

Foundation News



The Elvino Sauro Music Award

The past school year has seen the establishment of the Elvino Sauro Music Award, intended for needy promising music students in grades 9, 10, and 11 to help them pay for music enrichment opportunities of their choice such as private music lessons, music camps, school retreats, music trips, and so forth.

Back in the very early days of NT's music program, Elvino Sauro (1952) was one of the school's most talented trumpet players and a soloist in many performances under the baton of the legendary Jack Dow. A loan from the school made it possible for Elvino to take private lessons, and he earned the money to pay back the loan by bagging groceries at Dominion.

But Elvino's idea of giving back has always been a great deal larger. Two years ago, he funded the medley and the concert programs for the Memories Forever centennial concert at Roy Thomson Hall. And now, through the establishment of this new award, he continues to give back.

After graduating from NT, Elvino enrolled in the radio and television arts program at Ryerson, where he eventually ended up teaching. Ever modest, Elvino says simply, "[This] was what I had always wanted to do. I had a knack for explaining things to people." By the time he retired as professor emeritus in 1998, he was director of the film studies program. Here too, Elvino has been giving back for years; the Elvino Sauro Film Award is granted annually to a promising fourth-year film studies student at Ryerson.

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Elvino Sauro (bottom centre).

Elvino Sauro's stone in the Heritage Courtyard.



Now in his eighties, Elvino continues to pursue a dizzying range of interests. (“I have never been dormant! I believe very strongly in continuing to learn, no matter what!”) Over the years, he’s taken over fifty continuing education courses—from silver smithing and stained glasswork to haute cuisine and estate planning, to name just a few—and is active in

video editing, sound editing, and photo manipulation, much of it for the NT Archives. And he’s planted a vegetable garden every year for over forty years.

Elvino has always lived his life largely and generously, and we can be truly proud to call him one of our own!



The Archer Piano

A Grand Piano for the New NTCI Auditorium

A high-quality grand piano has become the newest member of the music department thanks to the cooperation of the NTCI Foundation, the NTCI Music Parents Association and two donors. The piano was made by Knabe & Sons in Baltimore in the 1960s and originally owned by an aunt of Brian Maltman (1971), the Foundation’s secretary. It stayed in the family until Brian’s niece, Sonia LeRoy, generously donated it to the school. Although Sonia did not attend NTCI, her father, all four uncles and two cousins did.

The piano needed restoration work, and this was made possible by the Music Parents. A fitted and lockable cover was also donated, by Brian. The piano made its restored debut in a guest performance at NT by the National Piano Trio in April, and was formally introduced at Maytime Melodies on May 1st and 2nd. It is named *The Archer Piano* in memory of the first two owners, Jessie Archer Braden and her sister Nell Archer Maltman. NT grads from the two families include: Rod LeRoy, 1960; Robert LeRoy, 1961; Alex LeRoy, 1965; John LeRoy, 1967; Brian Maltman, 1971; Kieran Maltman, 2010; and Tristan Maltman, 2013.

A New Scoreboard for the New Field

Red & Grey Day

October 16, 2013



Now that NT finally had a regulation-sized sports field, it was felt that a new scoreboard should grace this fine facility but, in these days of budget slashing, there was no money available from the Board to build one.

The NTCI Foundation Executive discussed the situation and it was decided this was a project we could get behind and we now have the result. The game depicted is the first home game for the junior football team with the newly installed scoreboard, a 13-7 victory for NT.

The alumni who attended Red & Grey Day discovered that it was a spectacular opportunity to participate in the spirit of NTCI.

Soccer, football, basketball, red and grey outfits, and the marching band were in the spotlight, but there was much more. Proud parents were there supporting their children, students were enjoying each other and Foundation members had a chance to talk to both students and staff.

It was a lovely event that felt much like the Open House at the Centennial—the old folks just enjoying the young folks and the professionalism of the NT staff. How does it get much better than that?!

In Lorne Smith's words: "There was a good feeling... and I think it is important to have this connection between the current students at North Toronto and the NT Foundation."

The date for this year's Red & Grey Day has not been announced yet, but we anticipate it will be in mid October. Please check the NT website for announcements regarding the day but it is our hope that alumni will come back to check out the new facilities and be a part of this traditional spirit day involving most fall sports teams!!"

— Submitted by Nancy McFadden



In Memoriam

Helen Margaret Dunk, née **James**, died on February 28, an alumna of 1934. She was 96 and passed away in Tunbridge Wells Hospital, near her home in Westerham, Kent, England. After her death it transpired that she had retained her Canadian nationality even though she married a Briton in 1939. She was intensely proud of being a Canadian and was still in touch with school friends up to 2012. She retained her faculties and was known for her general knowledge and skill with languages, geography and history, all of which were invaluable to her in her travels around the world. She lived a fascinating life and during WW2, while working as a Morse telegrapher for Great Western Railways, taught Morse code to wireless operators in the armed services. She used these skills during the Blitz to help locate a German spy communicating with the bombers via flashing lights. She married a marine engineer and lived in Wales, New Jersey, Quebec and England. She had four children, a girl, a boy and a pair of twins, one of each.

Dr. Donald Lloyd (PhD, Geography) died on November 8 last year, at age 82. Graduating from NT in 1951, Don went on to university, then began teaching high school in Toronto and North York, retiring after more than 30 years, in the meantime he also lectured at York University for five years. An avid outdoorsman, he was always in love with Algonquin Park, where he was a summer camp counsellor and later owned a cottage on Canoe Lake. He wrote several books about the Park, invented a board game based on canoe tripping there, and was a driving force on the Board of "Friends of Algonquin Park". He was also an expert canoe paddler, camp cook, and bird carver.

Alumna **Aina Tuca** passed away last October 8, at age 55. Aina graduated from NT in 1977 and became a professional artist. She was heavily involved in several celebrations at NT over the years, including the 75th and 100th Anniversary events as well as the 50th Maytime Melodies.

Legendary author Farley Mowat left us on May 6, just shy of his 93rd birthday. He lived in several Ontario cities and attended NT before moving out west.

Canada's greatest storyteller went on to U of T after five years in the Canadian Army, serving in Europe from 1939 to 1945 and achieving the rank of Captain. While at the university, he travelled to the Arctic and began writing about it in *People of the Deer*, his first book. He was especially interested in the First Nations people there, appalled at their living conditions and the way they were treated. In 1963, he wrote *Never Cry Wolf*, about a man living with and studying wolves, which is widely credited with changing societal attitudes towards them. A passionate and controversial environmentalist, Mowat wrote more than 40 books, selling 20 million copies, and received numerous awards. He was married twice and had two sons. For most of his life he split his time between Ontario and the Maritimes, travelling widely throughout Canada and the world.

Good News!

Jud Simpson (1979) has become the first Canadian to complete the Certified Master Chef program. Jud is currently the executive chef at The House of Commons in Ottawa.

Top: The Class of 1983 held a joint 50th birthday party, at the Granite Brewery on May 31, 2013.

Bottom: The Class of 1982 held a similar celebration the year before.

Class Photos



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Email us at ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca with "Go Green" in the subject line if you are prepared to receive future copies of the newsletter via email. This will reduce the number of copies we have to print and will enable the Foundation to use more of your annual donations for student awards and activities rather than for postage.

Your Skills and Interests — Just What We're Looking For!

The NTCI Foundation has an Advisory Board of 25 members that meets at the school about six times each year. In addition to providing general guidance at Board meetings, our members bring a variety of skills in helping with many different Foundation-related activities. In the coming year, we will need to replenish our Board with about five new members. We would like to hear from you if can:

- Write copy for the annual newsletter
- Help us maintain our membership database/ mailing list
- Help maintain our Web site, to make it a compelling and up-to-date source of information
- Lend a hand with the School Archives
- Think outside the box in considering what else we might do to serve the school and our alumni

Interested in helping out? Please let us know:

Email ntcifoundation@ntci.on.ca with "Board Membership" in the subject line.

Scholarship Winners

In addition to funding worthwhile projects that cannot be financed from normal school resources, the NTCI Foundation also funds several scholarships that are awarded at Commencement to reward academic and extracurricular achievement. Here are the award winners from last fall's Commencement ceremony:

The R.R.H. (Bud) Page Valedictory Prize: **Liam Morantz**

The Sifton Trophy for Young Men: **Alec Sherman**

The Kerr Trophy for Young Women: **Rachel Loo**

The Hal Brown "Triple A" Award: **Jillian Chan**

The Betty Bealey Laureateship in English Award: **Eve Kraicer Melamed**

The Senator Keith Davey Award: **Diksha Kumar**

NTCI Foundation Centennial Scholarship: **Lauren Chee**

Elvino Sauro Music Awards: **Andrew Santos** and **Valerie Preminger**

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