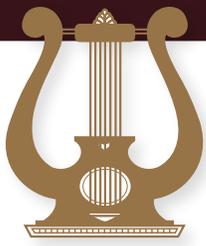




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Michael Connor	Coquitlam / Maple Ridge	Nanako Dufleit	Victoria
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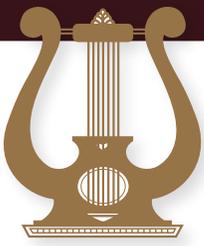




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Katherine Evans	Vancouver / Burnaby	Janet Gonzales	South Fraser
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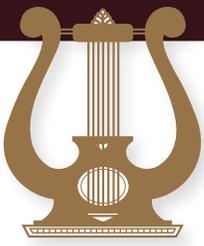




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Maureen Hollins	South Fraser	Claudia Kargl	Kelowna
Robert Holliston	Victoria	Dawna Kavanagh	Trail / Castlegar
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Chihiro Honma	Vancouver / Burnaby	Kathy Kelbert	South Fraser
Erin Hope-Goldsmith	Vancouver / Burnaby	Lauren Kelly	Vancouver / Burnaby
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Clemie Hoshino	Vancouver / Burnaby	Swan Kiezebrink	Prince George
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Nell Howard	Victoria	Denise Killick	North Shore
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Amelia Sau Man Lau	Richmond	Karen Louie	Vancouver / Burnaby
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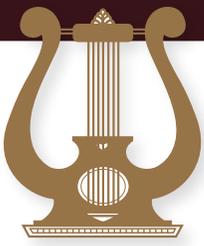




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Deborah Miles	Kamloops	Miya Otake	Vancouver / Burnaby
Christine Millar	Chilliwack	Arlene Overman	Victoria
Kristy Miller	North Island	Michelle Panayi	Victoria
Tanis Mitchell	North Shore	Stevan Paranosic	Victoria
Ko-chu Mo	Vancouver / Burnaby	Dr. Michael Park	Vancouver / Burnaby
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Carl Montgomery	Sunshine Coast	Amy Paster	Victoria
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Dr. Ronald Morgan	North Island	Heather Patton	Vernon
Michael Morimoto	Vancouver / Burnaby	Nicole Payie	Victoria
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David Morse	Vancouver / Burnaby	Nita Pelletier	Chilliwack
Maria Moularas	South Fraser	Kevin Pendergast	Vancouver / Burnaby
Faye Mulder	South Fraser	Kimberly Pendergast	Victoria
Lynda Mundstock	Chilliwack	Bo Peng	Richmond
Elizabeth Munro	Coquitlam / Maple Ridge	I-Fen Peng	South Fraser
Helga Murray	South Fraser	Frances Perriam	Victoria
Natalya Mykhaylova	Coquitlam / Maple Ridge	Jacqueline Perriam	Victoria
Ken Nachtigal	Chilliwack	Anita Perry	South Okanagan
Debra Nagy	Abbotsford	Arlys Peters	Sunshine Coast
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Dennis Nordlund	South Okanagan	Patricia Plumley	Mid Island
Alison Nystrom	South Fraser	Elisabeta Podut	Vancouver / Burnaby
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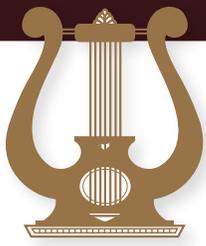




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Arthur Rowe	Victoria	Patrick Smith	Vancouver / Burnaby
Paris Russell	Victoria	Victoria Smus	Richmond
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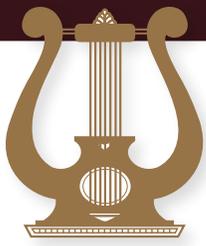




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Djina Stojkov	Vancouver / Burnaby	Lea Tsui	South Fraser
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Serah Strandberg	Sunshine Coast	Dennis Tymoshenko	North Shore
Carol Stromberg	Vernon	Laura Tyrrell	Vancouver / Burnaby
Kenneth Stromberg	Vernon	Tomoko Uyeda	Kamloops
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Kevin Thompson	South Fraser	Season Wang	Vancouver / Burnaby
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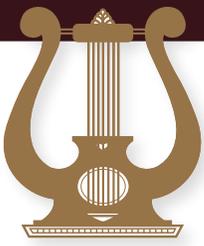




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Sarah Westwick	Vancouver / Burnaby	Graham Yates	International
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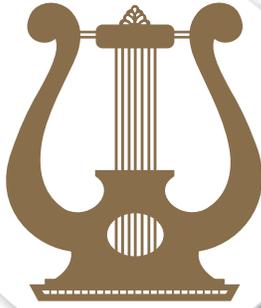
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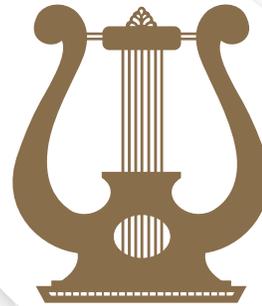
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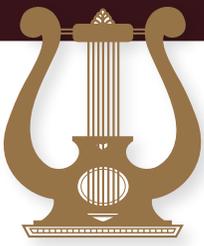


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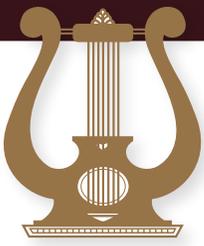


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Members we have lost this year

You will be missed

In Memoriam

Florence Graham
joined BCRM TA in 1964



Ruth Huang
joined BCRM TA in 2002



Virginia (Ginny) Lowrie
joined BCRM TA in 1960

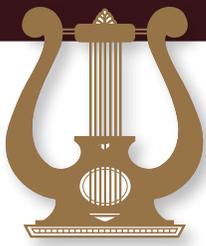


Daniel Mahlberg
joined BCRM TA in 2000



David Sproule
joined BCRM TA in 1993





Members we have lost this year

Florence Graham

In Loving Memory of Florence Helen Graham (nee Blain)
June 5, 1940 - March 25, 2025

Florence Graham, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister, passed away on March 25th, 2025, in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia - her home for over three decades. Surrounded by family and friends, Florence left this world peacefully, having lived an active life full of love and faith.

Born and raised on the Sunshine Coast, daughter of Lorne & Amy Blain (of Gibsons), Florence developed a deep love for the ocean, a passion she carried throughout her life. As a strong swimmer, she passed this love onto her children and grandchildren by investing in a pool in her backyard. Every grandchild has special memories of laughter and lemonade on summer afternoons by the pool.

Florence was predeceased by her two brothers, Don and Kenny Blain, whom she cherished. She was also predeceased by her loving husband, Robert, and her son-in-law, Gordon. Their reunion in the presence of the Lord will be a beautiful one.

She is survived by her two brothers, Norm (Anne) and Tom (Gloria), who brought her great joy. Florence's daughters, Colleen (Rick) Denoni and Kathleen (Gordon) Stewardson, along with her adored grandchildren and greats, will forever carry her memory. Her family includes: Clinton (Erica, great-grandchildren Flora, Daphne, & Clair), Tawrin (Renee), Shannyn (Madison), Joshua (Kendall, great-grandchildren Judah, Asher, Ava & Ellie), Bethany (Greg, great-grandchildren Annabelle, Caleb, Damian, Hudson & Esther), and Paul (Zoya).

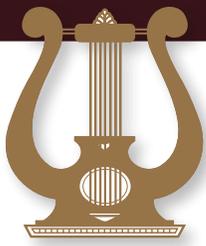
Florence had a deep love for music and dedicated many years of her life to teaching piano and attending recitals and concerts. She even travelled as far as Cleveland Ohio to hear her grandson perform for his masters degree. Her passion for sharing the gift of music will continue to expand as those she taught keep music in their lives.

Remaining active well into her 70's, Florence continued to ski, swim and play her beloved racquet sports. All of her grandchildren remember skiing with their Nana.

Florence loved learning and pursued education, attending SFU as an adult and completing her ARCT when her daughters were teenagers. She was also committed to her language learning, daily practicing her Duolingo.

Florence's legacy of music, faith, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.





Members we have lost this year

Ruth Huang

Ruth Huang
(1978 - 2025)

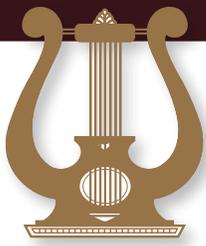
Ruth Huang passed away in December 2025 and leaves behind her husband and their two children. Our sincerest sympathies and thoughts are with her family and friends, her numerous students and colleagues.

In celebration of Ruth and her dedication to music education, the VSO School of Music is establishing a memorial bursary fund in her name. Honouring her lifelong commitment to teaching violin, the bursary fund will provide financial support for students studying violin in the School. Inquiries can be directed to info@vsoschoolofmusic.ca.

Originally from Taiwan, violin teacher Ruth Huang started her music journey first as a pianist at age four then as a violinist at age six. She came to Canada shortly afterwards to continue her studies. Among her teachers are Robert Davidovich, Andrew Dawes and Nancy Di Novo.

Ruth graduated from University of British Columbia in 2003 with a Master's Degree in Violin Performance. As a performer, she has played in numerous orchestras and chamber ensembles. She was one of the founding members of Pacific Rim String Quartet. Ruth was a certified Suzuki Method Instructor and directs a private violin studio in Vancouver.





Members we have lost this year

Virginia (Ginny) Lowrie

Virginia “Ginny” June (Leed) Lowrie
August 2, 1940 - October 18, 2025

Ginny passed away peacefully of congestive heart failure at Comox Valley Hospital.

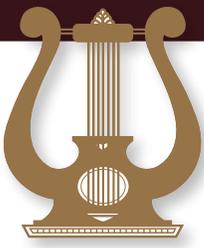
Ginny was a vibrant woman who loved music, travel, entertaining and dance. Family was most important to her, and she loved to encourage and pass on her knowledge to all. She was a businesswoman, member of the Royal Conservatory of Music, a member of BC Registered Music Teachers’ Association for over 60 years, and she sang in the Vancouver Bach Choir. She was a pioneer in everything she touched and volunteered in every community she lived in. In Terrace she was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and in Courtenay the CYMC to name a couple. She was a cofounder of the Pacific Northwest Music Festival and Past President of B.C. Tourism Board.

She loved her students of voice and piano and was selected to showcase them at Expo ‘86.

Ginny was born in Princeton B.C. and is predeceased by her parents Ole and Elsie Leed and her husband of 63 years, Ron.

She leaves behind her Daughter Veronica Wargo (Ray) her son Rick Lowrie(Lannie) and Grandchildren Nathan, Sedona and Luke as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.





Members we have lost this year

Dr. Daniel Mahlberg

In Loving Memory of Dr. Daniel Sakari Mahlberg
(1975–2025)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Daniel Sakari Mahlberg on Friday, September 19th, 2025, at Burnaby General Hospital, after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by loved ones and passed peacefully.

Daniel is survived by his devoted wife, Lida; his cherished son, Aiden; his father, Kari; and his sister, Christy. He will be deeply missed as a loving husband, father, son, brother, cousin, uncle, nephew, teacher, and friend.

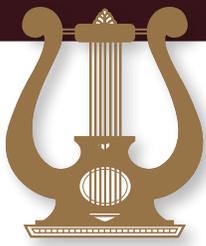
With over three decades of teaching experience, Daniel inspired generations of students through his work as an educator, pianist, composer, and senior examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music. He held a PhD in Historical Musicology from the University of British Columbia and was widely respected for his pedagogical excellence and artistic insight. His students—many of whom went on to win international awards and pursue professional careers—remember him for his warmth, patience, and unwavering belief in their potential.

Beyond his teaching, Daniel was the foremost authority on Finnish composer Leevi Madetoja. His scholarship on Madetoja's life and works not only honoured his Finnish heritage but also brought renewed attention to the composer's legacy and enriched the global understanding of Finnish music history.

Daniel's passion for music extended into every corner of his life, and he believed deeply in its power to build community and foster human connection. Daniel's dedication to music aligned closely with the purpose of the Sarah McLachlan School of Music, where he once served as an instructor. The school's mission to create inclusive communities of musical learning reflects his values and honours his legacy.

We mourn the loss of his generous spirit and kind-hearted soul and will miss the man who always went the extra mile for those he loved. His legacy lives on in the music he taught, the lives he touched, and the love he gave so freely.





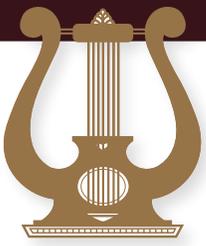
Members we have lost this year

David Sproule

David Lloyd Sproule
April 29, 1957 - February 16, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Lloyd Sproule. David was born on April 29, 1957 and passed away on February 16th, 2025. Reunited with his late father, Cliff, he is survived by his beloved mother, Pamela; his brother, Doug (Mona); his nephew, Brock; his niece, Taylor; and a large circle of friends who became more like family.





Progressions - What was included?

Winter - January 2025

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Canada Music Week events our branches held

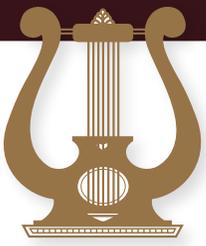
Ask Lori - Questions - look up the magazine for the answers....

Q. *Do you have any ways to make sight reading more appealing for students to practice?
Some students really need encouragement to sight read, especially if they play well by ear.*

Articles included:

Growth and Rest: Mother Nature's Lessons for Music Teachers - Dr. Merlin B. Thompson PhD, MA, BMus





Progressions - What was included?

Spring - April 2025

Branch News

Branch Highlights

Ask Lori - Questions - look up the magazine for the answers....

Q. *Do you have some tips for introducing the use of the una corda pedal?*

Articles included:

Taking Care of Music Teacher Wellbeing - Dr. Merlin B. Thompson PhD, MA, BMus





Progressions - What was included?

Fall - September 2025

Branch News

As you know I have been looking for an idea of what we should include from the branches in the fall issue. During the President's round table, we decided to ask 5 questions to the newest member in each branch.

The questions were:

- 1. Can you tell us about the person or event that you encouraged to join BCRMTA?*
- 2. Are there specific benefits to BCRMTA membership that interest you?*
- 3. Do you have thoughts or skills you'd like to share with the more senior members?*
- 4. Is there something you think the association can learn from your professional experiences?*
- 5. Do you have a favourite hobby?*

Read the stories, the experiences - truly a great testimony to what we bring to our members, our students and their families.

- Abbotsford Emily Fulkerson - joined December 9, 2024
- Chilliwack Emily Eggert-Botkin - joined March 1, 2025
- Coquitlam / Maple Ridge Kelly Scyner - joined May 1, 2025
- East Kootenay Christine Wulf - joined March 1, 2024
- Kamloops Tomoko Uyeda - joined March 3, 2024
- Kelowna Melodie Petersen - joined March 1, 2024
- Mid-Island Lindsey Tromba - joined January 2, 2025
- Mission Elisa Wolff Butler - joined March 8, 2013
- North Island Bridget Meagher - joined March 1, 2024
- North Shore Dr Furee Sik Lai Sung - joined March 10, 2025
- Prince George Dustin Anderson - joined June 1, 2023
- Richmond Ivy Lin - joined January 1, 2025
- South Fraser Alison Nystrom - joined November 15, 2024
- South Okanagan Jackie Klever - joined September 11, 2019
- Sunshine Coast Tegan Ceschi-Smith - joined September 13, 2021
- Trail / Castlegar Leslie Mahr - joined August 3, 2022
- Vancouver / Burnaby Bill Costin - joined April 16, 2025
- Vernon Nataliia Belichenko - joined August 15, 2024
- Victoria Emily Armour - joined August 27, 2024
- Provincial Anne Hill - joined August 27, 2024
- Multijurisdictional Susan Barak - joined September 29, 2022

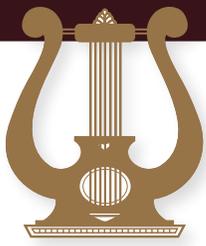
Ask Lori - Questions - look up the magazine for the answers...

Q. *How do I help a student to play two against three?*

Articles included:

Setting the Tone in September - Dr. Merlin B. Thompson PhD, MA, BMus





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