

## Welcome to the North York Music Festival 2012!

We have some very exciting news for 2012! North York Music Festival is now a member of the Ontario Music Festivals Association, enabling our eligible participants to represent this festival at the **Provincial competitions!** Please look for letter «P» to identify qualifying classes.

Once again, we are most fortunate to present our entrants with an outstanding line up of highly respected adjudicators. **Prof. William Aide** will adjudicate our Advanced piano classes. He will also present our **workshop** this year. I am very excited by the new format, which came as the result of the surveys many of you filled out. Prof. Aide will tailor his workshop to **answer your questions**, which can be asked anonymously. No musical or technical topic will be left unanswered, and there is no limit on the number of questions you may ask. To make sure your questions are included, please e-mail them ahead of the festival February 17, 2012 deadline to [northyorkmusicfestival@yahoo.ca](mailto:northyorkmusicfestival@yahoo.ca).

Our **Gala Concert** will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the beautiful Deer Park Church. The seating capacity is much greater than we had last year, and there is plenty of public parking available. With the concerto finalists performing at a separate concert, we will be able to invite a greater number of solo winners to perform, as well as cut down on the length of the concert time. We are really looking forward to creating a beautiful event to close the 2012 festival.

In our efforts to provide a variety of experiences and opinions to our participants, we will be collaborating with different orchestras. In 2012, our Concerto Class winners will perform with the **Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra** whose music director, **Sabatino Vacca**, will adjudicate the Concerto Class. The finalists of this class will perform with the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra at their seasonal concert in October 2012.

Our Senior and Intermediate Piano classes will be adjudicated by **Dr. Michael Esch** and **Dr. Janina Kuzmas**. For the first time one of our featured composers, **Martha Hill Duncan**, will also adjudicate our Junior Piano classes. Our Senior Festival Composer is **Dr. Alexander Rapoport**. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome back the incomparable **Mary Lou Fallis** to adjudicate our vocal division, and **Peter Stoll**, who was our woodwinds and brass adjudicator in the first year of the festival. Our strings adjudicator is the very accomplished **Sonia Klimasko**. As an added bonus, we also present a workshop by **Eleanor Gummer**, promoting a brand new piano method 'Pianokids'. Please refer to Adjudicators 2012 on our web-site to read the very impressive biographies of these accomplished adjudicators.

North York Music Festival will continue to use the **Steinway Family of Pianos**, most graciously supplied by **the Steinway Piano Gallery**, in all our performing events, thus continuing to provide our participants with the best quality of performing instruments. We thank the staff of the Steinway Piano Gallery for their generous support.

We are very grateful to all the volunteers, who so generously gave of their time last year. As we continue to grow, we are increasingly in need of keen individuals to help during Festival proceedings. If you have a few hours to spare and wish to be part of a unique musical event, please contact us at **northyorkmusicfestival@yahoo.ca**.

We would like to thank all the participants, their teachers and parents for sharing their artistry with the Festival in the past, and look forward to hearing much more wonderful music in this upcoming Festival. Music is a performing art, and it is our mission to foster a sense of accomplishment and enjoyment in all musicians who bring this art to life.

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