

Newsletter

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Message from the President

Greetings and welcome to another newsletter. As usual, there is a lot happening in the Vancouver cello world this year.

I invite you to check out the up-dated Cello Calendar for the latest recitals, concerts, and events in your area.

This spring, the Vancouver Cello Club is proud to sponsor a master class with renowned cellist Colin Carr on Monday, May 20th, 7:00 -9:30 pm, at St. Helen's Anglican Church, 4405 West 8th in Point Grey. Colin is coming to Vancouver to perform the complete Bach Suites at West Vancouver's United Church on Sunday, May 19th under the auspices of the Vancouver Chamber Music Society. Ticket holders to that concert and all current members of the Vancouver Cello Club are invited to attend the evening masterclass free of charge. This promises to be a stimulating and edifying evening for students of all ages.

Once again, I would like to remind readers of some of the

benefits of the Vancouver Cello Club. The Club is able to offer bursaries to students who require financial assistance with festival entry costs, summer music camps, instrument or bow rental or purchases, or tuition costs throughout the year.

Teachers may apply on behalf of their students by writing the Cello Club with a description of circumstances. The Club maintains two funds specifically designated to assist young Cello Club newsletter subscribers in their cello pursuits.

And adults are welcome to join the monthly cello ensembles sessions - held at the Vancouver Academy of Music, 1270 Chestnut Street. This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded cello enthusiasts and read some great repertoire. Sessions start at 7:30 pm on the last Monday evening of the month.

Best wishes for 2019. I hope to see you at the next cello event!

Lee Duckles, President

KIWANIS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019 CELLO ADJUDICATOR

Cellist Andrea Case has a Master's Degree in cello performance from McGill University where she studied on scholarship with Antonio Lysy. Andrea is co-founder and cellist of the Lily String Quartet, a group that has completed multiple tours across Canada, has performed for CBC Radio and released a jazz CD with HAT Trio. She plays regularly with The Kensington Sinfonia, was recently principal cellist of the Cambridge Philharmonic (UK) and enjoys performing at folk festivals across Western Canada with folk duo 100 Mile House. At home in a recording studio, Andrea has credits in the classical, pop, folk, jazz and film score genres. Andrea adjudicates regularly at festivals throughout Alberta and British Columbia and teaches at the Amici String Program and Mount Royal University. Andrea currently resides in Medicine Hat with her husband, jazz drummer Karl Schwonik and their sons.



Festival dates will be between April 20-27. Cellos will be at St. Helen's Church at 8th and Tolmie.

Cello Club Christmas Party by Nicholas Read



It was a pleasure to host the December 17th Cello Club Christmas Party once again. This time I hosted in my very own house – obviously acquired and renovated so that I may host large cello events. A mixture of regular adult ensemble attendees and other members commenced the evening with greetings and drinks that moved quickly into setting-up, as we were all keen to start playing as soon as possible. First there was the



predicament of choosing the room in which to play – the living room or the dining room? The predicament was resolved once we discovered that my dining room chandelier could go to a brightness rivaling that of the sun. Once everyone found a place in the oddly-shaped circle of cellists, we began playing several arrangements of Christmas carols led by Lee Duckles. Not only did we play a vast array of festive tunes but also other favourite arrangements. Our sight-reading had a missing note here or there but we always seemed to start and end together! The gathered ensemble played for over two-hours straight; an unusual occurrence considering we had an untouched buffet of tasty treats just a few feet away from us. After a short food break that included cello-shaped cookies, of course, the members that had gathered continued to play well into the night with an appetite that was far more ravenous for music than food. It was another magnificent evening of festive cheer in typical cello fashion.

The Caroline E. Riley Scholarship

Open to those about to leave their home for the first time for further cello study. The Scholarship will be awarded on audition in the first week of May, 2019 at the V.A.M. Written application must be submitted to Dawn Binnington **before** April 1, 2019. Use the form below.

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Vancouver Cello Club – Dawn Binnington, Treasurer – 979 Beatty St., Vancouver, BC V6Z 3C5

Caroline E. Riley Scholarship

I hereby apply for this scholarship to be awarded in May, 2019.

Please check: I am a member in good standing of The Vancouver Cello Club
 I am not a member of The Vancouver Cello Club
 I propose to leave my home base for further cello study at _____ on (approx. date): _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____