

# iMA Newsletter

Winner of the 2008 **Consumers' Choice Award** for best music school in the GTA.



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## International Music Academy

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## THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC ACADEMY HAS WON THE 2008 CONSUMERS' CHOICE AWARD FOR BEST MUSIC SCHOOL IN THE GREAT TORONTO AREA.

It is my great pleasure to share with you the latest most exciting news: the IMA has won the **2008 Consumers' Choice Award for the best music school in the GTA**. We have won in all categories of "consumers satisfaction", "quality of education", "programmes and services", "learning and teaching environment", "management", "music festivals and competitions", and overall "business excellence". The official award ceremony will be televised on June 2, 2008.

The **Consumers' Choice Award** is considered the seal of excellence. For recipients the award not only constitutes the crowning achievement of their efforts, but more importantly it also represents the most valuable reward of all, the knowledge that they have earned the trust and loyalty of consumers.

Thank you for your continuous support and thank you for voting us the best music school in the Great Toronto Area.

Kristian Alexander  
Music Director



## IMA STUDENTS HAS SHOWN GREAT ACHIEVEMENT AT MARKHAM (EUROMUSIC) PIANO COMPETITION.

IMA Faculty and Staff congratulate all students who have participated in the Markham (Euromusic) Piano Competition for their outstanding performances: Ms. **Rochelle White**, Ms. **Serena Sgandurra**, Ms. **Sarika Chakravorty**, Ms. **Ellie Mamatis**, Ms. **Amanda Mac**, Ms. **Robyn Verley**, Mr. **Aaron Wong**, Mr. **Sunny Yeung**, and Mr. **Stanley Yeung**.

On April 27, 2008 during a Gala Concert Mr. **John Mamatis** has been given a special award.



Special thanks and congratulations to Mr. **John Mamatis** who has won a 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Mr. **Jonathan Ignacio** for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Keep up the spectacular work!

## IMA SUMMER FESTIVAL Sunday, June 29

The International Music Academy Annual Summer Festival (formerly known as the IMA Annual Concert) will be held on Sunday, June 29 in the beautiful St Andrew's United Church in Markham. As usual this will be a great opportunity for all iMA students to participate and play their favourite pieces in front of an audience.

The Festival will include 7 concerts with the first one beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the last one ending around 9:00 p.m. The programme for each concert will be created according to the students' age and level of experience. More information will be available later in May.

Book your calendar for the most exciting event of the year!

## AND THE NAME OF THE WINNER OF THE IMA SPRING CONTEST IS...



The IMA Spring Contest has brought a lot of excitement and fun to all students. We have been pleased to see a significant improvement in the quality of the

assignments that our students have brought. They have increased their time for practicing a great deal and have achieved tremendous

results. From March 24 to April 12 we had received a total of 682 raffle tickets.

The teachers and the staff thank all students for their efforts and dedication. As in every draw, there was only one winner who will receive the Family pack for the Toronto Symphony (a value of \$100). On April 16 in the presence of a representative of the Faculty Ms. Svetlana Koroleva, representative of the administration Ms. Jennifer Yip, and the Director of the IMA Mr. Kristian Alexander, we have drawn one ticket from the raffle box. And the name of the winner is...

### Naomy Cadet

Naomy, her sister Rebecca, together with their parents will attend the final concert of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra on April 26, 2008 in the Toronto Centre of the Performing Arts. We are anxious to hear their impressions and feedback. Congratulations and enjoy the concert!

### XIANXIN DU HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE GREATER TORONTO AREA AT THE KIWANIS 2008 PROVINCIAL FINALS

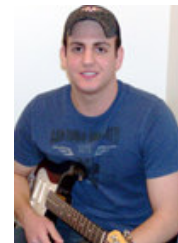
Xianxin has had a spectacular year at the IMA. He has been recently awarded a Silver medal for "outstanding performance" from the Royal Conservatory of Music, a First place at the Richmond Hill Music Competition, and a Second place at the GTA Kiwanis Music Competition. He was also invited to perform at the Canadian Broadcast Corporation Glenn Gould Studio and is currently preparing for the most prestigious Canadian Music Competition in May.

### IMA HAS WELCOMED MORE NEW STUDENTS IN APRIL 2008:

Aex Mirando (piano)  
Alexa Cheung (clarinet RCM 6)  
Aljo Pagtalunan (guitar)  
Andrew Mirando (piano)  
Angelo Mirando (piano)  
Ashley Huang (voice)  
Daniella Molina (piano)  
Flor Serrano (piano)  
Jona Nabukov (piano RCM 9)  
Kadie Jin (piano)  
Kamil Qaseem (guitar)  
Kate Krasneva (piano RCM 10)  
Lydia Marenkov (piano RCM 8)  
Martin Lee (piano, guitar)  
Melissa Pagtalunan (piano)  
Mila Gorchkova (piano)  
Morihad Tally (RCM advanced piano pedagogy)



Nicholas Parent (violin)  
Rae Tang (piano)  
Robert Wang (flute RCM 6)  
Sasha Kharlamov (violin)  
Sean Chiu (guitar)  
Tiara Duzon (piano)  
Vlada Gorchkova (piano)



### IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Gasparin Youbi  
Chloe Bowes  
Tena Tso  
Jana Sullivan  
Derek Ly  
Alex Lau  
Omar Najar  
Stefan Geleriu

Alexander Tsang  
Chelsea Dumasal  
Christa Kurian  
Dale Nivins  
Choumi Srikumar  
Alyssa Harracksingh  
Tamar Boyadjian  
Yasaman Meshkat

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### FURTHER AHEAD...

- May 3-8** Canadian Music Competition (Local finals, Toronto).  
**May 9-15** Canadian Music Competition (Provincial finals, Toronto).



Royal Conservatory of Music  
**SPRING SESSION**

Theory Examinations *May 9 – 10, 2008*  
Practical Examinations *June 2 – 21, 2008*

**May 19** *Victoria Day. School closed.*

### FAMOUS COMPOSERS BORN IN MAY

- May 7, 1840 - **Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky** - the brilliant Russian composer was born in Votkinsk.
- May 7, 1833 - **Johann Brahms**, the great composer was born in Hamburg, Germany.
- May 12, 1845 - Gabriel Fauré, the French composer is born in Pamiers.
- May 13, 1842 - Sir **Arthur Sullivan**, was born in London, England.
- May 17, 1866 - **Erik Satie**, the unique composer who combined narrations with his compositions was born in Honfleur, France.
- May 22, 1813 - **Richard Wagner**, the famous opera composer, was born in Leipzig, Germany.