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This Month:

Violin Special:
25-40 % off!
Violin books and accessories:
25% off!

Monthly Quiz

Submit the answers to the following questions and have a chance to win a prize!

1) What is Tchaikovsky's first name?

2) Not including ARCT, how many RCM grades are there?

3) Who is the composer of "Ode to Joy"?

MUSIC AND ITS INFLUENCE

PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

About music, the ancient Greek Philosopher Plato once said: "It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, and life to everything." Plato's words have poetic truth, for music's impact on the human mind is just as remarkable as that. Life's magic is often considered to be music, but scientifically, music is simply sound waves that are received through the ears and sent to the brain. Despite this, people have always felt something more

meaningful in music, for it has the power to evoke emotions and ideas.

Throughout history, music has changed the world, encompassing entire cultures, and touching the lives of individuals. Music has influenced the development of different art forms, religions, and even politics. How strange it is that something that you cannot touch or see— music, has helped influence the course of history.



Part Two of *Music and its Influence* will be published on *Music Notes*, next month.

The articles are written by Jean Liu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Trinity College London Music Exam's date is Friday, May 9th, 2003.

The Easter Holiday is April 18th (Friday), 20th (Sunday) and 21st (Monday). The school will be closed. School is open on April 19th (Saturday)

The Summer Music Camp is coming, so sign up now! A brochure is available at the front desk.

The Spring Recital is on Sunday, June 15 at the Carleton University.

MENTIONABLE STUDENTS 🎵

A loud "Congratulations!" is shouted out to Joshua Reichart and Daniel Crolla, who achieved 86% and 81% respectively, in their Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 3 Violin exams. Both Joshua and Daniel are students of Lin Huang at the Kanata Music Academy. According to their teacher, Joshua is talented and hard-working; Daniel is said to be a pleasure to teach, and a very enthusiastic student.

MUSICIANS OF THE MONTH 🎵

Matthew McCaughy, Kevin Ledlow, Hillary Veinot, Victoria Thompson, Parker Wilson, Jennifer Kwok, Andre Kwok, Rachel Balderson, Betty Le, Rosalia Tan, Jennifer Dinh, Elaine Dinh, Christine Hoang, Filip Buljan, Kevin Huang, Wendy Chong, Vincent Mok, Karina Kwong, Lu Huang, Ryan Benjamin, Nitharshan Nadarajah, April Doreleyers, Rebecca Masters, Steven King, Casey Jones, Ryan Vachon, Suzanne Hewitt, Tyler Phinney, Brandon Gencher, and Tayler Sokalski.

ECHOES OF WINTER 2003... A REVIEW OF THE SUCCESS!

The "Echoes of Winter" charity concert for CHEO provided solace in the winter cold; its name suggesting that perhaps spring is not far away. The concert was a huge success, raising over \$2500 this year, in contrast with last year's concert, which raised over \$2000. Generous local businesses made the event possible by donating the items in the pre-show 50/50 draw, silent auction, bake sale, and raffle.



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Before the show commenced, the atmosphere was cheerful in the hallways of Sacred Heart High School, as many enthusiastic people came in.

The performances were treats to the ear and were all admirable and well prepared. There were a great variety of styles, ranging from choral music to popular to classical.

The three talented children's choirs (Chinese Children Singers of Ottawa, Westboro Academy Choir, and OKMA Community Children's Choir) each gave wonderful performances. The OKMA Community Children's Choir gave a fine debut performance, under the instruction of Marcel Tirian. Each song of the three choirs brought a smile to the faces of the audience. Notable songs included "The Scholar Boy" sung by the Chinese Children Singers, "Children of the Light" sung by Westboro Academy Choir, and "My friend! My friend!" sung by the OKMA

Community Children's Choir.

Classical music fans were delighted to hear the Kanata Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Alexandre Boily) for it was an amazing performance. The six piano soloists Erica Barlow, Dr. Dragos Calin, Jean Liu, Vincent Mok, Andy Ng, and Rosalia Tan were very professional. The vocal performances were by fourteen talented singers: Veronique Joncas, Justin Gow, Jordan Gow, Ana Machado, Amanda Sparks, Yasmine Christensen, Karyne Pontbriand, Jessica Schonberg, Michelle Laforest, Rosalie Ball, Karine Houde, Amanda Mergan, Ashley Smith, and Brittany Mergan. They were wonderful and clean acts, each showing their future potential. Marcel Tirian and Dr. Dragos Calin performed skillfully the violin and piano duet "Romance". Andrea Easton and Saman Fereydoonzad gave a great performance as a violin duet of Pachelbel's Canon in D.

Everyone who attended the concert had an enjoyable evening. It was a wonderful experience for everybody and we all are looking forward to next year's concert.

Reviewed by Jean Liu

