

Cool Notes

Welcome to the Junior Winter and Senior Christmas Concerts of the 2017-18 School Year

A very warm welcome to the parents, their children and especially the newest members of the Argyle Music Association, including the grade 8 choir and band students. All parents of students involved in the music program, are members of the AMA 2017-2018!

At our recent AMA Annual General Meeting held on September 27th, the following parents were “elected” (read acclaimed) to the executive for the following terms:

President - Kerry Somerville

(serving her 2nd year of a two year term)

Vice President - Omar Dharamsi

(newly elected! Welcome to the team!)

Treasurer - Leslie Mak

(serving his 2nd year of a two year term)

Secretary - Heather Maconachie

(serving her 2nd year of a two year term)

Fundraising Chair - CURRENTLY VACANT

Elected Members at Large - Kathy Parasiuk, Kendra Green, John Sullivan, Sheila Balzer, Helen Markey and Elizabeth Dyer plus

Cabaret Chair - Sarah Ballantyne

Concert Coordinators - Kirsten Clarke, Danielle Moore, Lisa Kurry, and Kathy Parasiuk

IT Support - Brett Johnson

A letter from the President...

Under the guidance of *Frances Roberts* and *Michelle Chan*, your children have embarked on a musical journey which has already included performances for the school **Remembrance Day Ceremony**. In addition to the performances this evening, there will be many opportunities for your children to share music with their classmates and peers.

To support their efforts, there are many opportunities to volunteer for a season, a reason or an evening! You will see that the Fall Fundraising is underway under the leadership of *Sheila Balzer*, and as this is a big undertaking, we are asking for parent volunteers to help the team on the evening of **December 11th** and then distribution day on **December 14th** 11am - 6 pm to sort pies and cookies, and then for orders to be picked up. **Please consider volunteering your time for this.**

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We are grateful to our **Concert Coordinators** who you will see manning the front doors and collecting donations at our concerts; as well as our all things IT, **Brett Johnson**. We continue to be indebted to **Frances and Michelle** for their energetic devotion to all things musical at **Argyle** and to the administration for their support.

In addition to fundraising (**where we need a new chair person!**), Sheila Balzer has spent countless hours working on the uniforms, Senior Tour 2018, keeping the website current and now leading the production of these Cool Notes that you are reading. The best way to show your appreciation for our tireless volunteer is to step in to help. Thank you those who continue to help with a variety of tasks, but the fact remains, lead people are needed in key areas.

One final “ask” - if you have not already given us your email address, please take a minute to do so. You can email Brett at info@argylemusic.ca with your information (please include the name of your child and grade). Due to privacy rules, the only way we can get your email address is if you give it to us. This will allow us to send you information and reminders related to Argyle Music.

Thank you for being here this evening and for your support of Argyle Music.

~ Kerry Somerville

MUSIC MATTERS

The music program has given me so many opportunities that I would have never gotten anywhere else. I've been able to make music with many talented people and am having so much fun doing it. Last year when I came to Argyle, I was slightly worried, the school was bigger than I expected and the concerts took many hours to prepare. The sound and lighting club has taught me how to handle professional equipment and I've still been learning so much from being a part of the crew! Not only have I been learning from the sound and lighting club, but from band class as well. Band has taught me to listen and blend, and make good quality music. Jazz band and jazz choir taught me to improvise and get a sense of rhythm. I've been learning so much from the music program and am looking forward to learning more in the coming years!

~ Lynn Choi, Grade 9



❄️ *Welcome*
MICHELLE

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CHAN

M*ichelle Chan* is a music educator and musician who passionately values being a professional and constantly learning everyday. *Michelle* believes that in order to have a strong music program, it is not only about being an exceptional performer or an accomplished musician knowing how to play the music, but is also about the importance of working as an ensemble and collaborating with each other when needed. Through this, we can all grow as individuals that will help us not only as a musician but also through life experiences. emphasized how we can all come together as one to celebrate ourselves and our country.

A graduate from UofA,

Michelle just recently moved to Vancouver from Edmonton, Alberta. She completed her Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education Degrees in 2012 with a concentration in secondary education and piano. While completing her degree, *Michelle* sang in University of Alberta Concert Choirs and played in University of Alberta Bands. She has been teaching piano to students of all ages with high achievement marks since 2005 and she has also received awards from the Yamaha Keyboard Music Festival. *Michelle* was actively involved in the University of Alberta's Department of Music as a house and stage manager during concerts and events before moving here.



Currently, *Michelle* plays in the Black Bear Band with a number of musicians in the community including plans to perform in December and in the new year.



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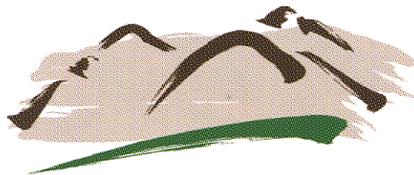
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Reflections...

BCMEA

For 3 days in October, 7 members of *Argyle's Senior Concert* choir participated in the BCMEA Provincial Honour Concert Choir, and had the privilege of working intensively with **Scott Leithhead**, the director of a choir in Alberta called **Kokopelli**, as our conductor. He was inspiring, talented, endlessly cheerful even fighting his cold and so early in the morning. Each day of rehearsal began at 8:30 AM in Richmond, and ended at 5 PM, with a performance at the end of the third day. During these rehearsals, 103 high school choir singers from *Victoria* to *Kamloops* came together to learn 6 songs, each challenging in their own way.

Under **Scott's** spectacular conducting and with the aid of his contagious enthusiasm, each song came to life and we all nearly bounced off the stage with boundless excitement. It was a new level of musicianship. We also had the honour of working with an incredible pianist, the current **Kokopelli** accompanist, *Bryan LeGrow*, and **Nelson**, one of Scott's former exchange students who taught us one of his many languages, **isiXhosa**, and a song from his home. At lunch and during breaks, we talked to singers from other schools, and made new friends. It was amazing to see how different each of us were, how different our backgrounds were, and yet here we were, all with the same passion for music and motivation, singing together in a life-changing experience to create the most wonderful music I've ever had the pleasure of performing. Though only a short 3 days, it was emotion-filled, energy-charged, but most of all, fun and unforgettable. - *Vivian Cheng, Gr. 12*

This 2017 Winter editions of *Cool Notes* was prepared from a file from the graduated AMA Volunteer, **Stacey Seddon**, with the use of DMA student's, **Makayla Liddle's** knowledge and access to *InDesign* and **Sheila Balzer's** time...the AMA & Music Program is looking for this role to be filled by another... Might be you?



CHORAL

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Concert Choir Retreat

In October, the Concert Choir went to *Hatzic Lake* for a two-day retreat so we could meet the people in the other class. Despite the rain, we had a good time singing through our repertoire, and bonding over delicious mac n' cheese. *Dr. Jeanine Gallant* led us through workshops to improve our singing, including teaching us how relaxed our muscles could really get and other proper singing techniques. We had an indoor campfire with songs led by *Mr. Stibbards*, and spooky stories told by various members of the choir. We got to sing in the gym and the acoustics amazed everyone, especially during *Flanders Field* and *Amazing Grace!* In the morning, *Frannycise* really woke us up and ready for another day, exercising to tracks by **ABBA** and *Rajaton*. Through the two days, the concert choir got to know each other better, listen to each other, and express our appreciation for each other, creating a positive experience for everyone. ~ *Vivian Chang*

UBC Choral Invitational

Friday, November 17th the Senior Concert Choir had the honour of going to the **UBC Choral Invitational** for the second year in a row and it was amazing! We started off the day by doing a mass warm-up with students from nine other high schools across the lower mainland, then each school got to perform a couple songs for the rest of us. It was great getting to hear the variety of pieces everyone has been working on, and students from all schools were super supportive of each other. However, the best part was singing two mass pieces (which we'll get to later) all together, and with the **University Singers** and the **UBC Choral Union**. We rehearsed under the direction of *Dr. Graeme Langager*, who is an amazing teacher and conductor. Half the fun (*for me anyways*) was watching the way he conducted us and his choirs. In the evening we got to hear the two **UBC** choirs perform and they did some incredible pieces! Between the emotion of *All of Us* and the fun of **Flight of the Bumblebee** and **Tchaka**, it was an incredibly concert. To close off the show, we joined the **UBC** choirs in singing the mass numbers we had rehearsed, *Tudodana* and the Canadian premier of **WE CAN MEND THE SKY**. There really is nothing quite like the feeling of singing in a mass ensemble, despite being surrounded by all these people you don't know, the music and the sound you're creating truly makes you feel connected. ~ *Christina Acton*

Fundraising

Distribution Date * Thursday, Dec. 14 * 3-5:45pm * Argyle

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With Frozen Items, be sure to mark the date.

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HUGE thanks to all those who have helped so far!

***Over
\$115,000**



worth of fundraising
sales were completed by

** Preliminary Figures*

**100
music
students**

***Approximately**

38%

Participated

There *is* **HELP NEEDED...**

Monday Dec. 11th starting @ 6 pm
@ 3442 Church St.

Thursday Dec. 14th

11 am to 6 pm @ Argyle Cafeteria

email: fundraising@argylemusic.ca

AMAZING RESOURCES AVAILABLE!!!

www.argylemusic.ca

For students and parents...

Find INFORMATION for things like:

Links for band songs!

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Friday, December 8th, 7:30pm
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with the Argyle Secondary School Choir

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TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY AT CENTENNIAL BOX OFFICE
Box Office hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Box Office phone: 604-268-4484
Box Office email: ctcboxoffice@nwrc.ca
Or at the door on show night.

TICKET PRICES:
\$32 \$29 \$12
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SAVE THE DATES

* Friday DEC 8th 7:30pm *Sounds of Christmas*

Centennial Theatre, Sr. Concert Choir 11-12,

* Tues. DEC 12th 7:30pm **Senior Christmas Concert**

St. Andrew's Wesley Church

* Wed. JAN 31st 6:30 *AMA General Meeting &*

7:30 - 9pm **SENIOR TOUR MEETING**

* Sat. MAY 12th **ARGYLE'S CABARET**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Email: icanhelp@argylemusic.ca