



CONSERVATORY CANADA LAUNCHES CREATIVE COMPOSER'S COMPETITION

Canadian piano students invited to put their compositional skills to the test!

Deadline for entry: May 31, 2011

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(London, Ontario) – Conservatory Canada invites piano students from across Canada to put their compositional skills to the test for the first annual Creative Composer's Competition.

Launched as a partnership between Conservatory Canada, Mayfair Music Publishing and Long & McQuade Music Stores, the contest is a unique opportunity for budding composers of all ages to let their talent shine, says Conservatory Canada national executive director, Victoria Warwick.

"There are many students across Canada who love to compose music in all styles," says Warwick. "We hope this competition will inspire and encourage them in this creative pursuit."

Piano students of all ages have until May 31 to submit entries through the Conservatory Canada website. Submissions should be written in a contemporary musical style – Jazz, Country, Latin, and Broadway – as included in Conservatory Canada's Contemporary Idioms Syllabus for Piano.

All submissions will be reviewed by Conservatory Canada examiners with compositional skills, Warwick says. Winners will be announced at Conservatory Canada's national convocation ceremony in November, winning compositions will be included in a new Mayfair Music Publication and prizes of gift certificates will be awarded from Long & McQuade.

"Composition is a natural part of our Contemporary Idioms program," notes Warwick. "The Creative Composer's Competition will allow students to showcase their fine work, and by compiling the best-of-the-best in a new publication, teachers and students across Canada will be able to enjoy them."

Full contest details are available at www.conservatorycanada.ca

About Conservatory Canada

Conservatory Canada is a national charitable organization that focuses on advancing the Performing Arts through music education. With roots dating back to 1891, our accredited centre

of excellence promotes musical achievement through a comprehensive program of study, evaluation and recognition for students and teachers in every region of Canada.

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