

FACULTY IN THE NEWS:

Violin Teacher James Malmberg will assume the role of “Head of Strings” at the school beginning November. He will be in charge of organizing string groups, arranging master classes and workshops and chamber music. James is conductor of the Richmond Orchestra, co-conductor of the Delta Youth Orchestra and conductor of the annual Concerto Concert at the Richmond Music School.

THE OFFICE

Kate Howie is our new Office Administrator and will be working five days a week in the office. Liz Harvie, our bookkeeper, will continue working Mondays and Tuesdays each week. Office hours are 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Kate and Liz are looking forward to meeting and helping all the teachers and students this season.

GOODBYES AND HELLOS

Goodbye to Executive Assistant Penny Cavers who is retiring after more than 20 years at RMS and spending a year in New Zealand where her husband, Jim, is doing research at the University of Christchurch. Penny and Jim have also been very generous volunteers in many capacities over the years. Goodbye to Sheila Morris who has retired. Goodbye also to piano teachers Nora Leung and Karen Warwick. Hellos to Andrew Luchkow who will be teaching shared and individual cello lessons, to Denis Khvatov, who will be teaching piano; and to David Skulski who will be teaching oboe and recorder. See our website under Faculty for their bios.

TEACHERS' NOTES.

Our new cello teacher, Andrew Luchkow is a native British Columbian. He recently received a DMA at Texas University and hopes to develop a class of young cellists as an Outreach Program similar to our already successful violin program. Andrew's wife Janelle is an active performer and has toured internationally. With the arrival of Andrew and Janelle, Vancouver region has a needed addition to the cello community. Another husband and wife team new in Richmond is Denis and Tatiana Khvatov who are from Moscow, Russia. Denis will be teaching piano at the school - he has an extensive background in working with children and also is very proficient with computer programs. Barry Livingstone is an outstanding jazz pianist from Toronto who wants to establish himself here as a teacher and player. David Skulski is the founder of Early Music Vancouver, an oboist and teacher of recorder. David comes to us with a tremendous musical background which he is eager to share with music lovers here.

ELAINE SASS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Last year's winners were the Fraser River Fiddlers, led by Lorraine Grescoe. This \$100 Scholarship will be awarded on Saturday, June 6, 2009 to the student participating in the most concerts between July 1, 2008 and June, 2009. **COULD THAT STUDENT BE YOU?**

Solos, groups or ensembles – they all count! Fill in the forms located on the notice board opposite the office door and hand them into the office. Forms are in the office or on the notice-board opposite the office. Or just submit the information on a piece of paper.

Be sure to pick up your Calendar of Events so your students can maximize all the performance opportunities this year!

We want to know where you are performing – school, church, weddings, mall, wherever you are – even if it is with a group – please let the office know.



MUSICAL NOTES

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Board of Directors 2008-09:

The following Board members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held October 17, 2008:

Executive: President – Maureen Koss
Secretary - Claire Chang
Treasurer - Loretta Wutschnik
Directors: Peter Gorgopa, Valerie Carrasco, Donna Grescoe, Pamela Tiggeles, Annie Leung and King Lok Choi.
Ex officio: Patricia Rolston

The meeting concluded with a mini concert performed by trumpet teacher Chris Robertson and his student Nick Gorgopa, violinists Angela Chuang and Runbo Lu, and pianist Tim Choi.

The Board is looking forward with enthusiasm to a busy year ahead.

Children's Choir – Mondays - 3:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We have a nice big chattering children's choir this year but we always have room for more. It is FREE to children under 12 who are already studying at the Music School. It is a fun activity; it is wonderful for ear training and lots of exciting performances are planned. If your child is not already involved, or if you know of a child who would enjoy singing, it is **not too late** to join. Our enthusiastic choir director, Maria Goobar has an exciting program of music for the students, who are already singing with much gusto!

We Play Together

Ensemble Concert – Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall

Over 60 students and faculty will be performing in the annual “Ensemble Concert”. There will be violins, pianos, trumpets, clarinets, guitars, cellos and more, all performing in mixed groups. Mark your calendar for a fun night of social music making.

NEW PROGRAMS – Oboe, recorder, shared violin/cello for adults and kids, group guitar for adults.

UPCOMING EVENTS – mark these dates in your calendar

November 15 – Student-Faculty Ensemble Concert at 7:30 pm

November 23 - Strings Workshop/Master Class on Sunday, at 3 p.m. is open to RMS students at all levels.

December 6 – Christmas Concert and Party, 2 – 4 p.m. for students aged 11 and under. Songs, carols, food, fun – and Santa!

March 7, 2009 – Concerto Concert at 7:30 p.m. – special performance of the Richmond Music School Chamber Orchestra and student soloists and ensembles directed by James Malmberg

Spring, Summer 2008 Examinations

LRSM Piano

Ginna Ng *Patricia Rolston*

ARCT Piano

Rebecca Choi – First Class Honours *Patricia Rolston*

LTCL

Chee Hua Chiang *Patricia Rolston*

Grade 10 Piano RCM

Oliver Sun – First Class Honours *Patricia Rolston*

Miriam Hiebert – First Class Honours *Patricia Rolston*

Timothy Choi – First Class Honours *Patricia Rolston*

Kaitlin Perry – Honours *Patricia Rolston*

Justin Wan – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Kim Mui – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Grade 9 Piano RCM

Desmond Fung – First Class Honours *Patricia Rolston*

Jesse Zhang – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Grade 8 Piano RCM

Yao Liu – Honours *Darrel Loewen*

Nicole Au Yeung – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Samuel Ma – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Gregory Kam – Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Emile Moore – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Grade 8 Piano ABRSM

Sylvia Yong – Merit *Patricia Rolston*

Grade 7 Piano RCM

Kitty Wang – First Class Honours *Darrel Loewen*

Jeremy Medina – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Dora Chiu – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Grade 6 Piano

Midori Armstrong – First Class Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Daniel Kong – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Johanna Song – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Leslie Chan – First Class Honours

Samantha Hung – First Class Honours *Winnie Wong*

Harvey Santiago – First Class Honours

Grade 6 Saxophone

Justin Lee – Honours *Stephen Robb*

Grade 5 Piano

Chloe Pereira – Honours *Darrel Loewen*

Justin Lee – Honours *Stephen Robb*

Richard Liu – First Class Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Faye Sanares – First Class Honours

Grade 5 Violin

Nathan Wong – First Class Honours *Lorraine Grescoe*

Grade 4 Piano RCM

Tiffany Chang – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Rebecca Lim – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Alan Fan – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Grade 4 History RCM

Jacquelyn Son – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Grade 3 History RCM

Jesse Zhang – First Class Honours *Esther Budiardjo*

Grade 3 Piano RCM

Brandon Sayson – First Class Honours

Matthew Seow - Honours

Grade 2 Piano ABRSM

Alyssa Yong – Merit *Esther Budiardjo*

Grade 2 Piano RCM

Brendan Khoo – First Class Honours *Darrel Loewen*

Jacob Allison – Honours *Sharon Kirk*

Don Sanares – First Class Honours

Grade 2 Flute RCM

Sharlene Peng – First Class Honours *Lynne Piening*

Grade 1 Piano ABRSM

Isaac Cheung – Merit *Esther Budiardjo*

Theory Results

Basic Theory: Harvey Santiago – Distinction; Kathleen Cathcart – Distinction; Faye Sanares – Distinction; Chloe Van – Distinction; Rebecca Lim – First Class Honours (*Esther Budiardjo*), Tereleen Austria – Honours (*Sharon Kirk*), Francis Choy – Distinction (*Sharon Kirk*)

Intermediate Theory: Daniel Kong – First Class Honours, (*Sharon Kirk*)

Advanced Theory: Gerald Epp – Distinction, Dora Chiu – Honours (*Sharon Kirk*), Jessica Ho – Honours (*Sharon Kirk*), Emilee Moore – First Class Honours (*Sharon Kirk*), Samantha Hung – First Class Honours with Distinction (*Winnie Wong*).

Richmond Music School 2008 Scholarship Results

PIANO: Senior: First – Justin Wan, Second – Rebecca Choi, Third – Michael Huang, Intermediate: First – Nicole Au Yeung, Junior: First – Harvey Santiago, Second – Leslie Chan, Third – Sean Yeo
Preliminary: First – Warren Lee, Second – Mika Iwai, Third – Chris Chu

INSTRUMENTAL & VOICE: Senior: First – Runbo Lu, Violin; Second – Tanya Tan, Violin; Intermediate: First – Harley Chen, Clarinet; Second – Sharon Li, Violin; Third - John-Luke Ip, Violin; Junior: First – Nathan Wong, Violin; Second - Rebekah Seow, Violin; Third – Vincent Lee, Violin.

YVR “Music Takes Flight” Award winner was Harley Chen

Congratulations to all students who worked hard and had great results this past season.