



ALLIANCE FOR CANADIAN NEW MUSIC PROJECTS: CONTEMPORARY SHOWCASE, TORONTO CENTRE

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Dear fellow teachers:

Welcome to **Contemporary Showcase**, a one of a kind music festival that is devoted entirely to music by contemporary Canadian composers. Sponsored by the "Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects"(ACNMP), this annual festival, now in its 40th year, takes place in centres across Canada during Canada Music Week each November. The *non-competitive* master class format provides encouragement for young performers, and also allows them to increase their knowledge and appreciation of Canadian composers and their works.

Contemporary Showcase Toronto will be held from November 20th to November 25th, 2011 at the Royal Conservatory of Music, 273 Bloor Street West. We are pleased to announce our distinguished adjudicators for this year: Nancy Telfer (junior and intermediate piano), Penelope Dale (junior and intermediate voice), Kathy Rapoport (solo strings), Erica Raum (solo and ensemble strings), Doug Stewart (winds).

We are also pleased to announce two special advanced workshops this year. The mandate of these workshops is to provide advanced players (grade 9 to para-professional levels) the opportunity to get detailed feedback on their repertoire from well-known artist/clinicians. We welcome Christina Petrowska Quilico as the clinician for the advanced piano workshop and Ginette Duplessis as the advanced voice workshop clinician. To maintain the quality of the experience for all participants, ***enrollment in these workshops will be limited, and will be prioritized in the order in which applications are received.***

In keeping with other music festivals and exam systems, Contemporary Showcase is moving towards a more environmentally friendly *electronic* distribution of application forms and scheduling information. ***The application form and fee schedule are available for you to download at our website: www.acnmp.ca. Follow the links to "Toronto Centre" and all information is there for you to print off and mail in.*** Please also note that we will be sending out scheduling information ***by regular mail*** (or by hand delivery at RCM) to teachers. Teachers must then pass this information to their students, as in previous years. Please submit accurate addresses on the application form. This website also includes our carefully selected and graded syllabus, from which participating students should choose their repertoire.

If you experience any problem with access to a computer, or issues with downloading the form, you can contact Russ Jones at 416-481-8349, and a hard copy application form will be sent out to you by regular mail.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15th 2011. No late entries will be accepted. Please mail your entry ***directly*** to Wendy Potter (address at the bottom of the application form). Teachers, please forward ALL your student application forms ***AT ONE TIME*** and ***WITH ONE CHEQUE***.

If you have any further questions regarding **Contemporary Showcase Toronto**, please don't hesitate to contact one of us using the information below. We sincerely hope that as you plan repertoire for your students, you will include some of the wonderful music offered by the composers of our own country.

Our best wishes,

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