



THE ROYAL CANADIAN
COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS

**Vancouver Centre
Newsletter**



Autumn Edition
September, 2015



★ Vancouver Centre AGM

At our annual general meeting that was held on September 12th, a decision was made to publish an e-newsletter, so we'll offer a seasonal letter, to be sent out each autumn, winter, and spring.

The day was wonderful and included pre and post meeting boating sessions:



From our pre-meeting sail



From our post-meeting boat ride out to Point Atkinson on the North Shore

More pictures can be found on Facebook at RCCO Vancouver.

Special thanks to **Michael Dirk** for providing the sailboat, and to everyone who attended the meeting to help us plan our year ahead.

Look forward to:

- Many great organ concerts and events.
- New promotional materials for our centre.
- Some RCCO Vancouver website improvements.
- A new CD production by our own Denis Bédard.

★ Upcoming Concerts

Sunday, October 4, 3:00pm, Good Shepherd Catholic Church
20th Anniversary of the Installation of Good Shepherd Church Pipe Organ
Organist Michael Dirk & the Stella Maris Concert Choir.
Works by J.S. Bach, J.P. Sweelinck, D. Nixon, D. Bédard, and L. Vierne.
Admission \$10 adult \$8 senior.

Friday, October 16, 7:00pm, St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church
Trumpets and Organ: Katherine Evans, Christopher Robertson, and Darryl Nixon.
Duets by Gervaise, Webber, Bach, Aldrovandini, Charpentier, Delibes, and trumpet solos by Peeters, Handel, Copeland, Stevens. Organ solos by Bach and Handel
Tickets \$25, available at the door.

Friday, October 30 7:30 pm, St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church
RCCO Halloween Organ Recital
Costumes and dark music, with seasonal treats at the reception afterwards.
Free admission, donations accepted.

Friday, November 6, 8:00pm, Holy Rosary Cathedral
Variations and Passacaglias: organist Denis Bédard in concert.
Works by Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Valente, Litaize, Bédard, Guilmant, Rinck, Scheidt, and J. S. Bach, including Bach's Passacaglia and Fugue.
Tickets \$20 adult, \$15 student/senior.

Wednesday, November 11, 11:30am, St. Mary's Kerrisdale
God our Refuge and Guide: Remembrance Day Organ Recital by Susan Ohannesian
A fundraiser for Syrian Migrants via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.
Music by Bach, Haydn and Howells.
By donation.

Sunday, November 22 3:00pm, Ryerson United Church
Sundays at 3, concert by organist Michael Murray and guests Shane Hanson, Corey Hamm, and soprano chorus.
Works by Vierne, Bach, Hill, Pärt, Walcha, Litaize, and Sweelinck.
Tickets \$15 general, \$10 student, available at the door.

Friday, January 29, 2016 8:00pm, Holy Rosary Cathedral
Canadian Virtuoso Organist Ken Cowan.
Featuring transcriptions of Mendelssohn's "Scherzo" from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Wagner's "Prelude to Die Meistersinger", and works by Vierne and others.
Tickets \$25 adult, \$20 student/senior.

BC Culture Days

Both organs at St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church were featured as part of BC Culture Days on September 26, when Christina Hutten and Darryl Nixon offered organ demonstrations in the afternoon, followed by a recital by Christina Hutten in the evening.

New Promotional Materials

Some of you are familiar with our popular "Pipe Demo Table", but now you can also expect to see a stand with Organ Canada magazines, and a new standing banner with the recently redesigned RCCO logo on it and information about our Centre.

Website Improvements

Most of what the RCCO offers (lending library, scholarships, certification, etc.) comes through the National, and we are making our website a better bridge between our local Centre and the national resources. Also, we have added a teacher list and are working to highlight all that we can provide for our members.

We encourage you to visit the RCCO Vancouver Centre website at: <http://www.rcco.bc.ca>

You will also find more info about upcoming concerts on the RCCO Vancouver Centre website at: <http://www.rcco.bc.ca/wp/calendar/>

New CD by Denis Bédard

Following a proposal by our Regional Director, Sam Balden, the Centre is participating financially with Sam in a recording of the music of Denis Bédard, honouring Denis for his contributions to the organ world through his recitals and compositions. Denis will be the principal performer. Planned completion date is June 2016, recording available late 2016 or early 2017. Denis and the Centre will share the ultimate sale proceeds.

★ Pipe Organ Spotlight

Every newsletter, we will showcase an instrument (and often a local organist to go with it!), to help you become better acquainted with the fascinating organs, people, and churches in this beautiful city of Vancouver.

With so many events taking place there this fall, **St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church** is the feature for this Autumn Newsletter.



The console of the main organ in the Sanctuary

St. Andrew's-Wesley is one of the few places in Vancouver with *two* pipe organs, the larger Casavant seen above (59 stops, ~3000 pipes), and a chapel organ (13 stops, ~500 pipes).

More information can be found at:

<http://www.musiqueorguequebec.ca/orgues/canada/vancouverawuc.html>
(scroll down for English)

★ In Memoriam

Earlier this year, two members of the RCCO Vancouver Centre passed away:

Past president Gordon Atkinson, on May 5th 2015.

Longtime member of the executive Robert North, on June 24th, 2015.

Our condolences to their families.

★ Useful Information

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