

SNAP SNEAKS A PEEK CHEERS TO THE BALMY BEACH CLUB

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A place onto its own and yet the best kept secret, not of the Beach, but the city of Toronto. Vistas and incredible views delight the eye from every vantage point upon the large outdoor patio. The littoral aspects of the Balmy Beach club encompass not only the Beach itself but of the surrounding green grassy treed areas.

Sir Adam Wilson, an Ontario Chief Justice, and the fifteenth Mayor of Toronto donated land for the club to the Beach residents in 1903. In 1905 The Balmy Beach Club opened its doors supporting at first, Lawn Bowling and Paddling. Through the years the camaraderie and competitive nature of the club grew to include more sports activities such as: hockey, fitness, squash, rugby, football, volleyball, deck tennis and the quiet relaxing leisure of socializing while enjoying a close up and personal Lake view.

The club has had two major fires since its inception. The first in 1936 and the second in 1963, both fires necessitated the club to be rebuilt.

It was only in the 1970's that the club opened its heavy double doors to membership for women. The club has had many victorious Olympians. Plaques proudly displayed, donated by historic male members, depict a time very long ago... The Olympics of: 1920 Paris, 1936 Berlin, 1952 Helsinki & 1960 London. In recent years the club has enjoyed a worldwide volleyball existence, not that very long ago, the club was the volleyball home to Mark Heese and John Child. Participating in three Olympic Games, they won the bronze in Atlanta 1996 and placed 5th in the world, twice, in Sydney and Greece. Volleyball has since moved to Ashbridges Bay, larger sand areas. Several paddlers have won their medals for canoeing and kayaking, all in the name of, and because of, the profound impact of the Balmy Beach Club.

As the sun sets, touching Lake Ontario, sitting upon the deck of the Balmy Beach I wonder how many people have enjoyed the view, sat back and set a goal only to achieve a successful outcome. In a pleasantly warm, and soothing atmosphere with a refreshing and fragrant circumstance, people embrace the oldest canoe club in the GTA.... in the yesteryear's of its day, the club embraced athletics, purpose, drive and the simple pleasures of a simple sunset. Here's a toast to a tradition, generations of good old-fashioned fun and friendship with athletic accomplishments. Cheers to the Balmy Beach Club a neighbourhood hub to this day.

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LIPPERT MUSIC FESTIVAL



Ending his performance on a high note



Director, Charleen Beard and medal recipient, Sarah Taylor



Keisha glowed with excitement after receiving her award

On April 2 and 3, Westminster Presbyterian Church was host to the 3rd Annual Lippert Music Festival. The 2011 musical showcase featured an array of talented musicians performing in front of qualified examiners, as well as family and friends. Students from piano, violin, woodwinds, guitar and voice classes entertained audiences with their eclectic renditions, receiving marks from their assessors and tips on how to enhance their overall performance. Lippert Music Centre Inc. is located at 970 Pape Ave. For more information contact them at 416-425-9933.

"2011 musical showcase"

Event by Lee Waddington
Event code: pe8gp2



A student performs at the 3rd Annual Lippert Music Festival



Nicole poses with her gold medal next to the piano after her performance

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The Third Annual Lippert Music Festival Winners

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| <p>GUITAR
Guitar Solo Winners - First Place
Evan Sokolowski
Sakina Chatur
Vojin Jovanovic
Marko Mijalkovic
Constantine Georgiou
Andrew Matheson
Daniel Sutarz
Tania D'Amico
Jakob Koblinsky
Kody Chambers
(Tie) Jamiel Rahi / Brent Redman
Jonah Ross
Jonathan Plytas</p> <p>Guitar Solo Winners - Second Place
Leigh Merotto
George De Lairre
Eryn Ballard
Alexander Alcalde Lawton
Naseem Rine-Reesha
Seth Duffy</p> <p>Guitar Solo Winners - Third Place
Christian Rowlands
Javian Albina
Morgan Lovell
Lachlan Fraser</p> <p>Guitar & Voice Solo - First Place
Paige Donaldson
Ivana Miovic</p> <p>Guitar & Voice Solo - Second Place
Natalie Sidorenko</p> <p>Guitar - Adult Open Class - First Place
Stewart Bouchard</p> <p>PIANO
Piano Solo Winners - First Place
(Tie) Jazmine Aquintey / Molly Chen
Rayana Rojo Bolton
Nomeke Sideris
Mila Gagovic
Anastazija Jovic
Christine Marquez</p> | <p>Olivier Rabu
Georgia Koumantaros
Cecilia Skarupa
Athena Koumbriidis
Milena Rabu
Cynthia Kwan
Prima Corindia
Sahhara Leckie
Alexander Dixon
Olivier Rabu
Megan Macdonald
Sarah Taylor
Molly Irving
Nicole Marbella
Ana Sami</p> <p>Piano Solo Winners - Second Place
(Tie) Matthew Isen / Ethan Leckie
Christos Papapashalis
David McPhaden
Cassandra Sidebottom
Molly McGouran
Samuel McGouran
Deanna Westlaken
Danny Zhang
Danna Zhang
Charlotte Marron
Caroleen Talao
(Tie) Nina Gagovic / Mia Petrovic
Keisha Denise Balatbat
Brooke-Lynn Brinkman</p> <p>Piano Solo Winners - Third Place
Cole Jones
Jonah Isen
(Tie) Tamara Cvijan / Alexandra Nogueira
Ursala Nakamura
Nikola Milovic
Lazar Miric
Kylie Brown
Aanika Roy
Katerina Zegas
Lachlan Bleackley
Eric Tzogas
Sindi Kolagji
Dallis Brinkman</p> | <p>VIOLIN
Violin Solo Winners - First Place
(Tie) Lannie Chen / Katya Kozina
Amelia Luc
Max Chambers
Keegan Heayn
Jessica Han
Emily Lock
Aleksandar Nikolic-Houle
Daniel Hu
Astrid Nakamura
Hayley Abma
Natalie Ko</p> <p>Violin Solo Winners - Second Place
Nathalie Strang
Sindi Kolagji
Arielle Hulsman
Joshua Sheng
Edward Zhao
Kimberly Hau
Lilah Swoboda
Shannon C. Anderson</p> <p>Violin Solo Winners - Third Place
Zachary Zohar
Pauline Marquez
Brigitte Leitch
Grace Kalsatos</p> | <p>VOICE
Voice Solo Winners - First Place
Jordan Tzogas
Ayesha Somani
Elizabeth Ivanoff
Iris Dimitrov
Claire Luc
Prima Corindia
Lisa Li
Annika Lepik
Josie D'Amico
Leah Zeeman
Lauren Merotto
Joshua Ravenhill
Catharine Woodhams
Cassandra Sidebottom
Paige Donaldson
Natesa Bourque
(Tie) Brooke-Lynn Brinkman / Morgan Lovell
Lisa Li</p> <p>Voice Solo Winners - Second Place
Lucy Irving
Riley Scott
Josie D'Amico
Nomeke Sideris
Jane Wiczorek
Mary Allyson Carino
Veronica Long
Thomas Lizo
Evan Sokolowski
Ashley Lagon
Emmett Dunn
Hayley Abma
Alexi Halket
Natasha Outow</p> <p>Voice Solo Winners - Third Place
(Tie) Max Sipos / Daryn Wells
Tamara Cvijan
Christine Lee
Clare Conlogue
Josie D'Amico
Leah Zeeman
(Tie) Dallis Brinkman / Hilary Hardie</p> |
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