



## ALLIANCE FOR CANADIAN NEW MUSIC PROJECTS

*Contemporary Showcase Festival  
Parry Sound / Muskoka*

September 28, 2010

Dear Friend

You are receiving this information package because you have been identified as someone who may be interested in this exciting venture in our area.

We are anticipating the fourth annual Contemporary Showcase Festival in our area under the direction of the Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects (ACNMP), an organization dedicated to the promotion of Canadian contemporary music.

ACNMP has centres of operation in many cities across Canada. Every year during Canada Music Week, these centres present a Contemporary Showcase Festival, a non-competitive festival set in a master class format and adjudicated by knowledgeable musicians. We are pleased to be able to announce that our evaluator for the Contemporary Showcase 2010 will be **Tyler Seidenberg**.

We have included some basic information in this package. There is much more to learn of ACNMP on their website ([www.acnmp.ca](http://www.acnmp.ca)). Please investigate for yourself to determine your level of involvement in our 2010 Contemporary Showcase. Mark your calendars for November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Salvation Army Church, 61 Gibson Street, Parry Sound. **There will be a Composer's Workop on Friday night, Master Classes and a Gala Concert on Saturday.**

If you have any questions, or would like further information on this event, please contact our centre's co-ordinator, Judy Freeman by phone 705-746-8288 or by email [tojudyfreeman@yahoo.ca](mailto:tojudyfreeman@yahoo.ca). You can also direct inquiries to Ann LaPlante, General Manager of ACNMP, 20 St. Joseph Street, Toronto, ON, M4Y 1J9. She can be reached by telephone at 416-963-5937.

Thank you,

Judy



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Dear Friend,

**The Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects** is an organization dedicated to the promotion of Canadian contemporary music. Throughout our thirty year history, it has been our mission to encourage teachers to teach Canadian contemporary music, to motivate students to study and perform this music and to encourage Canadian composers to write music for students of all levels from the most junior to the paraprofessional.

In order to provide teachers and students with exposure to Canadian works, Alliance compiles an **extensive syllabus** of Canadian works in a wide range of instrumental, vocal and choral categories, which is updated every five years with a supplement issued at the midpoint. The Alliance also regularly commissions composers across the country.

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**Your financial support helps us to sustain and contribute to the growth of this vital organization.**

Your annual membership fee of \$25.00 entitles you to:

- The ACNMP-Contemporary Showcase Syllabus and any Supplement
- Access to the syllabus and all changes on our website [www.acnmp.ca](http://www.acnmp.ca)
- The *Contempo* newsletter on our website. (If you need a hard copy it will be provided)
- Access to the resources of the Canadian Music Centre
- Member discounts on Contemporary Showcase festival, concert and workshop events
- Priority mailings on festival and special events

Our membership structure now allows for you to direct your membership fee to the Contemporary Showcase centre of your choice. \$15.00 of your membership will be used directly by your local centre to assist them with the Contemporary Showcase Festival and their scholarship fund.

Please indicate to which centre you wish to direct your membership fee to on the enclosed form. If you have any questions, please contact me or your centre's coordinator.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Yours truly,

*Ann*

Ann LaPlante  
General Manager  
Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects



## Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects

### YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO HELP US PRESERVE, PROMOTE AND COMMISSION CANADIAN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Yes! You can count on my support. Enclosed is my annual membership fee of \$25.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation to the Alliance in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle which Contemporary Showcase Centre you would like to support:  
BRADFORD/NORTH YORK, CALGARY, CHATHAM, DUNNVILLE, DURHAM REGION, EAST  
CENTRAL ALBERTA, EDMONTON, GRAND PRAIRIE, GRAND RIVER REGION, GREATER  
MONCTON, HALIFAX, LANGLEY, LONDON, MISSISSAUGA, MONTREAL, NORTH BAY,  
OTTAWA/CARLETON, PARRY SOUND/MUSKOKA, RED DEER, REGINA, SASKATOON,  
SAINT JOHN/KV, THUNDER BAY, TORONTO, VICTORIA, WEST CENTRAL  
SASKATCHEWAN, WINDSOR

**\$15 of your membership fee will go directly to the centre of your choice.**

#### **Memberships benefits include:**

ACNMP and Contemporary Showcase Syllabus and Supplement

Contempo Newsletter

Priority mailings on festivals and special events

Member Discounts on Contemporary Showcase festivals, concerts and workshops

Access to ACNMP's extensive national library of Contemporary Canadian Music

Resources of the Canadian Music Centre

Access to your local Contemporary Showcase centre's library and resources

**Please send your cheque to:**

**ACNMP**

**20 St. Joseph Street,**

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An income tax receipt will be issued promptly

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



## ALLIANCE FOR CANADIAN NEW MUSIC PROJECTS ACNMP

With its annual *CONTEMPORARY SHOWCASE*, and its comprehensive *SYLLABUS*, ACNMP has earned a reputation as a champion of Canadian music.

*"Contemporary Showcase...one of the more conspicuous guarantors of Canada's musical health."*  
(Robert Everett -Green, Globe and Mail)

### *What is Contemporary Showcase?*

- *Contemporary Showcase*, the major project of ACNMP, is an annual festival held in Canada Music Week featuring performances by students of Canadian music.
- In 1967, a small group of Toronto music teachers commissioned new Canadian works for students and featured them at the first *Contemporary Showcase*.

### *Where is it held?*

- Launched in 1970, *Contemporary Showcase*, initially a biennial festival in Toronto, became an annual event in November in 1990.
- *Contemporary Showcase* is now held in many centres across Canada.

### *What makes it special?*

- Students perform music written specifically for them by Canada's composers.
- It is, in essence, a non-competitive festival; but scholarships are offered to encourage students in their further study and performance of Canadian music.
- Adjudication sessions are conducted in a master-class format.
- A highlight of *Contemporary Showcase* is the final concert at which outstanding festival participants perform, scholarships are presented, and students have the opportunity to meet composers. (*Our centre isn't quite big enough for this component, yet.*)

### *How does a performer choose the music?*

- Another of ACNMP's projects is a comprehensive *Syllabus* featuring graded Canadian music in over 25 categories for voice and instruments, both solo and ensemble. Issued every five years with periodic supplements, it has become an invaluable resource for students, teachers, conservatories and other festivals.
- Many of the scores are unpublished and may be obtained from the Canadian Music Centre or from the ACNMP library.

### *Does ACNMP have other projects?*

- *Commissions*: Since 1967, ACNMP has commissioned over 65 works from composers across Canada.
- *Workshops*: \* Composition sessions are conducted by composers to encourage students to explore their own musical creativity.  
\* Choral workshops introduce student choirs and their conductors to new Canadian choral repertoire.

### *How may one obtain a Syllabus?*

- Contact the ACNMP office to obtain a *Syllabus* and information about projects.
  - \* Phone: 416-963-5937
  - \* E-mail: [acnmptor@ica.net](mailto:acnmptor@ica.net)
  - \* Visit the website: [www.acnmp.ca](http://www.acnmp.ca)

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