



Academy Newsletter

December 2006



Welcome back to the Academy Newsletter. Unfortunately your newsletter editor was trapped in Big River, Saskatchewan and wasn't able to get a newsletter out by September. ALAS! I have escaped and plan on continuing the newsletter as of now so please send in your submissions! (Kristine@irenebesse.com)

We have many new members in our academy. Welcome to our new students and teachers. We hope you find much happiness here. We also have new education coordinators. Heidi Jury and Bruce Radmacher are your angels in disguise working tirelessly to organize lessons and recitals. They have proved to be an essential part of the education team and we hope you will take the time to meet and talk with them as they are wonderful and talented members of the musical community!

We thank our existing faculty for returning for yet another year. Some have been here since the beginning of time and some will be here until the end of time! What would we do without you?

And finally a big welcome back to all of our students. You are what we do this for!



Don't Have Something to Practice With?

Come in now for our Christmas Special!!

Purchase any instrument from now until Dec 23 and receive a gift pack valued up to \$300!!! There are 5 different gift packs to choose from.

Some Conditions Apply. See Store for Details



Coming Soon!

Did you ever want to know who your teacher really is? What do they do for fun? Why did they get in to music? Who taught them? Why do they act like crazy people and make you practice and practice? What do other students think of them?

Available soon is the teacher biography book. It will have pictures, facts and maybe some secrets about your teachers that you never knew!

I would love to hear what you think about your teachers! Send me your comments ASAP (Kristine@irenebesse.com)



**THE ACADEMY
WILL BE CLOSED
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS FROM
DECEMBER 24
UNTIL
JANUARY 1.**

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Teacher Notes

Find out what your teachers have been up to!

All of the teachers have been busy and we will try to update you on what they are up to each edition. We are so proud of all of our teachers! The talent is almost overwhelming!

Congratulations!!!

Andrew Bartley, our very own guitar teacher, was the winner of the Instrumental Album of the Year award at the 28th Annual Canadian Gospel Music Association Awards. Andrew has been very busy this fall with the debut of his new band "Ragged" who performed an extremely high energy concert at the Calgary Dream Center on November 5. As well, Andrew has been taking his music magic on the road teaching theory and soloing techniques to over 120 eager guitar students. You can find out more about Andrew's story on his new website.

www.andrewbartley.ca Thanks so much for your fabulous work Andrew—you are truly a gifted individual!



Now That's Talent!

Christian Floisand, who is in his senior year as an undergraduate composition student at the University of Calgary, has written a monumental new orchestra composition that the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing at workshops for professional musicians on January 31, 2007. His newest work, called "Hall of Mirrors" explores mirror "symmetrical" harmonies. The 10 minute long work for full orchestra was perfected under the mentorship of his professor, the celebrated Allen Bell. Christian is fascinated by the relationships and patterns inherent in music and his first subject of expertise, computer science. Thanks Christian, for inspiring your students here at IBK to appreciate music!

Welcome to the team!!

Jon Fisher, one of our newer piano instructors, has been actively performing this semester with the University Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Glen Price. This high energy group performed many complex works including Bach's Toccata and Fugue for orchestra after only five weeks of rehearsal on October 12! The performance level and commitment of this group is truly impressive! Thanks so much Jon and well done! You do a great job of balancing all of your solo, ensemble, job and teaching commitments!

Special Mention

A special mention goes out to our South Education Coordinator Bruce who along with learning all the tricks of the trade of running a music school (no small feat, believe me!) has also maintained his professional commitments by performing on cello with the Calgary Civic Symphony on November 5 and singing various operatic works in a concert on November 25. Thanks for all of your hard work Bruce as a violin, cello and voice instructor and for responding to the needs of teachers, parents and students alike with professionalism and respect! Your work is greatly appreciated!

She's Brilliant!!

Natalya Beloukh, our fabulous piano instructor is very busy these days keeping up all her professional commitments. She is in her final year of a science degree with the goal of heading to medical school. Along with her professional teaching commitments here at IBK she is also maintaining her own musical performing commitments. She is even trying a new instrument - her voice! On December 4, Natalya performed with the Women's choir at the university with a solo in Debussy's "Salut". Thanks for your upbeat attitude Natalya! No matter what happens you always have a smile on your face!

All teacher articles have been written by Heidi Jury. Heidi has been working many long and hard hours. Thanks Heidi! Your effort does not go unnoticed!!

Theory Lessons: New Rudiments beginning in January. Private one-on-one theory instruction