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Of Note CFMTA/FCAPM Monthly Memo

As we roll into the third month of physical distancing, some communities are preparing to reopen businesses while health authorities still warn us we will have to keep our distance until 2022. It is a trying, wearing and wearying time for all.

Still, there have been some bright points. Joining with neighbours to make noise at 7:00 every night, knowing that we truly are all in this together and that music teachers across Canada are working hard to keep their students enthused and engaged and *practicing*.

A huge boost to that practice regime came in the form of the Special Edition E-Festival which saw a whopping **397 entries!** Music teachers who had let their membership lapse or who had only been considering joining, became members so their students could participate. The outpouring of support from teachers, parents and students has been tremendous.

This letter of appreciation comes from ARMTA member Judith Amman and neatly sums up the sentiment:

I want to thank CFMTA for organizing the 2020 CFMTA/FCAPM COVID-19 E-Festival and Terri-Lynn McNichol for facilitating it. My students had such positive experiences.

I send a special bouquet to Natasha Frid Finlay from ORMTA and Christopher Lane from NBRMTA. They listened to the "world's worst/least tuned piano" but they heard the shapes and nuances of well loved pieces and observed gestures of artistry and evidence of solid work. Their suggestions were accessible to the "isolated student". Many thanks.

Judith Ammann

ARMTA

Once again, thank you E-Festival Committee Administrator Terri-Lynn McNichol for all your hard work in making this happen and to E-Festival Committee Chair Dr. Lorna Wanzel.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

The CFMTA/FCAPM Annual General Meeting will take place electronically on July 8 and 9, 2020. Travel to Whitehorse for an in-person meeting has been cancelled due to concerns around COVID-19.



DEADLINES

- CFMTA Student Composer Competition - Deadline June 1, 2020
- Memorial Pedagogy Award - Deadline June 1, 2020



DID YOU KNOW...

Since the last CFMTA/FCAPM Covid-19 Bulletin #2, the Federal Government has continued to roll out programs to help put money in Canadians' pockets and keep the economy moving forward while we are all continuing to wash our hands, keep our distance and avoid touching our faces. Be sure to check your provincial health authority for updates in your area.

In the meantime, you can visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/cerb-application/questions.html> or <https://www.canada.ca/fr/services/prestations/ae/pcusc-application/questions.html> to address any financial benefit questions or concerns you may have.

As well, the department of Canadian Heritage has rolled out a COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Cultural, Heritage and Sport Organizations. Go to <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/information-covid-19.html#a12> or <https://www.canada.ca/fr/patrimoine-canadien/services/financement/informations-covid-19.html#a12> for information.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE

The Spring issue of the CMT is now available by app and on the website:

<https://www.cfmta.org/en/canadian-music-teacher-magazine/>

What is new on the website is the exciting piano masterclass with Charles Richard-Hamelin (Part 1). Remember, the Video Library is password-protected so if you need the password, email editor@cfmta.org Please note that the password is the same for *all the videos in the library*. Please visit the Library and enjoy!

As you may be aware, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette is Viceregal Patron of CFMTA/FCAPM. We recently received a personal email from Ms. Payette which you can read on our website at: <https://www.cfmta.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter-from-Julie-Payette-Formatted-in-English.pdf> or <https://www.cfmta.org/fr/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter-from-Julie-Payette-Formatted-in-French.pdf>



FUN FACT

After 45 years of teaching, APMQMTA Registrar Danielle Langevin has a wealth of anecdotes:

- My new piano student looks at the keyboard, and asks: "Where do I click?"

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- After explaining a difficult theory topic, I say to my 7-yr old student: "I still see there's a puzzle in your eyes..." She replies: "It's not a puzzle. I have astigmatism"

🙏 Merci Danielle!

~If you have a CFMTA/FCAPM Fun Fact you'd like to share, please send it to admin@cfmta.org~



Hope you enjoyed this edition of

Of Note from CFMTA/FCAPM. Look for our next edition the first week of June!

Stay well!



Deadline for consideration of material for Of Note from CFMTA is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to admin@cfmta.org



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