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Seasons Greetings



Angelique Hand, Maura Sharkey-Pryma, Christine Ernst, Timothy Anderson, Cara Brown, Bob George, Sandi Meredith
Missing from picture: John Reid



From the
Board & Staff
of AMEF!

Give the GIFT that keeps on GIVING!

This Holiday season make a donation on behalf of someone special. Your donation will go towards the use of a violin or keyboard for disadvantaged youth, or support our ability to provide grants and scholarships to deserving organizations and musicians in Alberta.

Online Donations and Memberships NOW available using Paypal

AMEF is now accepting memberships and donations online using our interactive membership form! In efforts to make joining as easy as possible we have multiple options for supporting AMEF;

- Online membership & donations using Paypal
- Donations (one time and monthly giving) through Canada Helps "Donate Now" option



So Many Ways
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AMEF!



Accepting Submissions for AMEF Student Recognition Award!

These awards seek to recognize and assist deserving Alberta music students for music performance excellence, and for utilizing their talents through active volunteer community service.

Applicants compete in either **Music Performance** or **Community Service** categories that showcase their skills using video media. Each award is **\$1,000** in the form of an AMEF Gift Certificate to be spent towards either music lessons, music school tuition or for music equipment and/or music books from Long & McQuade Musical Instruments (any store in Alberta).

Deadline for entries is March 31, 2013

Message from the Chair

Thank you for your continued support of AMEF. I know that this particular phrase gets used a lot, but we really cannot say it enough. It is our members, volunteers, patrons and sponsors that help AMEF continue to expand its programs and support music education in this province. With the growth of our Strings for Kids and Keyboards for Kids programs, and anticipated start-up of additional locations in the coming months, AMEF is a busy organization. We are encouraged to have an ongoing increase in members, many of whom are willing to donate their time and energy to AMEF's efforts. On behalf of the Board, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, filled with music and laughter.

Cara Brown
AMEF Board Chair

It was another great success for Music Conference Alberta (MCA) 2012!



In November, Western Canada's only collaborative music conference brought music educators together from all disciplines from across the province, nationally and internationally for three days of valuable networking and learning opportunities. The conference was held at the elegant Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer.

MCA 2012 also introduced its own app in Guidebook, which allowed attendees to manage, organize and view the entire conference schedule on their mobile devices! Attendees were also encouraged to join MCA on Twitter and tweet live during the entire conference!"

In addition to all of the informative sessions and trade fair exhibits that MCA 2012 offered to attendees, they were given the opportunity to attend several choral and band performances, relaxing receptions, a spectacular Gala Concert and the coveted MCA Awards Banquet - just some of the highlights of the conference!

AMEF was particularly encouraged to see its member registration go up this year and to see so many new members attend the conference for the first time.

The AMEF, MCA committee is already in the planning stages for next year's exciting conference and is calling on ALL its members to give the gift of time by volunteering at MCA 2013. You can play an important role in the success of this wonderful event and earn the opportunity to attend the conference!

Submitted by: Maura Sharkey-Pryma
MCA Conference Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All positions available

AMEF CASINO FUNDRAISER– FEBRUARY 16TH AND 17TH, 2013

Deerfoot Inn and Casino Calgary Alberta

Show your support for AMEF and volunteer your time to assist us with this important fundraiser! We look forward to spending the time to get to know you personally, share our ideas for the future, and promote AMEF throughout the province.

For more information on schedule and volunteer opportunities email info@amef.ca, leave your name and contact number, and we will get back to you with available time slots.

We appreciate your time and effort!

A year in pictures...



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1. Jonathan Govias, presenter MCA 2012
2. Beth Olver, Keyboards for Kids instructor, with scholarship recipient
3. Amber Nagel, Strings for Kids instructor, with program participant
4. Alexandra Munn, 2012 AMEF Recognition Award recipient with Maura Sharkey-Pryma
5. AMEF 15th Anniversary cake.
6. Keyboards for Kids year end recital participant Melrose Randell, Sandi Siemens, & Maura Sharkey-Pryma at MCA Awards Banquet
7. Dr. Jennifer Snow working with Masterclass participant Angelique Hand, Maura Sharkey-Pryma, Eleanor Daly, Bob George, & Cara Brown, at MCA Industry reception
8. Sandi Meredith and Maura Sharkey-Pryma hosting the reception desk at MCA
9. Cara Brown presenting Teresa Allred with long term service award
10. Cara Brown presenting Melrose Randell with long term service award