

Saturday *Serenades*

A co-presentation of the Cathedral Guild for the Arts



2007 Showcase Concert

Featuring BC's top young classical musicians -
national champions and scholarship winners

September 22, 2007 · 2pm

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

PROGRAMME



JEFFREY LUO

Pink, Crimson

Robert Starer (1924-)

EMMA WOO

Un Sospiro

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

VIVIAN LIU

The Seasons, Opus 37b: IV. April: Snowdrop Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

CLAIRE LEE

Variations on a Theme by Paganini Isak Berkovich (1905-1981)

JEMAN LIU

Nocturne in C minor Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

ALAN WONG

Poisson D'or Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

ESTHER JEEHYE HWANG

Praeludium & Allegro in the style of Paganini Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)

CHRISTINE NGAI

Jardin sous la pluie Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

JOVIAN CHENG

Sonata No.2 in B minor, Op. 35 Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

MONICA HAN

Le Leggierezza Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

RICHARD HO

Soirée de Vienne Op. 56 Alfred Grunfeld (1852-1924) & Johann Strauss (1804-1849)

BENJAMIN MARKS WOO

Waldesrauchen Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

MATTHEW LI

Barcarolle in F major Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

DEVON JOINER

Etude-Tableau Op. 39 No. 5 Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Artist Biographies

Jovian Cheng

Piano 14 – First Place, L'Union-Vie Groupe financier Scholarship

Fourteen year old Jovian Cheng is currently a student of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. Jovian was selected to attend the B.C. Festival of the Arts as the 2005 Intermediate Provincial representative in piano from the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival. Most recently, Jovian won the Music Man Festival's 2007 Concerto Competition and had his debut with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in April. Jovian is currently a ninth grade student at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, and is an active member of the Donna Fishwick Piano Ensemble.

Monica Han

Piano 16 – CMC Calgary Scholarship

Sixteen year old Monica Han began her early studies in Korea. At the age of nine, she moved to Canada and studied with Young Hae Son-Na and Krystyna Tucka. She is currently a student of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. Monica has received many honors and awards, including a silver medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music for the highest mark in BC for grade eight piano as well as scholarships and awards the Student Performer's Guild, North Shore, Music Man, and Kiwanis music festivals. In April of 2007, she made her debut with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

Richard Ho

Piano 17 – CMC Calgary Scholarship

Richard Ho has been studying at the Jean Lyons School of Music under the direction of Angela Barbour since the age of five. He has won numerous awards in the Kiwanis and Richmond music festivals, as well as the ARCT Alumni Association and Richmond Music Festival Gala trophies. He obtained his LLCM diploma at age fourteen, and was awarded the Gold Medal by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto in 2005 for his ARCT diploma with a mark of 95%. A grade twelve Honours student at Eric Hamber Secondary School, Richard enjoys drawing, playing the guitar, and engaging in competitive Track and Field, and curling.

Esther Hwang

Strings 11 (Violin) – CMC Scholarship

Esther Hwang started violin lessons at the age of three, and is currently studying violin with Lawrie Hill at the Vancouver Academy of Music. She performed with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for The Lover's Ball, and with the Pilgrim Orchestra, as a soloist in 2006. She received scholarships from the Gifted Youth Competition at the Vancouver Academy of Music in 2006 and 2007. She was a BC finalist for CMC in 2006, won CDMF Ellen Tso Awards in 2003 and 2004. Esther is a grade six honour roll student at Pacific Academy.

Devon Joiner

Piano 17 – First Place, Yamaha Canada Scholarship

Devon Joiner, seventeen, is a first year Bachelor of Music student at UBC, studying with Professor Jane Coop. He has received his ARCT diploma and performed three solo concerts. Devon has won many awards including first at the Performing Arts BC festival, Junior Division, third at both the CMC and the BC Piano Competition, fourth at the Canadian Chopin Competition. He has also won many awards from the Upper Island, Vancouver Kiwanis and Victoria festivals and the Nanaimo Arts Council, including a Gold Medal achievement award. Last summer Devon was accepted to the Morningside Music Bridge program in Shanghai, China. Devon also enjoys running, skiing, hiking and reading.

Claire Lee

Piano 9 – First Place, Jean Lyons Memorial Scholarship

Claire started studying piano at four years old and is currently a student of Dr. Victor Shevtsov. She is now nine years old and goes to Henry Anderson Elementary School. She won first place with scholarships at the Richmond Music Festival. Claire also won many first places at the Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival. She loves to play the piano and also likes sports such as badminton and table tennis.

Matthew Li

Piano 21 – Yamaha Canada Scholarship

Matthew is a third-year undergraduate student at UBC majoring in piano performance and is a student of Dr. Sara Davis Buechner. In December 2006, he was invited by the Philharmonic Orchestra in Xiamen, China for a concerto performance. Other performances have been with the UBC Symphony and UBC Choral Union, notably participating in the Canadian premiere of John Adams's *On the Transmigration of Souls* in 2005 and Sergei Rachmaninov's *Symphonic Dances* in 2006. Matthew participated in the Morningside Music Bridge summer program in 2006 and was selected four times as representative to the Performing Arts BC Provincial Festival by the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival from 2002 to 2005 in provincial and national categories and was the winner in 2003 and runner-up in 2002 and 2004

Jieman Liu

Piano 10 - CMC Quebec Scholarship

Ten year old Jieman Liu began her early piano lessons with her mother; her further studies were under the guidance of Xu Lujia, and in 2005, she became a student of Dr. Sasha Starceвич. In 2004 she received an award of excellence at the 2004 Kiwanis Music Festival, and most recently won the "Most Outstanding Talent Award" for the Intermediate division of the 2006 Richmond Music Festival. She is currently working toward her grade nine piano examination.

Vivian Liu

Piano 8 - First Place, CMC Quebec Scholarship

Vivian Liu, a grade three student at Chaffey-Burke elementary school, began her piano studies at age of four and now is a student of Dr. Sasha Starceвич. As well, she started violin studies at the age of four and is currently studying with Joan Blackman. Vivian competed in CMC 2007 in both instruments. She has won many prizes and scholarships at competitions throughout the BC Lower Mainland. Vivian is also interested in skating, skiing, swimming and ballet dancing.

Jeffrey Luo

Piano 7 - First Place, Canimex Scholarship

Seven-year-old Jeffrey Luo has been studying piano for almost two years and is under the direction of Dr. Sasha Starcevich. Jeffrey has won many awards and scholarships from local festivals and has performed regularly as a soloist and a member of the Donna Fishwick Piano Ensemble. Jeffrey also enjoys playing chess and skiing. He is currently a grade one student at Collingwood School in West Vancouver.

Christine Ngai

Piano 11 – First Place, Canimex Scholarship

Christine is eleven years old and has been studying piano from Susan Wong Lim since age four. Two years ago she first participated in CMC and was a finalist who competed in Edmonton. Christine feels that the CMC experience has helped her grow as a pianist and she also enjoys meeting the other musicians. In her free time, she likes to ski and play badminton; she also plays the clarinet in her school band.

Alan Wong

Piano 9 – Tutti Muzik Scholarship

Alan Wong is nine years old and a Grade four student at St. George's Junior School. He has been playing Piano since age five. He was a CMC Provincial finalist last year.

Benjamin Marks Woo

Piano 15 - First Place, Canimex Scholarship

Benjamin Woo is a grade ten honour roll student in the pre-International Baccalaureate French Immersion program at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Currently, he is working towards his grade 10 cello and ARCT piano examinations. He studies at the Vancouver Academy of Music with Joseph Elworthy (cello) and Lorraine Ambrose (piano). Benjamin is the recipient of numerous local, provincial and national awards, including a first place at the National Finals of the Canadian Music Competition in 2005. He also received the top mark in British Columbia on his grade eight and ten piano RCM examinations.

Emma Woo

Piano 12- First Place, CMC Scholarship



About the Canadian Music Competition (CMC)

The CMC was founded in Montréal as the “National Music Festival” to discover exceptional musical talent. The competition expanded beyond Québec in 1970, and was renamed the Canadian Music Competitions. In 1971, it took a major step toward preparing young Canadian musicians for the rigours of international competition by establishing the International Stepping Stone category. Past winners have gone on to pursue successful careers as solo artists, including: Angela Hewitt, Jon Kimura Parker, Corey Cerovsek, Jane Coop, Ofra Harnoy, Liona Boyd, Janina Fialkowska, and Isabel Bayrakdarian. Today, over 700 young musicians from across the country compete annually in 10 categories as soloists and in ensembles.

Over the past forty years, the CMC has become a vital part of the Canadian music scene, an important part of the musical education process, and a launch-pad for a generation of Canadian musicians. Moreover, it has provided opportunities for individuals and the corporate community to contribute expertise and financial resources to support their communities’ cultural life. The Canadian Music Competition BC Society is a non-profit organisation established to promote and support the Canadian Music Competition. www.cmcbc.com

Saturday Serenades

Saturdays at 2pm, the **Cathedral Guild for the Arts** hosts a series of afternoon concerts in its sanctuary - one of the city's most beautiful historic spaces. Chamber music, piano recitals, vocal concerts, dance presentations - both classical and contemporary - will be featured throughout the year, performed by outstanding professional artists both local and international.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER 29TH: *Music from Inside Out - Viva Italia*

Music inspired by the warm sunshine, blue waters and refreshing breezes of Italy.
featuring Robert Silverman

OCTOBER 6TH: *Cornucopia for Violin and Keyboard*

featuring Andrea Siradze (violin) and Annabelle Paetsch (organ)

OCTOBER 27TH: *Chiaroscuro* *Note: This concert takes place at 3PM*
Poetry, Music and Song

featuring Mary Liz Smith (organ & Piano), Chor Leoni,
Christ Church Cathedral choir and guest soloists

NOVEMBER 3RD: *Originals*

featuring Clare Morgan (celtic harp, vocalist), Debi Wong (guitar, vocalist)

NOVEMBER 17TH: *Music from Inside Out - Final Thoughts*

Late works of Haydn, Brahms & Schubert
featuring Robert Silverman

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