We Play Together

ENSEMBLE CONCERT NOVEMBER 20, 2010, 7:30 PM

Please come to our Ensemble Concert to hear outstanding Richmond Music School students performing music together with faculty – this year's concert features piano, strings, woodwinds, guitar and brass. Students performing are: Midori Armstrong, Nicole Au Yeung, Jenny Bai, Ariel Cao, Leslie Chan, Pearl Chang, Felicia Chang, Harley Chen, Alan Fan, Nicholas Gorgopa, Aaron Huie, Sarah Ho, Michael Huang, Oscar Hung, Alanna Hunter, Ayaka & Mika Iwai, Ami Li, Kelly Lui, Claire Liu, Richard Liu, Victoria & Jason Mah, Ingrid Malmberg, Kevin Ng, Keith Olsen, Karol Patriarca, Betty Qian, Henry Wang, Lisa Wang, Ryan Wang, Preston Wong, Jason Yeung, Parry Yeung and Melissa Yuen.

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

Children's Choir – Mondays – 3:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

We have had so many enthusiastic students registered for the Children's Choir this year that we have had to expand to two classes, with about 14 children in each class. We always have room for more. 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 11 at the Christmas Party.

UPCOMING EVENTS – mark theses dates in your calendar

Mini Recitals – parents and friends are invited for the performances of students, taking place November 14, and in 2011, January 16, March 6 and May 29. Other recitals may also be arranged by teachers with their students.
November 20 – Ensemble Concert. Outstanding Richmond Music School students make music together with faculty.
December 11 – Christmas Concert and party. Music performed by children 11 years and under. Music carols, food, fun and a visit with Santa!
February 19, 2011 – Meet the Stars. Concert features award-winning Richmond Music School students.
Saturday, March 12 – Concerto Concert. Special performance of the Richmond Music School Chamber Orchestra and student soloists and ensembles directed by James Malmberg.
March or April – Piano Masterclasses.
April 17 – RMS in joint concert with Delta Youth Orchestra – a new, exciting concert to attend.
May 15 – Mock Piano Exams. Mock examinations for piano students, Grades 1-ARCT.
June 4 – Annual Scholarship Competition. For Piano and Orchestral Instruments and Voice.
Sunday, June 12 – Annual RMS Open House 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Hear students of all ages in many consecutive performances throughout the school.

MUSICAL NOTES

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Board of Directors 2010-11:

The following Board members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held October 21, 2010:

Executive:	President – Maureen Koss
	Treasurer – Loretta Wutschnik
Directors:	Peter Gorgopa, Pamela Tiggelers, Annie Leung, King Lok Choi, Ginna Ng and Gary Au Yeung.
Ex officio:	Patricia Rolston

TEACHERS COMING AND GOING AT RMS

The school is now in full swing. The Board of Directors has been re-elected, some 394 students are enrolled and busy practicing and teachers are hard at work and have lots of plans. Teachers who left were Rachel Iwaasa, Poh-Lin Koh and Andrew Luchkow. New teachers are Stacey Mennie, Suzuki Violin, Chee-Hwa Chiang, Piano, Peter Caton, Cello, Joanne Chng and Michael Morse, Theory and Mayumi Randall, Jazz Piano.

STUDENT APPRENTICE TEACHERS FOR PIANO

Did you know we have a very inexpensive way to get piano lessons for beginners of all ages? Lessons are one half hour weekly and are taught by student apprentice teachers, all of whom have a professional piano diploma. Last June 54 of these young beginners performed a final concert in the recital hall to the delight of 400 parents and friends. There are now almost 100 registered in the program and we look forward to hearing them all when they play for Santa Claus on December 11. Registration goes on all year so new ones are always welcome. These teachers are:

Stephanie Chan, LRSM	Sharon Cheung, ATCL
Rebecca Choi, ARCT, LRSM	Timothy Choi, ARCT
Jennifer Ho, ARCT, LRSM	Sarah Ho, ARCT, LRSM
Michael Huang, ARCT, LRSM	Amanda Lai, ARCT
Linus Wong, ARCT	

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES WELCOME AT THE MUSIC SCHOOL - Did you know that, in this past school year, we had approximately 30 adult students registered at the school? They range in age from 19 to 65. They have let us know that they have finally found time in their lives to either continue their lessons begun many years ago, or would like to fulfill their dreams of studying music. Also, some parents share a lesson with their child, so they can learn the instrument at the same time as the child. Please inquire at the office if you are an adult and are interested in music lessons.

RCM Examination Results:

Patricia Rolston, teacher:
Sarah Ho - LRSM
Linus Wong – ARCT Honours
Sharon Cheung - ATCL
Beatrice Lew – Grade 10, 1st Class Honours
Megan Liao – Grade 9, First Class Honours
Angela Guo - Grade 9, First Class Honours
Jason Mah – Grade 9, First Class Honours
Melissa Huen – Grade 9, First Class Honours
Minnie Ng – Grade 9, Honours
Elson Cheng, Grade 9, Honours
Alyssa Yong, Grade 5, ABRSM, Merit

Sharon Kirk, teacher:
Midori Armstrong – Grade 8 Piano, Honours
Richard Liu – Grade 7 Piano, First Class Honours
Alan Fan – Grade 6 Piano, First Class Honours
Mika Iwai – Grade 5 Piano, Distinction
Cassidy Fu – Grade 3 Piano, 1st Class Honours;
- also BC Conservatory of Music Festival – Grade 3 Piano, 1st Place: Post Romantic - Gold, Sonatina - Gold, Baroque - Silver.
Alan Fan – Advanced Rudiments, Honours

Pratima Cheung, Junior teacher:
Kaitlyn De Cruz – Grade 1, First Class Honours

Darrel Loewen, teacher:
Angie Li – ARCT – Honours
Davis Wu – Grade 10, First Class Honours
Daniel Chan – Grade 8 Piano, First Class Honours
Victoria Mah – Grade 6 Piano, First Class Honours

Yuri Zaidenberg, teacher:
Amanda Cheong – Grade 4 Violin, Honours
Anna Cheong – Grade 4 Violin, Honours

Rebecca Choi, Student Apprentice teacher:
Andrew Wang – Grade 1 Piano, First Class Honours

James Malmberg, teacher:
Kevin Ng – Grade 10 Violin, First Class Honours with Distinction

Winnie Wong, teacher:
Ken Yim – Grade 8 Piano, Honours
Ken Yim - Advanced Rudiments, Distinction
Farrah Khoo – Advanced Rudiments, Distinction

Other teachers' results:
Leslie Chan - Grade 8 Piano, Honours
Daria Tai – Grade 7 Piano, First Class Honours
Aaron Huie - Grade 6 Piano, First Class Honours
Nathan Chang - Grade Five Piano, Distinction
Ethan Wong – Grade 3 Piano, Distinction
Shirley Zhu – Grade 3 Piano, Distinction;
- recipient 2010 BC Silver Medal Award (RCM)
Peter Epp – Grade 2 Piano, First Class Honours
Faye Sanares – Intermediate Theory, Distinction
Chloe Van – Intermediate Theory, Distinction

YVR "Music Takes Flight" Award – Kevin Ng

Scholarship Winners June 2010

Piano: Senior: First – Oliver Sun; Second – Timothy Choi; Third – Michael Huang.
Piano: Intermediate: First – Kevin Zhang; Second – Angela Guo; Third – Ken Yim, Samantha Hung.
Piano: Junior: First – Aaron Huie; Second – Stacy Wang; Third – Victoria Mah.
Piano: Preliminary: First – Hellen Yeung; Second – Oscar Hung; Third – Daniel Mah.

Instrumental: Senior: First – Kevin Ng, Violin.
Instrumental: Intermediate: First – Nicole Au Yeung, Violin; Second – John-Luke Ip, Violin; Third – Carlos Yeung, Violin.
Instrumental: Junior: First – Aiswarya Challa, Violin; Second – Mark Cam, Violin; Third – Cindia Yang, Violin.

Special Congratulations to:

Kevin Ng – violin – Grade 10 First Class Honours with Distinction - *recipient 2010 BC Silver Medal Award (RCM); winner of YVR "Music Takes Flight" Award*
Shirley Zhu – Piano, Grade 3 Distinction - *recipient 2010 BC Silver Medal Award (RCM)*
Nathan Chang - Grade 5 Piano, Distinction
Mika Iwai – Piano – Grade 5, Distinction
Ethan Wong – Grade 3 Piano, Distinction

New Teachers: Peter Caton (cello) -originally from Ontario, Peter has lived in Vancouver for over twenty years. He performs with the Vancouver Opera Orchestra and TV and Film. He has also taught at the BC Conservatory and the Nanaimo Conservatory. Stacey Mennie (Suzuki Violin/private violin) – has taught and studied through Canada and the USA and states: "I am pleased to join the community at Richmond Music School. It is such a joy to teach Suzuki Violin with my younger students and to share in the love of music with all."

Both these teachers perform with the Richmond Orchestra, which has a concert Saturday, Nov 6, 7:30 p.m. entitled *Beethoven at the Piano* at the Fraserview MB Church. Other RMS teachers who perform or have performed with Richmond Orchestra are Lynne Piening, Bo Peng, Stephen Robb, Denis Khvatov, Winnie Wong, Michael Huang, Chris Robertson, Alana Chang, Yuri Zaidenberg.