



Contemporary Showcase Festival Toronto

Awards Concert and Presentation

Sunday, December 7, 4:00pm

Master of Ceremonies - Joseph Glaser,

Composer and Regional Director of the Canadian Music Centre

Order of Performances

Red Light, Green Light by Joanne Bender – Avi Khare, piano

Cantillation by Jean Ethridge – Bella Feng, cello, Christine Kim, piano

Trolls by Clifford Crawley – Yunxuan Ren, voice, Daisy Leung, piano

Playful Puppy by Linda Niamath – Maya Ihnatowycz, piano

Sonate, First Movement by Denis Bedard – Zhanran (Olivia) Feng, flute, Christine Kim, piano

Industrial Revolutions per Minute by Janet Gieck – Chase Howard, Ross Fraser,
Gillian Fraser, piano trio

Hark, the Lark at Heavn's Gate Sings by Robert Ursan – Barbara Novikova, voice,
Jo Greenway, piano

Sonata for Cello and Piano, 2nd Movement (Sarabande) by Jean Coulthard – Miles Nghiem, cello,
Christine Kim, piano

Four Etudes for Piano, no. IV by Jean Coulthard – Joaquin Justo, piano

*With sincere gratitude to the Canadian Music Centre for their partnership with the ACNMP and CSF for hosting
this event, and Joseph Glaser, Ontario Regional Director.*



Designated Awards

Presented by Janet Fothergill

The Dianne and Robert Aitken Award

This award was established in 2006 to recognize promising flutists in the Contemporary Showcase Festival's Toronto Centre.

This year, the following performers are recognized:

ZHANRAN (OLIVIA) FENG, SELINA GAO and MICHAEL EKENG

The Mary Gardiner Award (Toronto)

This award was established several years ago to honour our long- time president. It is presented to students who participated for several years in Contemporary Showcase Festival, at a high level of performance. These performers are encouraged to apply for the corresponding National awards, via YouTube.

This year, the following performers are recognized:

JOAQUIN JUSTO and MILAN GODARA

The Oscar Peterson School Award

This award was established in 2016 in recognition of the partnership between the Royal Conservatory School and the Contemporary Showcase Festival, Toronto Centre.

This year, the following performers are recognized:

NIKOLA CORALES, MAYA IHNATOWYCZ, MARGUERITE LARRAT,
YUNXUAN REN and SOPHIA SHULINSKY

The Elaine Kruse Memorial Award

Established in 2008 and to be presented to promising young pianists, this award honours Elaine's long-standing association with ACNMP and the Contemporary Showcase Festival – Toronto Centre. Elaine's leadership as president, her vision as a chairperson, and her unique and special guidance as a teacher encouraged us to recognize her in this manner, being one of Alliance's outstanding advocates of Canadian music.

This year, the following performers are recognized:

EVELYN BRUBACHER, ELODIE FINLAY, and INGA ORDINE



The Mary Hildebrand Award of Excellence (Toronto)

This award was established in 2014 to honour Mary Hildebrand, a teacher, composer, and dedicated supporter of Contemporary Showcase. It is presented to one senior solo participant each year. This performer is encouraged to apply for the corresponding National award, via YouTube.

This year, the following performer is recognized:

BARBARA NOVIKOVA

The Ann Southam Award (Toronto)

This award was established in 2018 to honour Ann Southam, a teacher, composer, and dedicated supporter of Contemporary Showcase. It is presented to one junior and one senior participant each year. This award is at the discretion and financial responsibility of each individual centre. This performer is encouraged to apply for the corresponding National award, via YouTube.

This year, the following performers are recognized:

MILES NGHIEM and AVI KHARE

The Russ and Sylvia Jones Award

This annual award was established in 2020 to honour and recognize Russ and Sylvia Jones' skilled and dedicated contribution to the Contemporary Showcase Festival.

This year, the following performer is recognized:

BELLA FENG, IGOR ORDINE and EMILY SLAVIK

Margaret Halliwell Memorial Award

Established in 2024 by family and friends, this award honours Margaret Halliwell, a much loved and respected teacher. Margaret was an enthusiastic supporter of Contemporary Showcase Festival. Based on recommendation of the adjudicator, this award is given to young pianists who demonstrate exceptional musicality and grace at the piano, qualities Margaret prized and cultivated among her students.

This year, the following performers are recognized:

GILLIAN FRASER, ROSS FRASER, CHASE HOWARD and ISABELLE BRUBACHER



Toronto Centre Awards
Presented by Wendy Potter

Advanced Strings

William Dinsmore

Ruichen Wang

Intermediate Strings

Sophia Zhang

Senior Piano

Winnie Luo

Advanced Piano

Lucas Hu

Intermediate Piano

Taisei Bakker

Lucas Lesani

Ellie Liu

Junior Piano

Camille Lin

Henrique Lanza Oliveira

Malria Laura Lanza Oliveira

Iris Von Kalimeris

Elissa Zhou