Camp Alumni

Former Camper Premieres Chamber Work, Wins Composition Prize!

Karlie Anna Boyle recently celebrated two significant events as a composer: the premiere of her chamber work The Forest Awakens, and a top placement in composition competition. The Niagara Youth Orchestra presented The Forest Awakens at two public concerts in late March 2012. Ms Boyle recently placed in the top tier of a Conservatory Canada Competition for Young Composers with her piano work Three Studies. She and 11 other winners will have their compositions published in a compendium by Mayfair Music. Ms Boyle is a Grade 11 student at Laura Secord Secondary School and a long time member of the Niagara Youth Orchestra. She has attended the Niagara Symphony’s Summer Music Camp since 2004, where she participated in the camp’s Composition programme from 2007-2010, and returns again this year as a volunteer at SMC 2012.

Teacher and Camper featured in Niagara Symphony Concert

Deborah Braun has a life-long history with Summer Music Camp. As the daughter of the camp harp teacher, Ms Braun was introduced to SMC very early! After years of attendance at the camp, and advanced musical studies, she returned to camp, now serving as harp teacher and also a past camp director. Deborah Braun is now the Principal Harp of the Niagara Symphony, and will be featured in Mozart’s Concerto for Flute & Harp at the March 2012 MasterWorks 3 concert.

SMC Artistic Director Appointed Music Director of Dundas Valley Orchestra

Laura Thomas has been both a camper and a faculty member at SMC, and currently serves as Artistic Director. In addition to her duties as the Niagara Symphony’s Associate Conductor and Principal Percussionist, Ms Thomas was recently appointed to the position of Music Director for the Dundas Valley Orchestra.

Academy student premieres original composition!

Micah Thomas, a student at The Academy at Summer Music Camp celebrated the premiere performance of his new composition 'The Einherjar' in March, 2011. The Niagara Youth Orchestra presented the work at their spring concert at St. Catharines Collegiate. A short draft of this piece was performed at the Senior Session Final concert in July, 2010. Mr. Thomas is a horn player with the Niagara Youth Orchestra and a student at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.

Summer Music Camp Alumni perform with the Niagara Symphony!

Jocelyn Fralick, a long time camper and past Summer Music Camp Senior Apprentice, has been seen around the world via YouTube singing in the now-famous Chorus Niagara flash-mob performance of the Hallelujah Chorus. She joined the Niagara Symphony to perform a comic duet from Mozart’s The Magic Flute at the Niagara Symphony’s POPS! 3 concert "Hey, Niagara, You’ve Got Talent!" in late February 2011. Ms. Fralick is a third year undergraduate music student at the University of Toronto in the Concurrent Teacher Education Programme, studying Voice and serving as a Faculty of Music Ambassador.

Fiddle-playing brothers Brennan and Connor Doherty are also Summer Music Camp alumni, and have donated their considerable musical skills as volunteers there over the past three years. Last summer, Brennan joined SMC 2011 as an apprentice. The Doherty’s joined their mother, Mary Beth, to perform with the Symphony at "Hey, Niagara, You’ve Got Talent!", part of the rollicking “Fiddle Summit” that ended the concert. Brennan and Connor currently attend the University of Ottawa and Guelph respectively, and attend the Celtic Fiddle College every summer.