

August 2024

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Dean's Greetings

We are excitedly preparing to welcome one of our largest-ever entering classes of music students, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. How moving it is to witness and experience the trademark warmth and personalized commitment of our community to each other's well-being and success a tradition that continues within our international network of distinguished alumni whose support and loyalty is second to none.

[Read full message from Dean Michael Kim](#)

Alumni Announcements



Wall of Fame 2024

Congratulations to this year's Music Alumni Wall of Fame inductees **Brian McIntosh, BA(Mus)'79** and **Jamie Hillman, BMus'05** who will be honoured at the Alumni Awards Celebration during Homecoming on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

[Learn more](#)

[Homecoming 2024 - September 27-29](#)

Join us for Homecoming 2024 at Western and the Don Wright Faculty of Music! We can't wait to welcome you back to campus for an array of concerts, awards and other events.

[OMEA's Roots 2024 conference - November 7-9](#)

Heading to this year's OMEA conference here in London, Ontario? So are we! We look forward to hosting our usual alumni reception with current students, faculty and staff. [Check our webpage](#) as we get closer to the event!

News and Updates

Toy Story: Western musicology researcher explores sounds of childhood in the 1950s.

Playthings of the past help PhD candidate Ala Krivov provide cultural context to Cold War era.

[Read more](#)

[Two recent grads make CBC Music's '30 under 30' list](#)

[Music Education professor adam patrick bell named Canada Research Chair in Music, Inclusion and Accessibility](#)

[Music graduate Ryan Breen overcomes rare disease and finds love in the process](#)

[Three Western students accepted to World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles Youth Wind Orchestra](#)

[Doctoral candidate Yumi Jang selected for Toronto Summer Music Academy's Emerging Artist Program](#)

[This grad is on fire. John Yun on Alicia Keys' Broadway musical team](#)

[Sophie Roland named as 2024 Faculty Scholars Award recipient](#)

[PhD student composer Neda Samavati selected as a Future Award winner at Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra](#)

[Seven students, alumni selected for NYO Canada 2024](#)

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Giving to Music

**New student award established by celebrated alum, Nancy Telfer
BA'71, BMus'79**

Accomplished composer, educator, and Western graduate [Nancy Telfer](#) has established the *Nancy Telfer Award in Choral Music* by way of a generous endowment to recognize and support undergraduate choral students who demonstrate the potential to become impactful choral leaders in the future.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

The Season Begins

It's almost here! From award-winning [student ensembles](#) to internationally renowned [faculty and guest artists](#), the 2024-25 concert season begins September 13.

More season highlights include:

- Our traditional "[Fridays @ 12:30](#)" concert series - which you can join in-person or [live online](#) from wherever you are around the globe
- [Parsons and Poole Concert and Masterclass](#) featuring pianist Dang Thai Son
- [Opera at Western](#) productions of Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* (The Bat) and Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute)
- [Artists in Residence](#) New Orford String Quartet and TORQ Percussion Quartet
- The second installment of our new [Vancouver Recital Society Visiting Artist Series](#) featuring pianist Steven Osborne
- Renowned touring chamber ensemble [Musicians From Marlboro](#)
- [Brass Day guest artist David Cooper](#), Associate Principal Horn of the Los Angeles Philharmonic

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