

Student Teachers - a Continuing Success Story for RMS

Last year over 100 students were introduced to their first piano experience by our energetic and talented Apprentice Teachers. Many of these beginners are continuing this term with their lessons and the school regards the program as a huge success. In addition, there are some new faces. This year, the school welcomes Amanda Lai, Beatrice Lew, Kaitlin Perry, Sharon Yong, Sylvia Yong and Allan Guan. Continuing Apprentice Teachers are Tim Choi, Jennifer Liu, Christie Lo, Oliver Sun and Linus Wong. Five of last year's apprentices are being promoted to Junior Teacher: Stephanie Chan, Rebecca Choi, Jennifer Ho, Sarah Ho and Michael Huang. All are looking forward to a busy and productive school year at RMS.

- Apprentice teachers: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday PM, Saturday from 10:00 to 6:00. They have passed all levels of examinations and have at least one professional diploma, have taught less than 2 years. Rate: \$13 per half hour private lesson.
- Junior teachers: Monday through Saturday. They have taught at least 2 years. Rate: \$20 per half hour private lesson.

Did you know:

The Richmond Music School is the Canadian Representative of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. ABRSM is the world's leading provider of graded music exams and assessments, trusted and respected by teachers and students around the world. 57 students from Greater Vancouver and other parts of Canada took exams last year. Exams are held every Spring (April - June) and Fall (October - December).

Parent Volunteers

At RMS volunteers are more than just appreciated. They help run the school and its concerts and events. If you haven't filled in the WE NEED YOUR HELP section of your child's registration form, call the office for an opportunity to exercise your special talent. You could take part on our Board of Directors, help in the Office, assist at Concerts, Special Occasions and Fundraising or just run the occasional errand to deliver flyers.

UPCOMING EVENTS – mark these dates in your calendar

Student Recitals: Nov. 13, Jan. 15, March 4, May 27

Saturday, November 19: Student-Faculty Ensemble Concert

Saturday, December 17: Christmas Concert and Party for Students under 9Yrs.

Saturday, February 25: Meet the Stars Concert

Saturday, March 10: Concerto Concert

Sunday in March or April, TBA: Piano Masterclass

Sunday, May 13: Mock Piano Examinations

Saturday, June 2: Annual Scholarship Competition

Sunday, June 10: RMS Open House

Check out our school website at www.richmondmusicschool.ca

Richmond Music School Annual General Meeting October 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Everyone invited. Music performances will take place.

Coffee available. Come and lend a hand at running your school!



MUSICAL NOTES

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Scholarship Competition Winners 2011

PIANO

YVR "Music Takes Flight Award" - Nathan Chang

Senior: First – Jennifer Liu
Second – Timothy Choi
Third – Jason Ma

Intermediate:
First - Aaron Huie
Second – Stacy Wang
Third – Alyssa Yong

Junior:
First – Mika Iwai
Second – Nathan Chang
Third – Riley Yodogawa

Preliminary:
First – Matthew Chang
Second – Madison Li

INSTRUMENTAL & VOICE

YVR "Music Takes Flight Award" – Carlos Yeung

Intermediate:
First – Carlos Yeung, Violin
Second – Farrah Khoo, Violin
Third – Rebekah Seow, Violin

Junior:
First – Spencer Tsai, Violin
Second – Alano Ling, Violin
Third – Ayaka Iwai & Anthony Chan, Violin

Elaine Sass Memorial Scholarship Award, 2011
Nicole Au Yeung and Timothy Choi

Spring/Summer Examination Results

Piano:

LCTL: Oliver Sun	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
ARCT: Martin Liu – First Class Honours	<i>Darrel Loewen</i>
Jennifer Liu	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Christie Lo	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Beatrice Lew	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>

DipABRSM:

Grace Leung	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
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Grade 10:

Angela Guo – First Class Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Megan Liao – First Class Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Melissa Huen – First Class Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Samuel Mah – Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>

Grade 9:

Sean Yeo – First Class Honours	<i>Darrel Loewen</i>
Rita Liu – Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>

Grade 8:

Richard Liu – Distinction	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Chelsea Huang – First Class Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Christabelle Joseph – First Class Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Jonathan Lam – First Class Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Stacy Wang – Honours	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Alan Fan – Honors	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Daria Tai – Honours	
Janice Chan – (ABRSM) Pass	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>

Grade 7:

Alyssa Yong – (ABRSM) Merit	<i>Patricia Rolston</i>
Mika Awai – Distinction	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Aaron Huie - Distinction	
Jennie Bai – Honours	
Grade 6: Nathan Chang - Distinction	

Grade 5 :

Jacob Allison – Honors	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Don Sanares - Honours	

Grade 4:

Maya Fograsher – Distinction	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Courtney Ikuta - Distinction	
Cassidy Fu – First Class Honours	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Andrea Lin – Distinction	

Grade 3:

Cyrus Chen - Distinction	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
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Grade 2:

Natalie Lupynis – First Class Honours	
Roland Sanares – First Class Honours	

Preparatory A:

Tyra Chu – Distinction 100%	<i>Stephanie Chan</i>
Cecilia Soroco – Distinction	<i>Stephanie Chan</i>
Mauricio Soroco – Distinction	<i>Stephanie Chan</i>

Violin:

Grade 8: Nicole Au Yeung – First Class Honours	<i>James Malmberg</i>
Justin Jia – First Class Honours	<i>James Malmberg</i>
Grade 6: Anderson Lu – First Class Honours	<i>Yuri Zaidenberg</i>

Theory:

Grade 5 Harmony:	
Eunice Chan - Distinction	<i>Michael Morse</i>

History 1:

Midori Armstrong – Distinction	<i>Joanne Chng</i>
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Intermediate Rudiments:

Stacy Wang – Distinction	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Anderson Lu – Distinction	<i>Joanne Chng</i>

Basic Rudiments:

Jacob Allison – Distinction	<i>Sharon Kirk</i>
Ethan Wong - Distinction	

Festival Winners:

The following students participated in the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival:

Alano Ling, Grade 2 Violin: 800A: Junior Division, First	801A: Junior Division, Second
Patrick Creighton,	Violin: 800C – Junior Division, First
Sean Creighton, Grade	Violin: 800A: Junior Division, Third

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Faculty News:

Voice teacher **Christine Anton**, is leaving the school after many years. As well as teaching her students at RMS, Christine was a Charter member of the Vancouver Opera Training Ensemble and the Vancouver Chamber Choir, member of the Vancouver Opera Chorus. We are sorry to see her go and wish her well for the future.

Congratulations to **Alana Lopez (nee Chang)**, Violin teacher. Alana was married this summer. Best wishes, Alana from all of us at the Richmond Music School.

New to the school this month: **Ellen Farrugia**, Violin teacher. Ellen has taught privately for 12 years and for the past 20 years has performed with the Toronto, Vancouver, and Abbotsford Symphonies, as well as the Canadian Opera Orchestra, Vancouver Opera, CBC Radio Orchestra and the North Shore Sinfonia. Also please welcome **Seung Youn Lee**, Cello teacher. Seung studied cello and piano in Seoul, Germany and continued at the Vienna Music University. She moved to Canada in 2000 and has 30 years of teaching experience.

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

This year there will be two choirs, at 3:30 and 4:30 on Monday. Ages are 6 – 12 years. We always have room for more singers. 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! Their first concert is with Santa on December 17 at the Christmas Party.