

Lethbridge Branch Minutes Thursday, April 11, 2024, Zoom Meeting

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In Brenda Lockmuller's absence, Christine called the Zoom meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed those participating. There were 3 members present: Carmen Letourneau, Betty Jo Radley, and Christine Rogers.

Since there wasn't a quorum present (4 members) for the meeting, no motions could be made.

The agenda and minutes were reviewed and discussed. No changes were suggested.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of April 8th: Awards Account: \$4372.02 and Operating Account: \$1978.03. There is 1 outstanding award cheque of \$45 that has been reported lost by the student. It has been decided that we will wait the 6 months until the cheque is stale dated and then rewrite the cheque to avoid bank cancellation fee charges. Financial notes: 1) a total of \$504.00 remains from the funds deposited to the operating account of the donations from the sale of Doreen Laing's music. 2) \$200 is left from an ARMTA Continuing Education grant to be used for a voice workshop. 3) A receipt for \$875 has been received from the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival for our contribution to 2 memorial piano awards in Doreen's honor. 4) Our annual dues will be received from ARMTA when processed. 5) We received a cheque from CFMTA of \$100 for our Branching Out activity which has yet to be deposited. 6) \$300 has been collected from further sales of Doreen Laing's Music which has also yet to be deposited. Upcoming expenses include refreshments for the Community Recital in June and extra funds for the upcoming voice workshop and masterclass with Janet Youngdahl.

Carmen gave the ARMTA update. A committee has been formed to discuss the position of ARMTA social media convenor and to make recommendations to the ARMTA board. CFMTA has engaged an administrative assistant for 3 months. The position will be reviewed at the end of the engagement. Provincial boards were asked to vote on the acceptance of the CFMTA position.

The CFMTA Branching Out grant of \$100 has been received and will be deposited. This completes our Branching Out activity for CFMTA's theme this year of *Random Acts of Music*—bringing music and performances to different venues and audiences in the community. Our Branch presented a recital with a Valentine's theme on Saturday, February 10th at St. Michael's Health Centre.

Thank you so much to Carmen Letourneau for representing our Branch at the Allied Arts Council (AAC) annual general meeting on Tuesday, March 26. Retiring board members were thanked and new board members were elected. The annual and financial reports were presented and accepted. The annual AAC membership fee of \$75 will be waived this year. We have submitted our membership application and have received a receipt. To view our membership profile, follow the link: https://artslethbridge.org/arts-directory/?dir_category=music

Brenda Lockmuller, Carmen Letourneau, and Christine Rogers met with Brad Parker who has agreed to take on role of President for the coming term. We will be presenting our slate of

executive members at our May meeting for an acceptance vote. Carmen has agreed to continue as our ARMTA Representative. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role and letting your name stand for any of the following positions: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Corresponding Secretary, please contact Brenda at bjlockmuller@gmail.com or Christine at c4rogers@telus.net To view our policies and procedures for information on any of the positions, please follow the link: <https://lrmta.com/lrmta18/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf>

Christine reported on the progress of donations and the sale of Doreen Laing's music. Music Festival Awards totalling \$875 have been arranged with the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival and a receipt has been received. If arrangements can be made in time, presentation of the following awards will take place this year at the April Festival Awards Presentation.

- *Doreen Laing Memorial Senior Piano Student Award*: \$100 each year for 5 years (\$500)
Presented to a deserving senior piano student
- *Doreen Laing Memorial Junior Piano Student Award*: \$75 each year for 5 years (\$375)
Presented to a deserving junior piano student

A receipt for \$75 has been received from CFMTA for our ARMTA Recognition Fund donation to honour Doreen. The funds have been taken from our operating account and not the money raised through donations and sale of Doreen's music. Money from the ARMTA Recognition Fund is used for prizes and awards sponsored by ARMTA.

The remainder of the funds collected (so far over \$800) will be used for our Lethbridge Branch Student Awards. The *Doreen Laing Memorial Awards* will be determined by the awards committee and may be presented for the following two years depending on the total amount raised.

A final open house to view the music will be held on April 13th from noon-6 p.m. at the home of Christine Rogers at 1621 Lakeshore Road S. If you wish to view the music by arranging an individual time, please call Christine Rogers at 403-327-2073 or email at c4rogers@telus.net

The remaining music will be offered to Branches Fine Arts Academy as a donation. Any further remaining music and CD's will be made available for students to choose from after the May recital and will also be set out at our community recital in June.

The [Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival](#) dates for 2025 are March 31st to April 11th, 2025. A brief discussion took place regarding teacher and student experiences at the most recent Festival.

Our May meeting will take place in person in the Community Room at Casa on Thursday, May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. We encourage you to set aside this date and plan to attend. This will be the final meeting of the year and our AGM at which we will accept our executive for 2024-2025. It will be great to see everyone in person!

Christine reported on the progress being made in gathering input from members regarding the new ARMTA Branding and Logo. Information outlining the concerns identified by the Branch Executive has been circulated to members along with the information on rebranding prepared by ARMTA. A link to an anonymous survey inviting members to provide feedback has also been shared. The survey will close on Friday, April 12th. The results will be gathered and circulated to

all members and the feedback will be sent to ARMTA. Thank you to all members who have participated and provided comments.

A voice workshop and masterclass has been arranged for Saturday, April 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library. Janet Youngdahl, voice professor from the University of Lethbridge will give a brief presentation on breathing before working with students in a masterclass setting. John-Paul Ksiazek will be the pianist for the afternoon. The presentation is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. An email vote will be circulated to pass a motion for funds.

Background information: We received an ARMTA Education grant of \$400 to present a voice workshop and masterclass which had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. We used half of the funds (\$200) to present an online voice workshop in May of 2023.

PROPOSED MOTION: Christine Rogers made the motion that \$225 from Branch operating funds be added to the \$200 left from the ARMTA Education voice workshop grant, to be used for expenses for the April 27th voice workshop and masterclass. The expenses include Clinician \$200, Pianist \$150, and the venue rental (Public Library) \$75 for a total of \$425. Seconder: Betty Jo Radley.

Email Vote Result: 12 votes in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Our final general recital will take place Saturday, May 25th at 2:30 p.m. in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Christine and Betty Jo will prepare the program. Christine, Brad and Lorrie will be in attendance as convenors. Please send your entries to Betty Jo at bettyjoradley@gmail.com before Friday, May 17th. The required insurance certificate has been sent to the University. Teachers are asked to make every effort to ensure that information is complete and correct and submitted by the deadline, so that the process of creating the program will be as smooth as possible. The following information is requested 1) student's first and last name, 2) title and composer of the selection, 3) grade level, 4) instrument or voice, 5) approximate length of the piece, 6) whether the performance would be appropriate to start or end the program.

A Community Student Recital will take place in the Community Room at Casa on Saturday, June 8th at 2:30 p.m. We will invite all teachers in the community to submit students and we will arrange for refreshments after the recital. Brenda, Tamara, and Christine have volunteered to be in attendance as convenors. A notice will be sent out after the April meeting. It was suggested that a music swap be organized for the recital.

A discussion followed regarding Coffee and Conversation. Since Brenda is currently away, we will wait to schedule the next meeting. In addition to the [Little Nicaragua Coffee Company at 359 Stafford Drive](#) North, the [Little Bakehouse](#) at 1105-3rd Ave. S. was suggested as a location.

Thank you to composer Denis Khvatov who presented his One-Page Piano Pieces: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDbYNycWGAw&t=62s> in a workshop on Saturday, April 6th. If you are interested in finding out more about Denis's wonderful compositions for piano, please feel free to explore his website at <https://www.denisound.com>

Many of his compositions are free to download. These would be excellent choices for recitals and festivals. A great way to introduce students to works of a living composer! Thanks to those teachers who participated, and a very special thank you to Betty Jo Radley for hosting this event at her home!

Christine introduced an updated policy for late or lost award submissions. This will be voted on at a future meeting.

PROPOSED POLICY: In the event of late or lost award submissions which are discovered after the award amounts have been disbursed, every effort will be made to work out a solution with the Branch and the teacher, so that the student will not suffer the consequences. In the event of an error by the Awards Convenor (or Committee) or Branch, the Branch will cover the cost of the award either from the Operating account or the Awards account as appropriate, to be decided by the President, Treasurer, and Awards Convenor on a case-by-case basis. In the event of an error or omission by the submitting teacher or the student's parent(s), the following are examples of solutions that might be applied. Other solutions agreeable to the Branch, the Awards Convenor, the teacher, and the parent(s) will also be considered, once again on a case-by-case basis. 1) The teacher will be responsible for covering the cost of the additional award, 2) The parent(s) will be responsible for covering the cost of the additional award, 3) The teacher will submit the student's mark for the following year.

The names of all of students in the November awards photo have been identified and the photo and information has been sent to the Herald. As of the meeting we have yet to hear a response.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers

Other items of note:

The [Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival](#) dates are March 31-April 11, 2025. General Manager is Jaimee Jarvie. If you have any comments, feedback or suggestions regarding the Festival phone: (403) 381-6512 or email: generalmanager@lethmsf.org

Our local RCM Rep is Monica Baczuk: 403-942-4321(h); 403-715-6051(c.) monicab1961@hotmail.com and our Provincial Rep is Derek Chiu: derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca.

Please visit our website (www.LRMTA.com) regularly and notify Christine if you would like any updates for your listing.

The University of Lethbridge Music at Noon recitals are scheduled for Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Complete information for Music at Noon: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/fine-arts/study/music/concerts-and-recitals> click on the **Music Events Listing** tab: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/notice/events/374> Information regarding University of Lethbridge Fine Arts events can be found here: <https://www.uleth.ca/fine-arts/event-season> Ticket information for events can be found at the following link: <https://uleth.universitytickets.com/>