

# Musical Notes

Vernon Community Music School  
Winter, 2019

## Tis the Season....

As the snow falls to the ground, crunching underneath our boots, we look around to see signs of Christmas magic everywhere we go. Our neighbours go out of their way to help others, people seem happier, and the sounds of laughter echoes throughout the street. Teachers are preparing their students for their annual recitals, happening throughout the month of December. As the year winds down, all of us at the Vernon Community Music School wish you and your families the very



best for 2020. The community we are building at the school is a special one, and we are so thankful you are a part of it. "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." - Elf



## New Merchandise

Looking for the perfect gift for your favourite musician? Do members of your family keep losing their music or forget to bring it to their lessons? Are you looking for a versatile bag to carry your snacks/small instruments/homework in? Look no further! Check out these great bags that have just arrived for the season! Each bag is \$20, and with three vibrant and lovable colours to choose from, there is one for everyone you love.



## Annual Leaf Raking Festival

The most talked about event of the season was another success this year! The Annual Leaf Raking Festival happened in November three days before our first snowfall. Spirits were high, leaves were raked and stomped on, and the rain held off. Hot coffee, cookies and oranges kept our bellies full. Thank you to everyone who came to participate in the festivities, we're looking forward to next year already!







Above: A few of our cello students, Angela, Holly and Pieter, were able to participate in a Masterclass with Bryan Cheng (one half of Cheng<sup>2</sup> Duo) at the end of October. Cheng<sup>2</sup> Duo's refreshing approach to showcasing classical music to new audiences of all backgrounds is steeped in a rare balance of infectious joy and enthusiasm in their playing on one hand, and mature, historically-informed, and profound interpretations on the other. How exciting for these cello students!

The Flute Masterclass took place at the beginning of November, organized by our own Margaret Burton. Canadian flutist Dr. Suzanne Snizek is highly regarded for her deeply lyrical phrasing, dazzling virtuosity and a "no holds barred" approach in her performances. Thank you to all who came out for this great event!



## Informative Masterclasses

What a busy and fantastic start at the Music School this Fall! We had several Masterclasses that took place; opportunities where professional musicians connect one-on-one with students to provide information about the mechanics of specific instruments and how to play them better.




Above: Also at the end of October, members of the Lafayette Quartet from UVIC were performing at the NOCCA - North Okanagan Community Concert Association concert on Saturday evening, and on Saturday afternoon they gave a wonderful masterclass for some of our violin and cello students. The Lafayette String Quartet members are currently professors at UVIC and are instructing Julien Haynes and Libby Wyse, both former violin students of Bev Martens here at the Music School. The violinists taking part in the masterclass were Mathais Volk and Anna Konrad. Thank you, Lafayette Quartet, for sharing your knowledge!



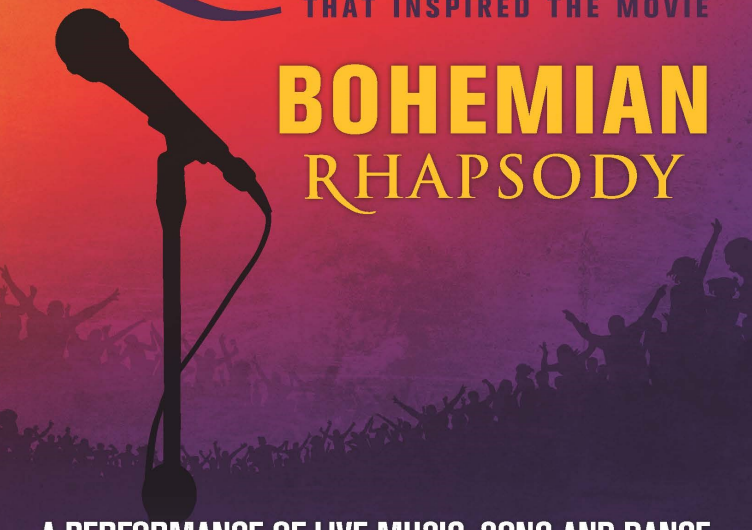
## Glee Presents the Music of Queen— **SOLD OUT!**

This spectacular performance by our very own Glee Club is now sold out for the whole weekend! The singing and dancing show choir is guaranteed to “we will, we will, Rock You”. No hearing assistance will be required! Look forward to being taken on a musical rock n roll journey. This performance will entertain you from the moment it starts until the moment it ends! The desire to sing and dance along will be hard to resist. The performance will bring to life the music QUEEN! Glee will also be featuring their very own band of well known and loved local musicians. They are again fortunate to have Vernon's own Darby Mills join them. Heather Stranks and Jens Goerner of City Dance are also featured.

If you were lucky enough to get tickets to this glorious event, we hope you enjoy every moment of it! Send us your photos for a chance to be featured on our web-site and social media pages!






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Did you know the Music School has an account at Chasers Bottle Depot? After you're finished cleaning out the garage, bring your recyclables in for a refund and consider donating to our account (Account 28). We have several large maintenance projects we are saving for, and need all the help we can get! Thank you so much for your help!



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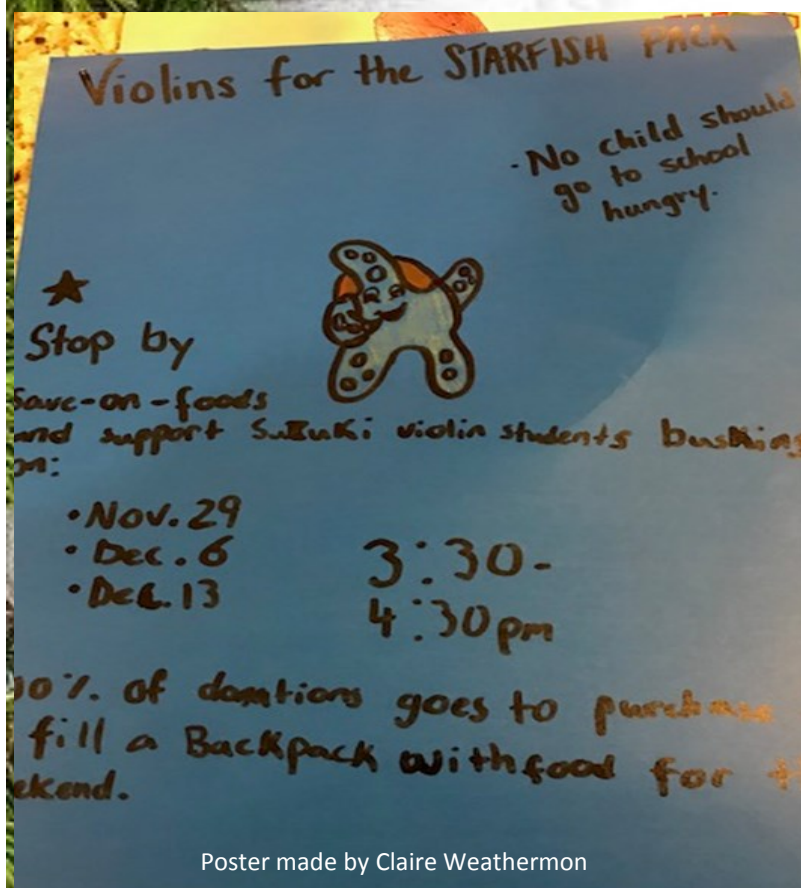
## Helping Out In The Community

We are beyond excited to help out our community whenever we can, so at the end of November musicians from our Suzuki violin program were at Save-On-Foods, raising money for the local Starfish Backpack program. The Starfish program was created in response to teachers hearing the cry of their students. Teachers were heartbroken to hear their students were coming to class Monday morning hungry, reporting that they had not eaten over the weekend. Food, including fresh fruit and vegetables are placed in a backpack for students who might otherwise not have a meal over the weekend. All of the funds raised by our Music School students will go towards helping to fill these backpacks, which are handed out to students throughout our community.



Looking for a way to support this project? Fantastic! There are three more Fridays that you can help! Stop by Save-On-Foods on December 6th or December 13th and donate your spare change from 3:30-4:30pm. 100% of the money raised goes towards the Starfish program. Children helping children...a win-win situation!

If you are unable to make it to Save-On-Foods, feel free to stop by the Music School and leave a donation anytime during office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am—5:00pm. Thank you so much for your support!





# DIGITAL RECORDING WORKSHOP

The Vernon Community Music School, in conjunction with Creative BC | Province of BC, and Joe Cruz of Beat Academy, offers a digital recording workshop to show you how to record and produce your own music!

Join us to learn more about:

- The basics of digital audio
- The basics of music production and mixing digital audio effects
- How to create and work with looped sections, create orchestrated sections, backgrounds, and make rhythms and beats

Have control over your own content without having to pay for studio time!

For more information please contact Ken Scott, at [kgsguitarstudio@gmail.com](mailto:kgsguitarstudio@gmail.com)

## FEBRUARY 29—MARCH 1, 2020

Joe Cruz is a graduate from the prestigious University Of British Columbia Music Program in Vancouver, and is a Los Angeles based songwriter/composer/producer published by to PEN MUSIC GROUP Inc (Los Angeles). Joe most recently garnered two big song placements on the new Carly Rae Jepsen 2015 album release "Emotions". The songs "Warm Blood" and "I Didn't Just Come Here To Dance" both co-written with Carly Rae Jepsen. Joe has also been working with platinum selling Swedish pop songstresses Molly Sanden (Sony) & Cazzi Opeia, Rozzi Crane (222 Records), and Amy Stroup (Secret Road) among others.

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## Canada Music Week

Canada Music Week celebrations take place in the third week of November, which includes November 22, the day honouring St. Cecilia, patron Saint of Music.

The 5 principle aims of these events are:

- to bring to the attention of the public, through various means, the importance of Canadian music
- to emphasize not only Canadian work, but also the significance of music generally
- to introduce contemporary music to Canadian students and stimulate a keener appreciation and understanding of this music
- to encourage music teachers to widen their knowledge and experience of Canadian works
- to support composers and performers of Canadian music

The Vernon RMT Canada Music Week Recital happened at the All Saints Anglican Church. Thank you to those who performed beautifully and represented the Music School:

Alex Thiessen, Zaela Thiessen, Julia Atkins and Ulyana Doerksen sang A Winter Carol by Jean de Brebeuf, arranged by Donnelly and Strid

Jim Boyd, Invention in A Minor by Frederick Silvester

Ulyana Doerksen, Le petite hirondelle by Healy Willan

Emilia Vlahos, Echo by Thomas Schudel

Olivia Sunderland, River by Joni Mitchell

## Congratulations to the 2019 Award Winners for the RCM Exams!

**Piano:** Jim Boyd (2), Hadley Lanaway with Distinction (3), Sophie Joerrisen with Distinction (5), Camille Hanry (6), Ava Stanley (7)

**Voice:** Ulyana Doerksen, Olivia Sunderland, Malinda Sunderland

**Theory:** Ava Stanley (Level 7), Rebeka Beganova (Level 8), Ella Newman (Level 10 Harmony and Counterpoint)



"Congratulations to Jim for having a top mark for his level 2 RCM exam. He was invited to play in the Canada Music week recital today and did very well." - Daisy Penner





## Student Corner



Introducing VCMS guitar student Bob Kersey! Bob has been studying with Ken Scott for several years now, and is a most inspiring student. Never one to shy away from a wide variety of genres - Bob has played everything from Classical Guitar Repertoire (using a pick - an additional challenge) to Bluegrass, Ragtime, and Jazz. He participated in a guitar trio performance at the school a few years ago, and continues to grow as a player and take on new challenges. We are so happy to have Bob here and look forward to hearing new things from him. Bravo Bob!

Bob also belongs to the Community Dental Access Centre, a reduced-cost non-profit charity dental centre located in our community, dedicated to providing dental services to low-income families. They are having their annual fundraiser on February 28, to help raise money to continue increasing the benefits making it possible for more families to receive the dental care they need. We all know how important dental care is for wind instruments! Tickets for "Kinda Kenny" can be purchased at [www.ticketseller.ca](http://www.ticketseller.ca).



## OSO—Christmas Special

Sunday, December 22nd @ 2:00pm—Handel's *Messiah*, with beautiful arias, brilliant choruses and imaginative orchestrations, has stood the test of time as one of the most popular works in the classical repertoire. With a quartet of stunning soloists, our own Okanagan Symphony Chorus and your OSO, this is a Christmas tradition you won't want to miss.

Call 250-549-SHOW to get your tickets, and don't forget to use your Music School student code for a great ticket price!

### GUEST ARTISTS

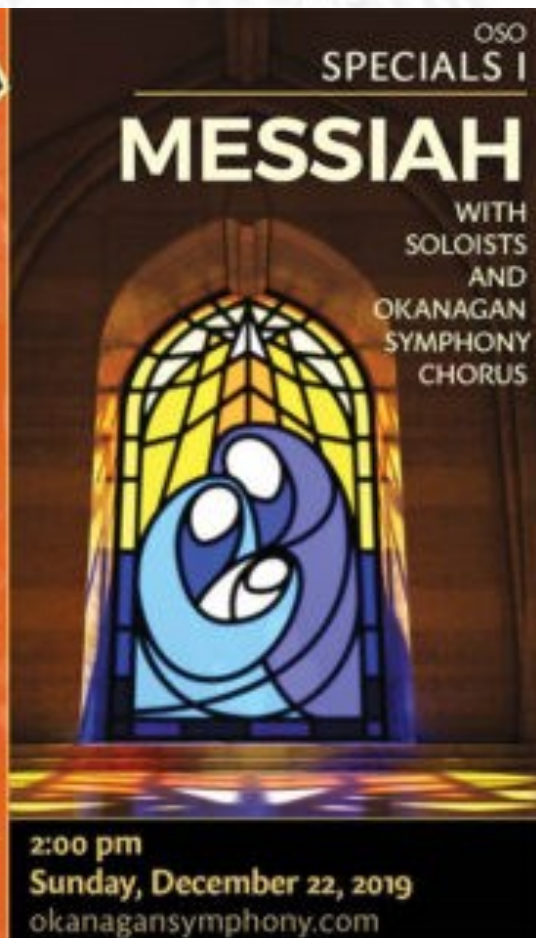
Kallie Clayton | Soprano

Shane Hanson | Counter Tenor


Owen McCausland | Tenor

Stephen Hegedus | Bass Baritone

Okanagan Symphony Chorus







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## Gala Performance—Auditions Welcome!

Plans are in the works for NOCCA's (North Okanagan Community Concert Association) for the third NOYSE (North Okanagan Youth Showcase of Excellence) concert for young musicians of the North Okanagan. This gala performance at the Performing Arts Centre is open to any young talent embracing music in any of its diverse forms; any solo acoustic instrument, small acoustic group, song or dance.

**Non-professional participants up to 24 years of age are invited to audition here at the Vernon Community Music School on Saturday, January 11, 2020.**

Visit the NOCCA website, [www.nocca.ca](http://www.nocca.ca), and click on NOYSE for more information regarding the event and the audition form.

The Gala Performance will take place at the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, February 1, at 2:00pm.

The Community Ukulele Group continues to meet every Wednesday at 5pm here at the Vernon Community Music School. Our group is currently looking at songs that can be performed around a campfire. This includes some long time favorites such as "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond and "Brown Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison. We really enjoy getting together and learning about each other, and growing as musicians. Though we strive to improve each week, we consider ourselves to be an amateur group. Recently someone in our group reminded us that amateur actually means "for the love of", which I think is a good way of describing what we do every week. We are always up for new challenges in the songs we are learning, but ultimately we are coming together, because we love music. So if you have always wanted to learn the ukulele it is never too late. Come join us on Wednesdays at 5pm.





**Tuning up for the Virginia Reel**

### **A Glimpse in the Life of Carole Ruth**

For many summers in the 1980's and 90's I hiked, bushwhacked, walked on glaciers and climbed mountains with several good friends from the Shuswap Outdoors Club. Every fall we would meet in Lake Louise town and stay at a motel, have a pot luck dinner and show slides from our summer trip. We were each allowed to bring only 10 slides because there were quite a few of us. The next day we hiked up to Saddle Back Meadows through the magnificent golden Larch trees on our way to climb Mount Fairview. It had become a tradition to dance the Virginia Reel in the meadow and one friend played his harmonica for the dance. When I met the group I took my fiddle and we played together for the dance. Here are some photos. Mount Fairview is 7800 feet. In the back ground is the Victoria Glacier above Lake Louise. Lots of fun!



**On top of Fairview Mountain**



**7800 feet high, playing on top of Fairview Mountain,  
Victoria Glacier in the background.**

