

VERNON COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

WINTER 2023

BEACH RADIO 107.5 Presents
SAT | DEC 9th | 7p
ANDREW ALLEN
ALL HEARTS COME HOME
Featuring The Annual Christmas Show
THE CARRIAGE HOUSE ORCHESTRA



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Rehearsal Ready

This year the Carriage House Orchestra will be performing with Andrew Allen at the All Hearts Come Home Christmas Show on Saturday December 9th. The show is nearly sold out which means there will be up to 700 people in the audience!

It is such a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in a large scale show with multi-platinum singer/songwriter Andrew Allen. Violin and cello students have been practicing all of their pieces to ensure that their parts are sparkling for the performance!

Andrew came by this week to rehearse with students during one of the many rehearsals. The lyrics and melodies of holiday favourites including Jingle bells and Feliz Navidad could be heard drifting through the carriage house and across the parking lot.

*For more information about the concert please contact Ardeth, Bev, Libby, Morna or Natalie. If you want to purchase tickets there are still a handful left on the ticketseller website.



YULETIDE UKULELE

JAMES HILL
& *Anne Janelle*

OSO PRESENTS

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 17th** for the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra's Christmas performance! Described as a 'dazzling live performer', ukulele virtuoso James Hill strums in the season. Joined by his wife and song-writing partner, cellist Anne Janelle, they celebrate the launch of their brand-new Christmas recording, *The Midnight Clear*, with this appearance. The perfect balance of new musical gifts and traditional favourites, this festive program will instill the holiday spirit into the whole family. Tickets can be purchased through ticketseller.ca

BOO!



HALLOWEEN FUN IN MUSIC MAKERS



SPOOKTACULAR FUN!

We've had such great classes in Music Makers this October! From making pumpkin drums and ghost mallets, to egg shaking songs, to pumpkin rolling games, these young musicians had a spooktacular time during Halloween week! Great work everyone, your costumes looked terrific!

NOCCA PRESENTS

On **Thursday, January 25th**, the North Okanagan Community Concert Association is proud to present Haerim Elizabeth Lee and David Fung to the Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre. Korean violinist, Haerime Elizabeth Lee, has developed a playing style indicative of the very essence of her personality; passionate, deliberate and often witty. Liz describes her interpretation of George Gershwin's violin and piano works as a "contemporary take on timeless music that captures the vibrant spirit of New York City as it once was and as it is now". Her new album, *My Time is Now*, will delight die-hard Gershwin fans and capture the hearts of new followers. Tickets can be purchased at ticketseller.ca or by phoning 250-549-SHOW.

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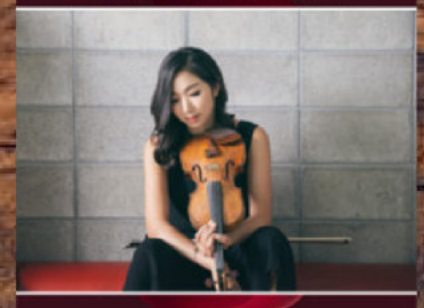




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OKTOPUS in OCTOBER

The second North Okanagan Community Concert of the 2023-24 season featured our very own Music School cello student Anders Erikson as the youth opener. Not only did he mesmerize the audience with his performance of Haydn's Cello Concerto in C Major, 1st Mvt. Moderato, and the theme from Phantom of the Opera, arr. by G. Kiraly - but also had the tremendous opportunity to perform a piece with Oktopus during the concert! Accompanied by violinists Ardeth, Lena and Evy Erikson, and cellist George Kiraly, Anders performed in front of an enthusiastic and engaged audience with a giant smile on his face. Well done, Anders! Thank you for representing the Music School so beautifully, and congratulations to the entire quintet. It was a truly enjoyable and lively evening. The next NOCCA concert is scheduled for November 28th with Quartetto Gelato, with Music School violin student Autumn Sunderland as the youth opener. This will be another concert you won't want to miss!



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Halloween Fun

How great is this? Kim Clarke's Piano Studio had their annual Halloween recital in October, with performances from spooktacularly dressed students! Well done everyone, what a fun way to spend an afternoon 🎃🎵



More Halloween Fun

These budding cello and violin enthusiasts love their instruments so much, they decided to dress up like them for Halloween! Each student of the Strings Primer program, led by Ardeth Erikson, cut out and decorated their instruments extremely well. Vivaldi and Yo-Yo Ma would be so impressed! Well done, Strings Primer, your creativity and colourful works of art are acceso! 🎻🎵

Imants Ramiņš, Laura Zariņa, Viktorija Majore un Liepājas SO, Foto: Gatis Ošenieks



Congratulations, Imant!

Our very own Vernon Community Music School violin teacher, Imant Raminsh, just celebrated a momentous birthday in September – and to commemorate his birthday, his home country of Latvia invited him for a concert trip to honour his music. Below is the write up from Latvian Public Media, introducing Imant and all of his accomplishments.

“Live from the Ventspils concert hall “Latvija” – the 80th anniversary concert of composer Imant Ramiņš, the first part of which featured a cappella choral works, and the second part – the Latvian premiere of the Violin Concerto with a solo by Laura Zariņa (violin) and Viktorija Majora (soprano), as well as Psalm 104. I will sing to the Lord”. Māris Sirmāis, conductor of the State Academic Choir “Latvija” and the Liepāja Symphony Orchestra .

The composer was born on September 18, 1943 in Ventspils. His family fled into exile in Germany in 1944 and came to Canada in 1948. They settled in Cochrane, Ontario. Imant’s violin teacher in Toronto was Albert Pratz and he attended Jarvis Collegiate Institute. He received an ARTC diploma from the Royal Toronto Conservatory in violin, and his undergraduate degree was a BMus.

After studying music in Salzburg, he returned to Canada and went to Prince George, British Columbia, where he founded the music department at the College of New Caledonia and worked there until 1972. Founded the New Caledonian Chamber Orchestra (1971), which was renamed the Prince George Orchestra in 1981, the Okanagan Youth Symphony Orchestra (1989), the Nova Children’s Choir (1983), the Aura Chamber Choir (1979). He has been an active presenter of discussions and symposia at conferences dedicated to choral music (e.g. at the World Choral Music Festival in Vancouver). Since 1977, he has been a teacher at the Vernon Community Music School. He was the Choral Director of the OSO Chorus from 1978 to 1982 and a principal player from 1978 until the early 2010’s.

Imant’s music has been performed on all continents by many prominent musicians and groups. Among the most important commissioned works are the Violin Concerto composed for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Bassoon Concerto for George Zuckerman and “Sonnets to Orpheus” for the Toronto Orpheus Choir, as well as large-scale works for the St. Lawrence Choir in Montreal and the Mendelssohn Choir in Toronto. As a conductor, he participated in performances of several works by himself and other contemporary composers. He was the laureate of the Karl Gopper Foundation (2005). Received Okanagan Music Award (2011).” In 2007, Imant received the Latvian Order of the Three Stars, and in 2018 he received the Order of Canada.

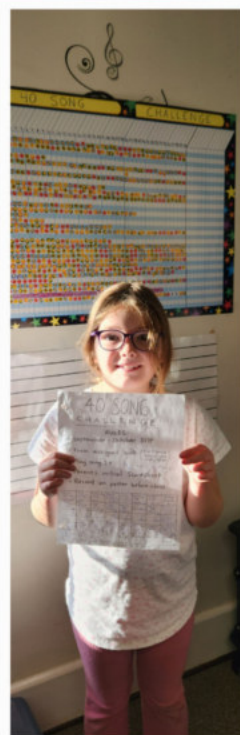
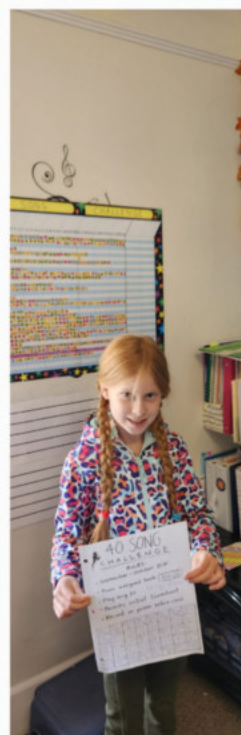
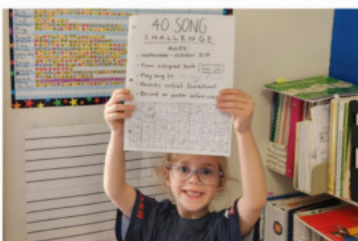
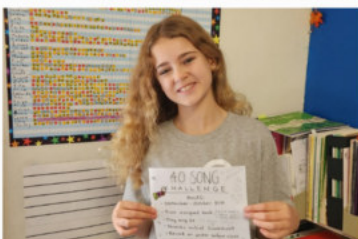
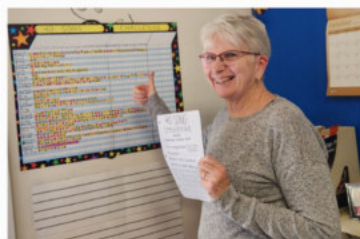
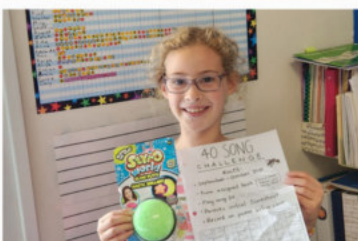
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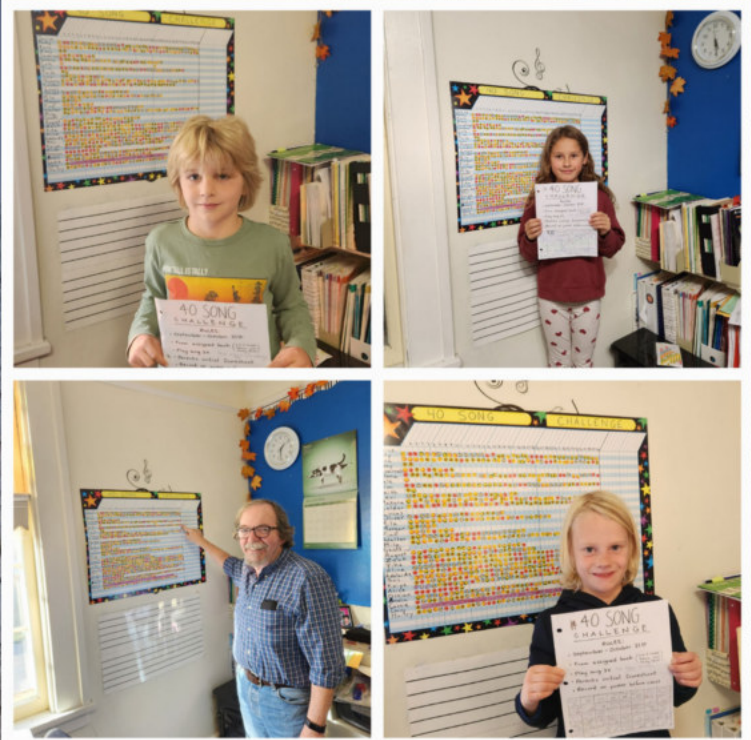
The Vernon Community Music School Visits Swan Lake Market and Garden Centre -

The Vernon Community Music School was at Swan Lake Market & Garden Centre this weekend, performing spooktacular hits for Halloween! Students from Jennifer Fawcett, Daisy Penner, Kim Clarke and Ken Scott's studios performed for shoppers throughout the store. Way to go, everyone! Excellent costumes!



40 Song Challenge in Mrs. Daisy's Studio





Congratulations to these students from Mrs. Daisy's Piano Studio, who completed the fall 40 song challenge. This is a sight reading challenge where students learned 40 NEW pieces, playing them three times each. This challenge was a great way to get students playing the piano again after summer break. Way to go, everyone!

*Missing from the photos above are Vika Brodsky and Zack Brodsky.



Groove is in the Heart

The guitar masterclass was a huge success this fall, as Ken Scott and his students worked on the classic 90's funky pop song "Groove is in the Heart", learning great funky rhythms on various drums. The song has wonderful guitar riffs and strums, and great drum beats for the students to work with. In the first half of the workshop, participants learned rhythms on percussion instruments such as the Djembe, Dundun, Congas. In the 2nd half of the workshop, the guitarists played along with the percussionists, playing the parts that were learned during the private lessons. The end result was a wonderful day full of music, rhythm and a lot of fun!



The Musical Munchkins were off to the races with a levitating good time this month! Parachute play is always a favourite among the crowd - going on top, going underneath, and twirling all around it. This program is just one of the ways our kids are exploring the gifts of music. This day was all about rhythm, singing, and sound - so much fun for a one year old! Musical Munchkins is a ten week program run by Ms. Natalie, and is an introductory primer for infants 0-23 months and their caregivers. These child centred classes

provide a sensory rich experience for infants as they participate in musical stories and songs. Connections happen through shared experiences and activities based on rhythm, melody, movement and pitch. Great work, everyone!



Quartetto Gelato and Autumn Sunderland

Autumn's Colours Shine Brightly

What a performance! Autumn Sunderland, violin student of Bev Martens, performed as the youth opener for the third NOCCA - North Okanagan Community Concert Association concert in the 2023-24 season on November 28th, Quartetto Gelato, and was absolutely outstanding! Accompanied by Paul Dykstra, Autumn performed Vocalise by Rachmaninoff and Burleska by Suk in a truly emotional and captivating way. For the piece by Suk, the audience watched in admiration as Autumn's fingers flew up and down the neck of the violin, while at the same time dancing on the fingerboard. Autumn, you are so inspiring. Congratulations on such a remarkable performance, you were absolutely stunning. The whole evening was such a treat!

🌟: Malinda Sunderland



Paul Dykstra and Autumn Sunderland

Evy Erikson



Youth Opener - January 25th, 2024

Tickets at ticketseller.ca

Upcoming Christmas Recitals:

- Daisy Penner - December 8th
- Margaret Burton - December 9th
- Karen Rempel - December 9th
- Carole Ruth - December 16th

Upcoming Christmas Recitals:

- Kim Clarke - December 16th
- Stephany Chappell - December 17th
- Lauren Derksen - December 20th

confirm with your teacher if you have questions!

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a Merry
Christmas
and a
WONDERFUL
New Year