



DELTA COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

The Gift of Music for Life

Welcome from our Board

A message from our Board Chair Barbara Burkett



It's good to be back. I was on the Board before, about 25 years ago when we were called the Delta Institute of the Arts. I'm happy to say that there have been many positive changes: a name change reflected our purpose more clearly, the school has grown considerably since then and we are in very good financial shape. There's one thing that concerns me however. It used to be that the Board was

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ThriveCity
STRING BOOT CAMP jr.
 July 25 - 29, 2016 | 9am-4pm



Activities Include:
 Technique Classes
 Musical Playground
 Outdoor Activities
 Performances
 Chamber Music
 Applied Theory
 ...and much more!



South Delta Jazz Festival 2016

Here are a few pictures of from the 2016 Jazz Festival held in early July 2016.

Thrive City String Boot Camps 2016: Junior and Senior Camps

This year we celebrate our 5th season of Summer String Camps with our second year offering the ten day long Hatzic Lake Camp and our weeklong Thrive City Junior Camp held at the Music School.

The Thrive City String Boot Camp is a 10-day intensive retreat for string instrumentalists (intermediate to advanced level), aimed at improving technique and building a strong foundation. In addition to classical training, camp participants also get a chance to experience improvisation, seminars, creative workshops, dance, and other non-classical activities. The camp schedule is a perfect marriage of creativity and technical development. Morning sessions emphasize building and improving a firm technical foundation through technique classes, private lessons, and applied theory; while afternoon sessions focus on

developing musicianship through improvisation, workshops, and ensembles.

Participants must display a minimum of RCM/Suzuki Grade 5 level and above (students will learn alongside classmates of comparable ability). Residential students must be a minimum of 12 years old. Admission is by application and audition.

The Junior Camp will be offered at the Music School July 25 – 29, 2016 – 9am – 4pm. This camp is for novice violinists, violists, cellists, and bassists! In this week-long day camp, students will have a blast learning to play their instruments better, while being

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THRIVE CITY STRING BOOT CAMP AUGUST 2ND-12TH 2016



This will be our fifth year offering our summer string workshops, and our second year offering the ten day overnight camp at Camp Luther, Hatzic Lake, as well as our Junior Day camp at the Music school.

Focus on Students: our 2016 Scholarship Winners



Adjudicator Jonathan Der with a few of our student finalists.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners for 2016. Our scholarship audition recitals were held on May 15, 2016 at the Music School. This year our adjudicator was Mr. Jonathan Der.

Junior class - 16 participants

- 1st - Olivia Kwiatkowski (voice)
- 2nd - Carter Kranjc (guitar)
- 3rd - (tie) Molly Millward (voice)
- 3rd - (tie) Ashley Kuzyk (guitar / voice)

Senior class - 9 participants

- 1st - Kate Yahn (voice)
- 2nd - Kaleena Ipema (clarinet)
- 3rd - Claire Bidulka (voice)

Congratulations!

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South Delta Jazz Festival and Workshop: new faculty and developments for our 2016 season

This year was our thirteenth annual workshop and festival here at the school. This year's festival and workshop ran from Tuesday July 5 to Saturday July 9, at the school.

This year we featured our usual array of faculty from here in Metro Vancouver and beyond. We welcomed two new musicians to our full time faculty this year, **Jennifer Scott** (voice / piano) and **Ron Samworth** (guitar). Both are local veterans of the Vancouver Jazz Scene with a long history of performance and proven teaching ability. Both are instructors in the Jazz Studies Program at Capilano University and have many years of performing and teaching experience. We also welcomed back **Rob Kohler** (bass) from Los Angeles, **Len Aruliah** (Sax) from London UK, and our regular local crew **Brad Muirhead** (trombone), **Kevin Lee** (trumpet), **Stan Taylor** (drums) and **Stephen Robb** (winds/ piano).

This years Festival performances include our Free noon hour concerts at the Music School July 5 – 8 , Advanced student performances at Diefenbaker Park (Tsawwassen)

on Wednesday July 6, the Open Jam Session at Petra's Café in Tsawwassen on Thursday July 7th, our evening Faculty Gala concert Friday July 8th, and the afternoon performance of all the student combos with faculty Saturday July 9th on the grounds next to the Music School.

Our long-term faculty member **Jared Burrows** (guitar) is away this summer working with **Kofi Gbolonyo** at the Nunya Music Academy in the Volta Region, Ghana. The music school here has been working with them over the past few months to find musical instruments to donate to the new school program in Ghana. Kofi has been a visiting professor in ethnomusicology for the past few years at UBC and was a guest faculty at our workshop last year.

Bravo to all of the brave souls who took it upon yourselves to enter the world of self-exploration and improvised music for the week. Some photos of the events are to be found on page 2.

Welcome from the Board (continued from page 1)

100% parents of students. Now we're at 0%. The current Board is made up of adult students as well as interested members of the community, which includes people who used to have children at the school but do no longer. In order for the Board to be truly representative, to understand and strive to meet the needs of our membership we really should have one or two parents who have children attending the school.

We have several vacancies at the moment and there's no reason to wait until the next AGM. We can appoint a new director mid term. So if you care about the school and have a few hours a month to give, why not consider "coming on board."

If you'd like to know more please let Marilyn, our administrator know. I'd be happy to show you around and explain what's involved. It's not onerous and you'd be joining a good team. Meanwhile, have a good summer everyone.

Barb Burkett, Chair, DCMS Society.

Thrive City String Camp (Continued)

inspired to create music of their own!

Applications are now open for both camps, please contact the school for more information or check the Thrive City website at www.thrivecitymusic.com



FOCUS ON FACULTY



Louise Southwood

Louise is one of our guitar teachers here at the school specializing in classical studies. She will now be accepting students also interested in Flamenco Guitar.



John Littlejohn

John teaches Violin here at the school and also coordinates our Thrive City String Boot Camp Outreach String Camps and workshops. His string group *Infinitus* played several successful concerts this year at Lincoln Centre in NYC!

Student Achievements at DCMS

We have some very successful students here at the Delta Community Music School. Here is just a sampling of their achievements.

Kennel Scholarship. The Jean and Frank Kennel scholarship is in honour of the Kennel family, who founded the music school in 1981 and created it as a non-profit society in 1983. Trevor and Nigel created the scholarship in 2006?. Congratulations to this year's winners, **Kate Yahn** and **Renae Miller**. Both are pursuing careers in the Musical Arts, next year Kate will be attending the Musical Theatre program at the Randall Academy in Toronto Ontario, and Renae will be also be studying Theatre and voice at the University of York (UK). **Kate** has had a fantastic year, winning the Maestro Award at the Heritage Music Festival in New Orleans. She also was accepted to AMDA in New York and Randolph Academy in Toronto. She also performed with an honours choir at Carnegie Hall NYC, and performed the role of Fiona in Shrek the Musical at SDSS.

Third Annual Delta Idol Competition

Congratulations to our finalists in this competition: **Liette Desnoyers**, **Trista Lang** (placed 2nd), **Taylor Dianne Robinson** (placed 1st), and **Mary Verdon**.

Congratulations to **Taylor Dianne Robinson**: who took part in two Vancouver **Arts Club** Productions this year. She took part in "It's A Wonderful Life" last fall, and currently appearing in "Billy Elliott"



Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival

Congratulations to our voice students (studio of Tracy Neff) : **Claire Bidulka** won first in the intermediate Art Song class, **Olivia Kwiatkowski** won 2nd in the junior musical theatre comedy class, and **Trista Lang** won 3rd

in the intermediate musical theatre ballad class. (*studio of Tracy Neff*)

Congratulations to **Carter Kranj** (*studio of Louise Southwood*) for recently releasing a CD of original compositions entitled twelve by twelve. Carter is also working toward his Grade VI practical exam in Classical Guitar, which he will complete later in June.

Congratulations to **Kaleena Ipema** for completing her Grade VIII practical exam in piano. (*Studio of Cheryl Carruthers*)

Congratulations to **Meaghan Machenzie** for being awarded the Environmental Challenge Award at the Canada Wide Science Fair!

Congratulations to **Desi Gkioulis** for playing "Dorothy" in her school's production of the "Wizard of Oz"



Faculty News

Sinéad White will be performing the role of Suor Genovieffa in Puccini's Suor Angelica with the Dublin Opera Studio this summer in Ireland as well as performing in various concerts throughout the city. The Studio will then give performances at the Greek Opera Festival in Thessaloniki, Greece later in the summer.

Stephen Robb will be performing a solo Noon hour concert Saturday July 30 at 12 noon as a part of the Tsawwassen Centre Mall Outdoor Concert series in the Gazebo outside of Blends Coffee. (weather permitting.)



Photos from Spring 2016.

Above: new wallpaper and renovations at the school

Below: Tracy Neff in concert with “Open Mic” and “songs My Grandmother Taught Me”.



Grand Prix of Art: Sunday July 17th

Delta Community Music School is a Sponsor this year of the Grand Prix of Art. This event is hosted by **Artists in the Village** and the **Corporation of Delta** and will take place in Ladner on Sunday, July 17th, 2016. Artists of all levels are invited to register to participate in this exciting event.

Registration is NOW open for artists and volunteers but this event is FREE to attend. Take a few hours out of your Sunday morning to watch over 100 artists paint live scenes of the historic village. Listen to the live music provided by students of Delta Community Music School. You can

grab a bite to eat at Food Trucks on the Waterfront. The school will be providing music during the lunch for the artists on the lawn by the school. The Music School will be an Open House that afternoon for visitors to drop in visit! Also enjoy the art show and display that will be at the Ladner Community Center from 3-5 pm where the works of art created in the day's festivities will be available on display and for purchase.



*On Sunday July 17th
come and see over 100
artists painting
throughout the village.*

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