



XIANXIN HAS WON the KIWANIS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

IMA student **XIANXIN DU** has won the prestigious Kiwanis Music Foundation Scholarship. He has competed at the Kiwanis Music Competition and is the only trumpeter in the GTA who has been given this award. In a personal letter to Xianxin, Ms. Pan Allen, General Manager of the Kiwanis Music Festival, wrote:



"Congratulations on your outstanding performance at the 2007 Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto! In recognition of your talent and hard work, our team of adjudication has chosen to award you with the Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation Award. The Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto hopes that you use this award toward the further development of your talent."

The iMA Faculty and Staff are very happy of Xianxin's success. He is currently preparing for his RCM Grade 8 examination in June. You can hear him playing at one of the iMA students' recitals at the end of April or May and at the IMA Annual Concert on June 24th.

IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Diane Tam	Anna Djalilvard
David Matta	Chelsi Mittelhozer
Arlene Lian	Stefan Holosko
Brandon Ho	Benjamin Liang

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

IMA SPRING MOVIE CONTEST



The iMA Spring Movie Raffle is over! Over 5 weeks iMA students had practiced a great deal to earn as many chances as possible to receive the price. We have collected 1,139 coupons: this is a lot of practicing! On the last day of the Raffle, March 31, at 7:30 p.m., in the presence of Mr. K. Alexander, Mr. J. Sevilleno, parents, and students, one coupon was drawn from the Raffle box. And the name of the winner is... **Alexander Volkov**. To all iMA students who participated in the Raffle, we send our warmest thanks. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated by all teachers and staff! Keep up the good work!

IMA HAS WELCOMED MORE NEW STUDENTS IN APRIL 2007:

Alexander V. (violin RCM 8)
Ambrose L. (singing)
Benjamin Z. (violin RCM 3)
Ethel L. (violin)
Jennifer B. (piano RCM 5)
Kevin G. (guitar)
Lydia P. (singing)
Martin K. (piano RCM 2)
Maya F. (harmony RCM 5)
Ola S. (piano)
Peter H. (theory RCM 2)
Rob C. (guitar)
Samuel G. (saxophone)



Christina L.
(voice RCM 5)

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Meet with the IMA teachers, parents, students, and staff. Join us for free cookies, tea, and coffee.

Every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

COMPOSER BORN IN APRIL

- April 1, 1732 - Haydn was born in Austria.
April 1, 1866 - Ferruccio Busoni, pianist, composer was born in Empoli, Italy.
April 1, 1873 - Sergei Rachmaninoff - The Russian concert pianist and composer was born in Russia on his parents estate near Oneg. He became an American citizen before he died.
April 16, 1924 - Henry Mancini was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was an award-winning composer for television series and films.
April 23, 1891 - Sergei Prokofiev was a Soviet composer born in Sontsovka. He received severe criticism for his contemporary style of music from Soviet government officials.
April 25, 1918 - Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia. She is best known as a great jazz singer.
April 30, 1916 - Robert Shaw was born in Red Bluff, Iowa. He was a great choral arranger and conductor. Shaw was the founder of the Robert Shaw Chorale.
April 30, 1870 - Franz Lehar was born in Komorn, Hungary. He was a composer of many waltzes.

FURTHER AHEAD...



Royal Conservatory of Music SPRING SESSION

Theory Examinations *May 11-12, 2007*
Practical Examinations *June 4-23, 2007*

Royal Conservatory of Music SUMMER SESSION

Application Deadline *June 5, 2007*
Theory Examinations *August 10-11, 2007*
Practical Examinations *August 13-25, 2007*



PEEL MUSIC FESTIVAL
March 26 – April 28, 2007

MARKHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL
March 31 – April 15, 2007

ARTICLES AND BOOKS REVIEW

In Grand Style: The Glory of the Metropolitan Opera

By Nancy Ellison

In: The Wholenote Magazine, February 2007

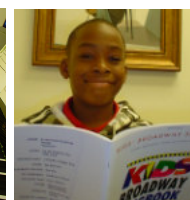
This book of photos documents the operas produced in the most lavish opera house in the world, the Metropolitan Opera. There are orgies, live donkeys and horses, giant puppets, a pivoting mountain, and a gigantic, ornate Egyptian temple onstage, and fascinating going-on backstage, too. This is a very cumbersome book. It's almost twice as wide as it is tall. But Nancy Ellison's photos are thrilling. Nothing gets in the way of the huge photos, often double-paged. What scanty information about the operas and their casts there is, is listed on separate pages. The texts by music director James Levine, retired divo Luciano Pavarotti, technical manager Joseph Clark, Ellison and just-retired general manager Joseph Volpe are fortunately short, although Volpe does not exaggerate when he says that through these photographs Ellison 'puts you not simply on the stage, but in the hearts and minds of the characters'.

Scenes from twenty operas are featured here, including the popular new Magic Flute from Julie Taymor, who did the Lion King. The chorus in Nabucco looks great posed across the face of a mountain, singing what must be 'Va, pensiero' (the particular scenes, unfortunately, aren't identified). There's Pavarotti in his last Met appearance in Tosca, Karita Mattila as Salome after she has taken off the seventh veil, and Rene Pape in a body suit in Andrei Serban's controversial new production of Faust. There are shots of Canadians John Relyea in The Marriage of Figaro and Rodelinda, and Ben Heppner in Otello, along with Toronto resident Sondra Radvanovsky in I Vespri Siciliani, and in Cyrano with Placido Domingo. It's all splendid, and very grand.

IMA STUDENTS PHOTOGALLERY



Ola S.



Ian D.



Abrina B.