

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

South Fraser Branch of BC Registered Music Teachers' Association

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Northwood United Church, 10 am

### **21 Attendees:**

Alison d'Entremont

Lydia Yang

Calla Strain

Kevin Thompson

Andrea Mesana

Leah Lifton

Adolf Lin

Esther Neufeld

Kamela Christaki

Carmen Roberts

Paulette Nielsen

Sandra Starek

Sylvia Leigh

Leslie Chen

Eva Law

Catherine Bundt

Sharon Farhenhorst

Léa Tsui

Jane Hou

Jennifer Condie

Christy Kuettel

**Welcome** by Alison d'Entremont, President

**Reading of the Minutes:** Alison summarized the main issues discussed from the previous meeting held via zoom January, 19<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Sandra Starek, seconded by Christy Kuettel to adopt the minutes as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Alison d'Entremont

• **A new treasure: Megumi Ontani**

We had lost our treasure suddenly and unexpectedly. After calling a number of people, Alison was able to connect with Megumi Ontani, and she agreed to take on the position.

## Elections:

Alison conducted the formal election and **Megumi Ontani** was officially elected as our new treasurer. There was no official treasurer's report due to this special circumstance but will be a budget meeting soon.

## Business:

### 1. South Fraser Music Festival Report: Christy Kuettel

- **Composition Festival deadline** was extended to April, 25. It will be over zoom on Friday due to the current situation.
- **The festival schedule for students** were sent to all teachers. Teachers were asked to contact Christy if they need any correction.
- **Duties:** Christy desperately asked teachers for help with duties, particularly afternoon and evening ones. She had only four teachers who would be available in the evening. Getting student volunteers who are polite and responsible for greeting/supervising would also work great.
- **Celebration Recital:** Christy suggested that we should change our venue for the celebration recital from Downtown Tom Lee to the Northwood United Church due to the limited capacity of holding huge number of students and their families and teachers and long travel distance from the South Fraser Area. She is setting up with Janice to do three recitals on Sunday. Christy asked teachers' opinions. Kevin and other teachers agreed with Christy's proposition. Christy will talk to Janice to confirm all this. **Other issues we discussed regarding celebration recitals** – it will be divided into three small recitals (Alison suggested 2:30pm, 4:00 pm, and 5:30 pm) Junior and Senior recitals will be separated and there will be waiting zone to proceed the recitals in more organized way. No refreshment will be provided, but some goodies (wrapped cookies) will be handing out.
- **Thursday Workshop/Recital by Dr. Ross:** Christy strongly encouraged teachers to attend Dr. Ross Salvosa's pedagogy workshop on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and to bring their students to the evening concert of Dr. Ross on the same day.
- **COVID Restriction:** There is no official restriction. It is each person's own choice to wear a mask or not. A hand sanitizer will be provided for students and others. The piano keys will be wiped between classes.

Sandra and other teachers expressed their appreciation to Christy for her hard work and enthusiasm for the festival.

**The below one is an updated report from Christy after the branch meeting.**

Festival will include Dr. Ross Salvosa, Irene Setiawa, Michelle Mares, Dr. Terence Dawson and Elizabeth Bergmann. (yay)

1. We will hold an in person series of Celebration Recitals Sunday May 8th between 2:30pm and 9:00pm This is booked. We have cancelled the TomLee Vancouver Hybrid recital May 14th.
  2. Composition reg is still open until April 25th...Please send in submissions to Christy.kuettel@gmail.com
  3. You have until April 22nd to send in any necessary corrections.
  4. A need for afternoon and evening duties was expressed. A Few teachers came forward to offer more help
- 2. Membership Updates:** Our branch got two new members, Adolf Lin, a flute teacher and Leanne Koch, a voice teacher. Adolf was welcomed by Alison and other members, but Leanne was absent.
- 3. Sound Vision 2022 Information:**
1. Hello, from the Mid-Island Branch
  2. We would like to invite you to the SoundVision 2022 Conference that will take place September 16 and 17 in Parksville.
  3. The opening event will be the BC Piano Competition featuring the performances of our province's most promising students. The competition will be adjudicated by Edwin Ghandt, who will also be giving the keynote address later Friday evening. The meet and greet time before the keynote address is sure to provide a wonderful opportunity to re- connect or make new connections with colleagues from across the province. The Saturday schedule has been organized to allow everyone to attend every event. Edwin will demonstrate bringing out students' artistry in a masterclass.
  4. Rena Sharon will share insights into the extensive values of collaborative music making. Shamma Sabir will enlighten us on the psychology of this complex art in we are engaged.

5. Heather Walker will bring awareness to the role of the Alexander Technique in our musical life. David Duke will discuss the significant contributions of women composers throughout musical development. Saturday afternoon will finish with a round table discussion with our presenters. Following the banquet, the Piano Competition Finals will be the culmination of Saturday's activities.
6. The cost is only \$275 for members.
7. This includes all the sessions, the Piano Competition plus Saturday's Breakfast, lunch and banquet dinner. A complete schedule and information on all the presenters is in the current PROGRESSION magazine.
8. The venue is Tigh-Na-Mara, a lovely waterfront property in Parksville with a world-class spa and renowned food. A special room rate has been negotiated which is also available for the days before and after the conference for those who wish to extend their time of rejuvenation. There are also cottages and bungalows available that sleep 4 or 6.
9. Tigh-Na-Mara is following current governmental mandates meaning that all those who attend must be double vaccinated and wear masks indoors. For those who have concerns about attending in person the conference will be livestreamed and events will be accessible for the 30 days following. Cost of the online version is \$89 for members. Registration is online only at <https://soundyision2022> square site. This link can be found on the BCRMTA website or in Progressions.
10. Thank you for allowing us to share today. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Susan Schleppe: [schleppesmusicstudio@shaw.ca](mailto:schleppesmusicstudio@shaw.ca)

SoundVision2022 Committee

**4. Jane Hayes Workshop Report: A Letter was submitted by Maureen Hollins**  
**Report: South Fraser Branch sponsored Master Classes.**

The second South Fraser Branch sponsored Master Class took place on Sunday, 20th February, 2022 at Northwood United Church. Our guest pedagogue was Jane Hayes.

Five students of RCM grades 10 and 11, - each from a different teacher-presented repertoire. Each performer received approximately 50 minutes of teaching time.

As an organizer of this event, I could have scheduled one or two more performers and decreased the amount of teaching time for each student. Only five students applied. They truly benefitted from a rich learning experience.

The session welcomed observers. About 15 attended. It was encouraging to see teachers in-person once again. Several teachers had attended the first Master Class with Elizabeth Bergmann.

Jane Hayes shared that she much appreciated an in-person Master Class with such well-prepared students. She also noted that she continues to learn at every class she gives. It reminded me of the words soprano Measha Brueggergosman offered at our National CMFTA/FCAPM Convention 2021:

“We are great teachers because we are committed to remaining teachable.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Hollins 20  
April 2022.

## **5. Website Revisions Update: A letter was submitted by Michelle Bumpus**

### **The content of the submitted letter includes:**

The website needs to be updated.

The website went live 7 years ago and survived two major WordPress updates. It now needs more updates to continue to function as designed. If we keep the website as is, it will have to run on a non-supported PHP version with out-dated software that can no longer be updated.

The website update will be a paid service.

With an upgrade like this, it is difficult to predict exactly how much will be needed to be fixed. Jerry Wang, the South Fraser Website Designer, will put a cap of \$500 on the website update. If there are more issues discovered than expected, he will report back.

The Executive voted and all agreed to go ahead with the website update.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Bumpus,  
South Fraser Webmaster

## **6. Special Announcement of Recognition:**

Lydia Yang received BCRMTA Pedagogy Award for the highest aggregate mark in her pedagogy examination. She got a complimentary one-year membership in BCRMTA and a cheque. A special gift (Orchid) for Lydia was presented to congratulate her on her success.

**Adjournment:** Alison made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kevin and Catherine.