



CONTEMPORARY SHOWCASE CENTRAL ALBERTA

Dear Music Teacher/Student,

Welcome to **Contemporary Showcase**, a one of a kind musical festival devoted entirely to music by contemporary Canadian composers. This annual festival now in its 42nd year takes place in centers across Canada during Canada Music week each November. In Red Deer the festival is sponsored by Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects, Alberta Music Education Foundation, Red Deer College, and the Red Deer Branch of the Alberta Registered Music Teachers Association, **Contemporary Showcase**, in a non-competitive master-class format, provides encouragement and learning opportunities for young performers to increase their knowledge and appreciation of Canadian composers and their works. A highlight of Contemporary Showcase is the final concert which features outstanding festival participants.

This is the sixth year that **Contemporary Showcase** will be held in Central Alberta. We are excited to present this **non-competitive festival** for voice, piano and composition on Friday and Saturday November 18th and 19th, 2011 at Red Deer College. Additional details on the festival are available at website www.acnmp.ca

Attached you will find a poster and application form for this year's festival. We request that you take careful note of the following procedural information:

- Entry fees are \$14 solo and \$16 duet.
- Entry forms are to be mailed to Estelle Carpenter, Registrar, (address listed at the bottom of the entry form). Please make cheque payable to **Red Deer Contemporary Showcase**.
- **All teachers entering a student may be asked to volunteer their time in preparation for or at the festival.**
- **Registrations are due Monday October 10th, 2011. Late entries will not be accepted.**

Any further questions regarding **Contemporary Showcase 2011** can be directed to Deborah Gallant (403)786-0163, Estelle Carpenter (403)348-0411, Audrey Morrison (403)343-6967), or Rita Kennedy (403)352-2257.

Life can become very hectic for music teachers as the fall semester begins. Why not explore some new Canadian music with your students this spring in preparation for this year's **Contemporary Showcase**? We are sure you will enjoy the wonderful music offered by the composers of our country.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Gallant, Rita Kennedy, Audrey Morrison, and Estelle Carpenter.

Contemporary Showcase Coordinators, Central Alberta