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**Vancouver Centre
Newsletter**



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RCCO Student Recital

The biennial RCCO Student Recital took place very successfully on May 7 at St. Mary's Kerrisdale. Performers Haruyo Abramson, Michael Blais, Joan Chard, Cindy Ma, Gail Ovington, and Alex and Max Schmidt impressed and moved the audience with works ranging from Buxtehude to Bédard and including Gigout, Sidney Campbell, T Mee Patterson, and J. S. Bach of course! In addition to the solo performances, twin brothers Alex and Max Schmidt played duets by Denis Bédard.

The concert was followed by a reception in the parish hall, and the whole event was organized by St. Mary's organist and long time RCCO member Susan Ohannesian. Thank you Susan!



RCCO AGM (Annual General Meeting)

For RCCO members, the annual general meeting of the RCCO Vancouver Centre will be held on June 10th at St. John's Shaughnessy, with sailing, console time, and light refreshments. For those who found the unsettled result of the provincial election unsatisfying, our executive elections should be concluded with far more celerity and clarity! Furthermore, all members in attendance will once again have an opportunity to shape the events, focus, and activities for the coming year. Of particular note this time is our hope to launch a "local clinician" program to supplement the national "traveling clinician" program, so as to offer more to both professional and amateur organists in the GVRD. Membership in the RCCO is much more than simply a subscription to Organ Canada!

★ Upcoming Concerts and Events

Friday, May 19, 8pm, St. Andrew's Wesley United Church

Oratorio Singers, with director Darryl Nixon and organist Michael Molnar

Saint-Saëns Requiem Mass and works by Ravel, Debussy, Poulenc, Lauridson, and Duruflé

Tickets \$25.

Saturday, May 20, 2:00pm, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organist Barry Waterlow

By donation.

Saturday, May 27, 8:00pm, Shaughnessy Heights United Church

Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra – St.-Saëns Organ Symphony

Works by Wagner, Grondahl, Prokofiev, Saint-Saëns

Guest organist: Rachel Alflatt

By donation.

Saturday, May 27, 8:00pm, Ryerson United Church

Jubilate Choir – Sacred Classics for Choir and Organ

Duruflé Requiem, works by Stanford, Vaughan-Williams, Mendelssohn

Guest organist: David Enlow

Tickets \$25, \$20, \$15.

Saturday, June 17, 2:00pm, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Music from Then to Now

Organist Gail Ovington and saxophonist Carmen Renta

Works by Sweelinck, Handel, Bach, Rheinberger, Campbell, and Bédard

By donation.

Monday, August 14 – Thursday, August 17

Carillon Music's Church Music Summer Institute

Instructor: Ay-Laung Wang

Friday, October 20, 8:00pm, Holy Rosary Cathedral

From France: Organist Jérôme Faucheur in Concert.

More info to come later this summer.

Tickets \$20 adult, \$15 student/senior.

Friday, October 27, 7:30pm, St. Andrew's Wesley United Church

RCCO Halloween Concert

An evening of spooky music by various ghosts and ghouls!

Free admission, donations accepted.

★ Pipe Organ Spotlight

While it is our normal practice to showcase a local instrument, we are pleased to be able to bring to the attention of our readers a video made by local organist Robert Ramsey. This is a special "Vancouver Island" edition of our Pipe Organ Spotlight, featuring a small historic instrument:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGj8mula7Ww>

★ Introducing New Members

If not involved with membership coordination or writing reports to the national office, it is easy to miss members joining our center. We have several dozen members, and we welcome new people frequently. In this section of the e-newsletter, we would like to introduce two of our newest members.

Katherine Hume is the Music Director at St. Hilda's Anglican Church in Sechelt and works professionally as a pianist, church musician and music educator. In 2016, she founded the "Music Arising! St Hilda's Recital Series" which presents affordable live music in eclectic genres such as jazz, classical, folk and world music by local and regional artists and showcases the church's beautiful acoustics, grand piano and Casavant pipe organ. A graduate of McGill University and of Trinity College of Music (UK), Katherine was organist at churches in Montreal and at the Chapelle St-Pierre in Switzerland. As a collaborative pianist, her performance with French Horn player Barbara Hill was featured on CBC Radio 2's "Westcoast Performance". She has extensive experience in church and community choirs and was a member of various choirs, including the McGill Chamber Singers, and L'ensemble vocale de l'orchestre symphonique de Montréal. Katherine will be attending the Montreal Organ Festival in July and hopes to see many of you there.

Angelique Po is a pianist, harpsichordist, organist and. Her versatility and broad range of interests in music style have led her into collaborations with several local ensembles and soloists. Her recent projects including playing the piano in a rare performance of Galina Ustvolskaya's Grand Duet with cellist Laine Longton, and TomoeArts' production of Farshid Samandari's new chamber opera Kayoi Komachi. As a composer, she has written for various small ensembles, including the Piano and Erhu Project (PEP) with Corey Hamm and Nicole Li. She studied piano, harpsichord, organ and composition at UBC and is currently a board member with Vancouver Pro Musica, an organization dedicated to promoting and performing new music created by BC composers.

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