



# William Andrews Canada Music Week® Awards Owen Sound - ORMTA

The Owen Sound Branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association was delighted to be a recipient of a William Andrews Canada Music Week® Award. It was a tremendous opportunity, in coordination with the Canadian National Conservatory of Music, to bring Canadian Composer Andrew Harbridge for a full day of Composers & Kids workshops.



Our Canada Music Week® celebrations began on the evening of Friday November 18, 2016 with a student recital at the Alliance Church in Owen Sound. The recital featured works from across Canada and by our very own members including Debra Wanless, Jen Smith Lanthier, and Beth Hamilton. Over 25 students participated in the recital. Everyone enjoyed the cake and punch reception that followed.

On Saturday, November 19, 2016 students, teachers, and parents gathered at the Alliance Church in Owen Sound for Composers & Kids with Andrew Harbridge. Every



student prepared and performed a composition by Andrew Harbridge. He shared background stories about his

compositions and spoke of his inspirations. Andrew led students through an engaging composition workshop with a PowerPoint presentation and hands-on techniques at the piano.

*"My students were happy to learn Andrew's pieces in anticipation of the Composers & Kids workshop. They were absolutely ecstatic to work with Andrew, see him play and hear stories about his pieces. Each student came away from the event feeling inspired and ready to take on new challenges. What a wonderful day."* Jen Smith Lanthier

*"My favourite part was seeing the kids feel comfortable enough to do improvisation at the piano with Andrew!"* Bethany Matthews

*"CNCM's Composers & Kids is always an inspirational time for parents, teachers, and students. Andrew Harbridge's workshop was uplifting, fun and educational."* Debra Wanless

*"My students loved being in a group with other students and listening to them play all different pieces. They liked hearing Andrew play their pieces and others he had written. They thought Andrew was a great teacher and really kind."* Linda Hawkins

Students participated in either a morning or afternoon three-hour workshop that included performances, stories, inspirations, composition, and improvisation. All students received a signed photograph of Andrew and a Certificate of Participation.

*"One student told me proudly that it was his first music certificate!"* Linda Hawkins

Students left feeling inspired! Following the workshop, students were excited to learn more pieces by Andrew Harbridge and were eagerly asking for another Composers & Kids workshop.

Thank you to our Owen Sound teachers and the Canadian National Conservatory of Music for coordinating the event. Thank you to CFMTA/FCAPM for the award and support. We have all enjoyed a memorable Canada Music Week®!

*Beth Hamilton*





# William Andrews Canada Music Week® Awards Central Toronto - ORMTA

On Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, ORMTA Central Toronto branch hosted a composition master class at the Canadian Music Centre (CMC) in downtown Toronto. The goal of this event was to celebrate, encounter, and create Canadian music. Participants and auditors began by perusing scores from the CMC library, chosen based on the styles and genres of the participants' compositions. They could borrow scores and keep them for two months. Next, CMC's Will Callaghan gave a tour of the facilities, explaining the types of activities, programs, and products that the CMC creates, followed by a three-hour master class with Dr. John Burge,

professor of theory and composition at Queen's University. Participants ranged in age from nine through adult and compositions included works for solo piano; piano with rhythm section; wind ensemble; and SATB with piano, the latter setting a text by Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery. Some compositions were performed live while others were presented as recordings or video on a Mondopad and speakers. Copies of participant scores were distributed to them for annotation and Canada Music Week® pencils and stickers were given to all. Dr. Burge presented each participant with a signed score of one of his piano collections.



Back row, L to R: Stephanie Davidson, Dr. John Burge, Phillip Christoffersen, Benn McGregor

Front row, L to R: Melody Mansoori, Daanial Amlani, Micah Weekes.

Central Toronto Branch is most grateful to the CFMTA/FCAPM for their support of Canadian music making.

*Avila Lotaski*



*Congratulations to Owen Sound and Central Toronto branches for winning the William Andrews Award for Canada Music Week® Events for 2016*

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