

BCRMTA Minutes of the Meeting held on January 19 2022 on Zoom, hosted by Alison d'Entremont

21 Attendees:

Alison d'Entremont
Kevin Thompson
Sylvia Leigh
Emma Shi
Michelle Bumpus
Dianne Szarapka
Leslie Chen
Christy Kuettel
Esther Neufeld
Wendy Chan
Lea Tsui
Rebecca Yew
Sandra Starek
Colleen Branson
Lydia Yang
Sharon Farhenhorst
Janet Gonzales
Andrea Mesana
Catherine Bundt
Carmen Roberts
Eva Law

Welcome by Alison d'Entremont, President.

Treasurer's Report – Emma Shi.

Available online.

South Fraser Music Festival May 2 – 7 – Christy Kuettel, Convenor

Christy has reworked the syllabus as all grades have been combined into one festival. She has confirmed outstanding adjudicators for every level and class. All Adjudicator information is included in the syllabus.

There will again be a composition festival, to be held on Saturday May 7.

Northwood United's floorplan allows for us to follow Covid Safety protocols easily.

To keep the festival within one week, the days are scheduled from

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Saturday is 9 – 5.

Ross Salvosa, one of our adjudicators has agreed to do his workshop "Let the Music Speak" for teachers.

The topic deals with performance anxiety. He will also perform a concert for us. These events will take place mid week. Ross has generously offered to donate the money from ticket sales to our festival!

Composition festival will be held in person on Saturday May 7 with our adjudicator, Dr. Roydon Tse on Zoom from Toronto.

Changes to the piano festival include the option to enter pieces in Concert Group, Concert Pair and Etude Pair in order to minimize contact. Single piece classes are offered as usual.

Kevin asked if there is a limit in number of entries. The answer is not at this point.

Re awards: no medallions to avoid distribution etc. Suspended for this year. Instead will do scholarships for each grade level. Winners will be chosen by adjudicators, as usual.

The composition festival will present three awards and a trophy, same as last time.

Celebration Recital is back in play, to be held on Saturday May 14. Tom Lee provides their downtown Vancouver concert hall with Steinway. They facilitate it including all the technology involved. Students can contribute their piece either by zoom or go in person. Tom Lee has agreed to waive the entire fee plus they are doing all the work. They can MC or we can. Awards can be handed out/announced at event.

Emma discussed the Richmond Tom Lee venue as well.

There is only one fee – for a second piano on stage for our ensembles.

Syllabus is going online very shortly – entry forms soon after. Deadline for entry is March 14.

Composition deadline April 15th.

Kevin thanked Christy for all her hard work on this.

Christy expressed much optimism and enthusiasm for this festival – let's make it the best one yet!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1) **JANE COOP** 2:00 Feb 27 at Langley Community Music School. Students participating are from CMS, Shelley Gimbel offered us 2 spots for students. 30 – 35 seats available for our branch. RSVP to Shelley. This event is free! Poster will be on website in a day or two.

2) Maureen absent – Alison reported masterclass at Northwood, 12:30 – 5:00 PM February 20 with **JANE HAYES**.

Anyone wishing to have a student participate should email Maureen asap. No fee for parents. Performer fee \$60. Observer fee \$20.

Branch fees due Feb 15. Avoid late fees, renew now!

Provincial Council Rep: Esther Neufeld will serve as 3rd rep when required.

Archives

Report: Archiving on the Branch Website - by Michelle Bumpus

In regards to archiving minutes, Susan is just beginning to scan the first few minutes from 1963 and saving them to pdf files, which she will then send to me. For ease of sharing, I set up a OneDrive folder for her to place all the minutes into as she goes. And then from there, I can put them one by one onto the website. For those of you that don't know, the OneDrive is very similar to Google Drive & Dropbox where everything is saved on the cloud. If you share a folder with someone, you both have access to it and can exchange files easily that way. We are still looking for Branch Meeting Minutes from these

dates: 2008 - Jan, Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov 2009 - Apr, Sep, Nov 2010 - Jan, Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov 2011 - Jan, Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov 2012 - Jan, Apr, Jun Respectfully submitted
Michelle reported on Archives. Michelle will send me the notes.

Most exciting news of the day – we found a secretary: Lydia Yang!
Alison conducted the formal election and welcomed Lydia to the executive team.

Sylvia moved to adjourn meeting.