

Outreach Report for the 25-26 Season

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The Coast Recital Society encourages all its artists to participate in community outreach activities. This past year eleven musicians from our series concerts visited Gibsons, Roberts Creek, Cedar Grove and Kinnikinnick Elementary schools. Two musicians from Piano Fest visited Silverstone Care Centre and Christenson Village Assisted Care Centre. The musicians were welcomed with attentiveness from the children and warm appreciation from the residents of the care homes.

David Fung from the Garibaldi Trio conducted a Masterclass for two young pianists at St. Hilda's Church in Sechelt. These sessions are invaluable for furthering the aspirations of our young musicians on the coast. These two students were thrilled to receive instruction from David and found him to be kind, generous and encouraging of their work.

A new subcommittee was formed this year to investigate live streaming our concerts to the wider community. Michael Gurney was employed and The Pacific Baroque Orchestra concert and The Garibaldi Trio concert were beamed to the two Care Homes and some selected subscribers. Copies of the live stream concerts were sent to the Board and to the artists. The Board felt the calibre of the transmission was commendable.

In collaboration with the Scholarship Committee, the Outreach Committee ventured into new territory by presenting concerts in the two Care Homes with some of our 2025 Scholarship recipients. Two concerts with three students performing were held during March Break and further concerts with four other students selected from our 2026 Scholarship recipients are scheduled for this August. The students introduced their pieces and performed with aplomb to the delight of the residents.