



IMA STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE HIGHEST AWARD OF THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Every academic year the Royal Conservatory of Music awards Silver medals to students who have achieved the highest marks on their combined practical and theory examinations. Only one student per grade (1 through 10) would receive the Silver medal award in the province of Ontario. The Gold award is given only to accomplished students at the Artist Diploma level.

We are proud to announce that this year the Royal Conservatory of Music has awarded Silver Medals to two iMA students:

Alexander Volkov, a 12 years old violinist who has achieved 94% on his Grade 7 violin and 99% on his Theory 2 examinations; and **Xianxin Du**, a 18 years old trumpeter who has achieved 92% on his Grade 8 trumpet and 99% on his Theory 2 examinations.

The International Music Academy is thrilled that Alexander and Xianxin are both the only students from the province of Ontario who have been awarded the RCM Silver Medal this year.

Congratulations and warmest thanks to their families and to the devoted IMA teachers for this great achievement.

The Award Ceremony was held on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at The Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front Street in Toronto.



Alexander Volkov (left) and **Xianxin Du** (right) with Mr. **Kristian Alexander**, Music Director of the International Music Academy.

XIANXIN DU WAS INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE CBC GLENN GOULD STUDIO.



Xianxin Du was one of the 8 students from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, invited by the Royal Conservatory of Music, to perform in the CBC own Glenn Gould Studio during the Silver Award official ceremony, November 24, 2007.

RICHMOND HILL MUSIC COMPETITION HAS BROUGHT NUMEROUS AWARDS TO OUR STUDENTS.



Arts Richmond Hill was founded in 1979 as a community based Arts Council whose mandate is the advancement of arts and culture through promotion, awareness, and education.

Every year hundreds of students participate in a Music competition based on the Royal Conservatory of Music curricula and examination requirements.

During the last weekend of November iMA students competed in several classes for piano, violin, trumpet, flute, and voice. Congratulations to all students for their outstanding performance! Warmest thanks to all families for their support! The winners of this year Richmond Hill Music Competition are:

- Aaron Wong, **Gold** medal (piano, P13)
- Alexander Volkov, **Gold** medal (violin, VN25)
- Alexander Volkov, **Gold** medal (violin, VN27)
- Hayson Ko, **Gold** medal (violin, VN19)
- Serena Sgandurra, **Gold** medal (piano, P4)
- Stanley Yeung, **Gold** medal (trumpet, TU3)
- Xianxin Du, **Gold** medal (trumpet, TU5)
- Aaron Wong, **Silver** medal (piano, P11)
- Alexander Volkov, **Silver** medal (violin, VN24)
- Alexander Volkov, **Silver** medal (violin, VN26)
- Anna Djalilvand, **Silver** medal (violin, VN9)
- Anna Djalilvand, **Silver** medal (violin, VN11)
- Diane Tam, **Silver** medal (violin, VN9)
- Hayson Ko, **Silver** medal (piano, VN18)
- Serena Sgandurra, **Silver** medal (piano, P3)
- Victoria Rudiak, **Silver** medal (piano, P18)
- Anna Djalilvand, **Bronze** medal (violin, VN10)
- Anna Wong, **Bronze** medal (violin, VN6)

- Diane Tam, **Bronze** medal (violin, VN10)
- Diane Tam, **Bronze** medal (violin, VN11)
- Hayson Ko, **Bronze** medal (violin, VN20)
- Jonathan Matta, **Bronze** medal (piano, P2)

IMA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS OF OUR FACULTY.

Our success is attracting more families and we are welcoming more students every day! With more students than ever, the IMA Faculty is growing fast and has welcomed three more teachers:

Mr. **Arturo Razgoev**, a distinguished vocal pedagogue, currently with the Toronto Opera. He has studied vocal techniques in Toronto with the eminent voice teacher Mr. Ronald Rand and has earned degrees and diplomas from the Royal Conservatory of Music (Canada) and from the Music Academy in Russia. He is currently a soloist with several prestigious opera companies and choirs, such as the Toronto Opera, the Shevchenko Choir, and the Beth Emeth Choir. He brings a substantial teaching experience including vast repertoire from variety of genres and styles, such as the Italian *bel canto*, Broadway`s musicals, R&B, and children`s song collections. Mr. Razgoev is a registered teacher with the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. **Valeria Kondrashov**, a distinguished vocal pedagogue with broad knowledge of various repertoire in both the classical *bel canto* and Broadway musicals styles. She is currently a member of the world-renown Toronto Mendelssohn Choir as well as of the Shaare Zion Congregation Choir in Montreal. Mrs. Kondrashov is bringing to the International Music Academy 18 years of teaching experience in various music schools, both in the public and in the private sectors, in Toronto, Montreal, and in Russia. Mrs. Kondrashov has earned her Master degree in Music pedagogy in Russia.

Mrs. **Svetlana Koroleva**, a distinguished piano pedagogue with broad knowledge of several piano methods and techniques, as well as a substantial teaching experience of various age groups and levels. Mrs. Koroleva has earned her piano teaching degree from her native country Russia. She is also a renowned member of the community where she has taught children with special needs in addition to her responsibility as a director of the York Region Community Choir. She has excellent communication skills and passion for music and teaching. She motivates and inspires students from all ages and levels to become better musicians.

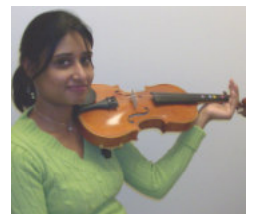
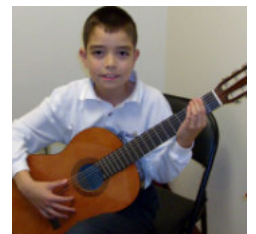
IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Deanna Rudiak	Andrew Khawli
Kingsley Tsien	Sarra Jiwa
Ameen Meshkat	Philip Huynh
Caleb Wilson	Jessica Ng-Siva
Gary Cham	Preston Huynh
Elizabeth Clark	Renee Ly
Frederick Rutherford	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

IMA HAS WELCOMED MORE NEW STUDENTS IN NOVEMBER 2007:

Alexander Christoforou (guitar)
 Brigitte Bell (clarinet RCM 8)
 Caroline Khaouli (voice RCM 5)
 Frederick Rutherford (guitar)
 James Gotovan (cello)
 Luke Germain (violin RCM 8)
 Maybell Chu (piano RCM8)
 Nicholas Arnulfo Jr. (piano)
 Onasui Kmarsikar (piano)
 Peter Hospedales (guitar)
 Ragini Yalamanchilli (violin)
 Rodney Lang (piano)
 Sabarish Gnanamoorthy (piano)
 Sudheer Joshi (guitar)
 Venice Chong (flute RCM 6)



IMA RECITAL

On November 17 students from the intermediary and advanced programmes played the piano, violin, and trumpet to the great delight of the audience filling up the entire space of the IMA.

IMA WINTER FESTIVAL

On November 24 we also had three concerts for our parents, students, and friends. During the entire afternoon at St-Philip's on-the-hill church we listened to extraordinary performances by our talented students.

FURTHER AHEAD...

December 7-8	RCM theory examinations
December 28	IMA Winter term report cards.
December 25	<i>Christmas Day (School closed)</i>
December 26	<i>Boxing Day (School closed)</i>
January 1	<i>New Year's Day (School closed)</i>