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### VCM Student to Represent BC at National Festival

Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM) post secondary student Adam Schmidt will represent BC at the 2019 National Festival in Saskatoon, SK, from August 6 to 10, after receiving first place in Classical Vocals at the BC Provincial Festival held in Chilliwack late last month.

Schmidt was joined by fellow VCM students and alumni, who also won their categories at the BC Festival; Evan Overman, winner Intermediate Brass; Ben Parker, winner National Brass; Humphreys String Quartet (Seung Choi, Lexie Krakowski, Boris Li, Rebecca Reader-Lee), winner Intermediate Chamber Group and Adrian Chen, winner Junior Guitar. Several other VCM groups and soloists received runner-up or honourable mention awards. The complete list of award-winners can be found at: <http://www.bcprovincials.com/winners.aspx>

“We are thrilled that VCM students are being recognized for their musical achievements, locally and provincially, and thank the outstanding faculty who teach them at the VCM,” said Jane Butler McGregor, CEO of the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

In order to qualify for the BC Festival students first had to compete at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival where 115 VCM students and alumni placed in the competition.

At the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival VCM Collegium student Lexie Krakowski (Cello) won the Roberto & Mary Wood Scholarship. Past recipients (and also VCM alumni) include Timothy Chooi (Violin, 2009), Nikki Chooi (Violin, 2005), and Jonathan Crow (Violin, 1994).

VCM Student Jonathan Devey won the City of Victoria Medallion tray, Jonathan has been a student of May Ling Kwok since 2015, she was the recipient of the tray in 1971 AND 1974.

Adam Schmidt won the Rose Bowl, which has been awarded since 1930. Past recipients (and also VCM alumni) include Richard Margison (VCM Alum, 1976), Ingrid Attrot (VCM Voice Dept. Head, 1981), Benjamin Butterfield (VCM Alum, 1986), Eve-Lyn de la Haye (VCM Alum, 2002), Rachel Allen (VCM Alum 2016).

For more information visit: <https://vcm.bc.ca/vcm-student-achievements-at-the-2019-b-c-provincial-performing-arts-festival/>

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Founded in 1964, the Victoria Conservatory of Music is one of Canada’s most innovative and progressive music schools. Its mission is to enrich lives through music in a thriving community accessible to all. The VCM is a Centre for Excellence and enjoyment of music through education, performance and music therapy, serving its community of over 3700 students and music therapy clients of all ages, through six outstanding program areas: The Ann & George Nation Conservatory School of Classical Music; The Chwyl Family School of Contemporary Music; the School of Music Technology and Creativity; and the departments of Postsecondary Studies, Music Therapy, and Early Childhood Music. VCM’s Music Outreach initiatives further enrich the lives of over 1000 children in day-cares, preschools, and Elementary schools throughout the Greater Victoria Area. The VCM is a non-profit organization located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information visit us online at: [vcm.bc.ca](http://vcm.bc.ca)

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