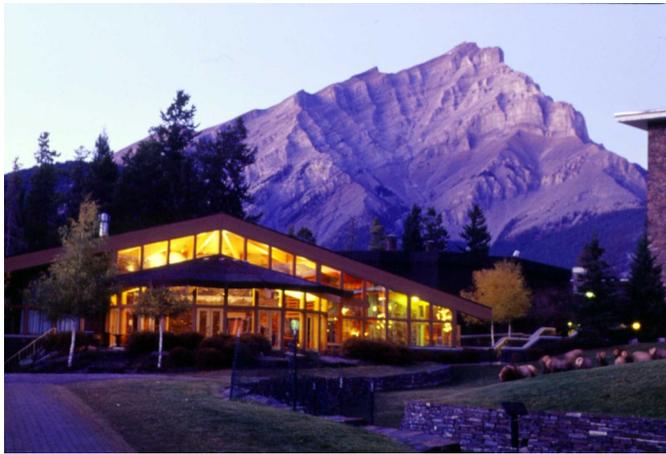




Newsletter

March 2016



Join us at
The Banff Centre
in Banff, Alberta for
Music Conference Alberta,
October 20-22, 2016

*More information coming soon!
Keep checking our website www.amef.ca
as we finalize the plans.*

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Message from the Chair

The Alberta Music Education Foundation (AMEF) operates like an orchestra, and volunteers are instrumental in helping us fulfill our mandate and vision. Volunteers regularly contribute to governance, our programs and management, and in doing so, they play an integral role in shaping our success.



AMEF Board Chair
Maura Sharkey-Pryma

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all past and current volunteers, as well as our community partners, for sharing their time, knowledge and skills with AMEF. Your work has made an impact on our collective efforts to expand our music education programs and offerings in your community.

As AMEF and its music education programs continue to grow in value, the biggest challenge pursued by the AMEF board in recent months is the urgent need for long-term funding to ensure an ongoing source of financial support to operate our programs.

To realize our goal, the AMEF has launched its **2016 Fundraising Campaign**. This Campaign is vital to ensuring we revive our financial base. With full support, all AMEF board members have given and now we look to our membership at large to help enable our Mission to ensure our programs and grants can continue.

With your support, I am confident we will succeed in achieving our overall goal of raising \$50,000. These crucial funds will enable AMEF to implement its action plan to secure long-term delivery and provision of its free music education programs to your community.

My hope is that you'll join us and see our contribution to the positive future of music education in Alberta. I invite you to explore AMEF's bold, exciting work, its innovative programs and their already significant impact. Remember, you are our best partner in advocating for kids and communities who are either at-risk or disadvantaged. Please give now so we can continue to provide free music instruction.

We can do this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Pryma', written in a cursive style.

Maura Sharkey-Pryma
Chair, Alberta Music Education Foundation

Introducing our Newest Board Member Mary Elizabeth Archer



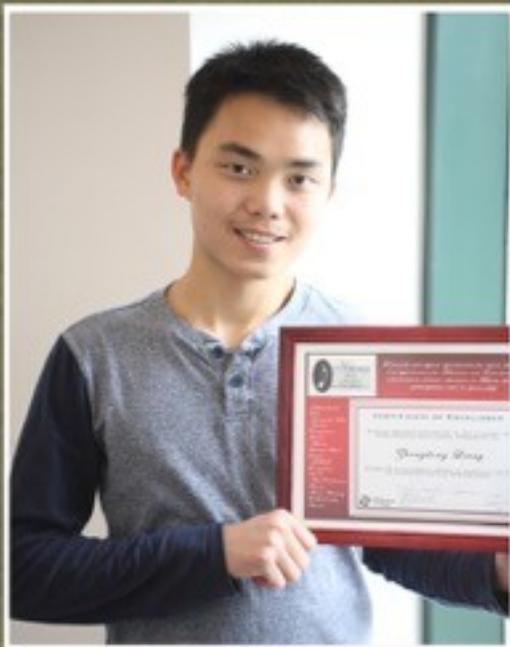
Mary Elizabeth is the owner of Communications Archer. She has been working with not-for-profits and primarily arts and culture organizations through her business for more than ten years doing everything. She has over 25 years of experience in marketing, public relations, event management, fund development, media and volunteer management.

Welcome aboard Mary Elizabeth!

NEW STRINGS FOR KIDS PROGRAM IN EDMONTON!

This fall, AMEF was thrilled to be able to start a new Strings for Kids program in Edmonton, at Ormsby School. There are 6 students learning cello in the Cello Club, and their wonderful teacher is John Fedor. Many thanks to Long & McQuade for their sponsorship of the cello rentals.





Zhengdong Liang (violin)
2015 Student Recognition Award Winner
Music Performance



Alyssa Waldner (voice)
2015 Student Recognition Award Winner
Community Service

Alberta Music Education Foundation 2016 Student Recognition Awards

Recognizing and assisting deserving Alberta music students for music performance excellence, and for utilizing their musical talents through active volunteer community service.

- ▶ Each award is \$1000.00 in the form of an AMEF gift certificate
- ▶ Competition is comprised of video entries posted on YouTube and completed application form
- ▶ Application deadline: March 31, 2016. Complete videos must be submitted on YouTube by March 31, 2016

For online application & guidelines visit:

www.amef.ca



Volunteers Needed June 3 & 4, 2016



**Volunteer NOW by contacting AMEF
by Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016
info@amef.ca
or
780-409-8407**

CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS



The **Alberta Music Education Foundation** is a charity whose mission is to promote the advancement of music education in Alberta through participation and/or sponsorship. This is achieved through programs such as:

- ◇ **Keyboards and Strings for Kids** - group music lessons for at-risk youth
- ◇ **Alberta Heritage Music Project** - a program aimed at connecting youth and seniors through music memories
- ◇ **Music Conference Alberta** - co-produced with Alberta Band Association and Choir Alberta, this premiere music educators conference offers a vast array of sessions and clinicians each year for professional development and networking for the music teaching community
- ◇ And more!

The current focus of the board of directors includes expanding the programs throughout the province and increasing the profile of the organization through fund development drives and strategic marketing.

The Alberta Music Education Foundation (AMEF) is seeking a volunteer board member who strongly believes in music education, and will assist in attaining these goals. Do you have knowledge or experience in board policies, charitable programming, fundraising or event planning? Would you be willing to attend quarterly board meetings and Annual General Meetings, and serve on committees? Would you like to support music education by organizing and/or participating in fundraising events?

If any or all of these sound like you, please contact us at info@amef.ca to receive a complete board package and information about this fulfilling volunteer position!

For more information on the organization, please visit www.amef.ca

Thank you!

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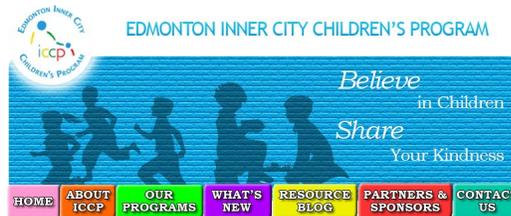
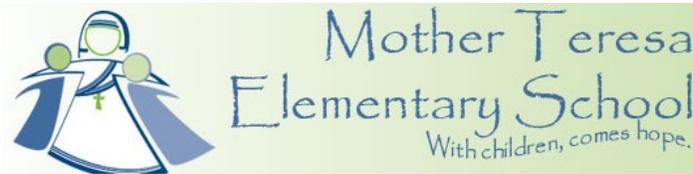
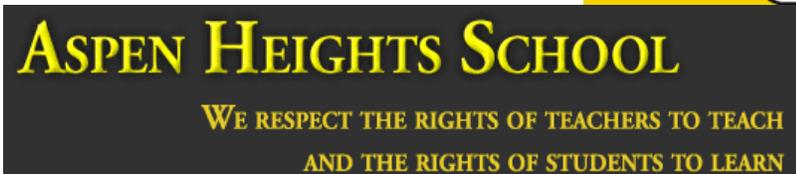
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