

iMA Newsletter

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



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THE iMA PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

Last February the International Music Academy started an extensive application process with the YCDSB. After series of presentations, evaluations, and fruitful discussions, we are very happy to announce that the iMA has been approved as a Programme Service Provider for the York Catholic District School Board. Warmest thanks and congratulations to all members of the iMA Faculty who participated in the discussions.

iMA SUMMER FESTIVAL Sunday, June 29

The International Music Academy Annual Summer Festival will be held on Sunday, June 29 in the beautiful St Andrew's United Church in Markham located on 32 Main Street North (just north of HWY 7). This will be a great opportunity for all iMA students to participate and play favourite pieces in front of their family and friends.

The Festival includes 5 concerts with the first one beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the last one ending around 8:00 p.m. The programme for each concert has been created according to the students' age and level of experience.

- 2:00 p.m. Music from our "Little Mozarts" I
- 3:00 p.m. Music from our "Little Mozarts" II
- 4:00 p.m. iMA introductory programmes
- 5:00 p.m. iMA intermediary programmes
- 6:00 p.m. iMA advanced programmes

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

iMA TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS ...

Our voice teacher, Mr. **Artouro Razgoev**, will be giving a concert, "Opera and Operetta Evening", on Friday, June 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the warm ambiance of Christ Church, Deer Park, located at 1570 Yonge Street in Toronto. Tickets for iMA

students are \$30 and are available through the iMA office.

Another iMA voice teacher, Ms. **Mariana Dhima**, was featured in a full-page interview in the Canadian Albanian newspaper Jon (v. 3, No. 4).

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

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.



Mr. Kristian Alexander (right), Music Director of the IMA receives the award from Mr. Peleg, President of the CCA.



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.

FURTHER AHEAD...



Royal Conservatory of Music SPRING SESSION

Practical Examinations *June 2 – 21, 2008*

June 3 RCM Summer session applications deadline.

June 15 **Deadline for reserving the time for you September lessons.**

June 15 - July 8 Canadian Music Competition (National finals, Quebec).

June 29 IMA Summer Music Festival.

June 30 IMA Report cards.

IMA HAS WELCOMED MORE NEW STUDENTS IN MAY 2008:

Andres Aguirre (piano)
Andrea Yau (RCM intermediate piano pedagogy)
Clement Chen (voice)
Daniel Hutchinson (Suzuki violin)
Edward Fan (Suzuki violin)
Emily Turner (RCM theory)
George Tsvetkovitch (RCM clarinet 8)
Gergina Zlatkova (RCM violin 8)
Giancarlo Pizzimenti (guitar)
Gloria Chang (voice)
Gregory Orwen (RCM saxophone 6)
Jeffrey Lee (RCM piano 6)
Jorge Naville (RCM piano 9)
Michael Keenan (guitar)
Norman Wong (RCM flute 6)
Sveta Miladinova (RCM piano 2)
Valeria Stoikoff (RCM piano ARCT)
Victoria Nixon (guitar)
Vincent Thomas (guitar)

XIAN XIN DU HAS WON SECOND AWARD AT THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL MUSIC COMPETITION.

Xianxin was selected to represent the GTA at the Ontario Provincial Competition (in the category of brass instruments). He competed with other candidates from all major cities in Ontario and has won the Second Award. This has been very fruitful year for Xianxin. He has also won a Silver medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music and a Second Award from the Kiwanis Music Competition. Congratulations!

IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Eric Harding	Raffi Karamanlian
Jonathan Ignacio	Marko Gotovac
Liberti Todd	Sarika Chakravorty
Naomy Cadet	Sasha Kharlamov
Jonathan Matta	Zachary Liu
Abrina Bondali	Nicole Cheung
Flor Serrano	Robyn Verley
Alexander Christoforou	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FAMOUS COMPOSERS BORN IN JUNE

- ❖ **June 1, 1804** - Mikhail Glinka, the "father of Russian music".
- ❖ **June 2, 1857** - Sir Edward Elgar, English composer.
- ❖ **June 6, 1903** - Aram Khachaturian, Soviet, Armenian composer and conductor.
- ❖ **June 8, 1810** - Robert Schumann, German composer.
- ❖ **June 15, 1843** - Edvard Grieg, Norwegian composer.
- ❖ **June 17, 1818** - Charles Gounod, French composer, organist and conductor.
- ❖ **June 17, 1882** - Igor Stravinsky, Russian-American composer.
- ❖ **June 20, 1819** - Jacques Offenbach, French composer.
- ❖ **June 29, 1908** - Leroy Anderson, American composer of light popular music.

THE PIANO: WHO? WHEN? WHY?

The modern piano is a complex mechanical device with hundreds of separate parts, much like a car in that respect. (Also like a car, it constitutes a major investment.) In the next issue we will continue providing with answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about pianos, their construction, purchase and maintenance, and use in lessons.

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IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PURCHASING A PIANO (NEW OR USED), PLEASE LET US KNOW. IMA STUDENTS GET UPTO 20% DISCOUNT WHEN THEY (OR, MOST LIKELY, THEIR PARENTS), PURCHASE A PIANO.