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# *Music for Uganda*

Diana Lawton & Mark Lupin

Piano

Violin

Perform works of Mozart and Strauss



*Sunday, February 25, 2007*

*2:30 pm*

*Alix Goolden Hall*

*907 Pandora Street*

*A concert to benefit the work of  
International Christian Medical Institute in Uganda*

# Music for Uganda

Diana Lawton, a concert pianist, and Mark Lupin, a violinist, have offered to perform a benefit concert for ICMI's work in Uganda.

The concert will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. at the Alix Goolden Hall in Victoria.

Tickets are \$25.00 and available immediately from ICMI Board members, or phone Lee Adler at 250-361-4470. Tickets to this great event will make wonderful Christmas presents!

Tickets will also be available in the new year from Christian Book and Music Centre, Ivy's Book Shop, Koinonia Christian Books and Munro's Books.

The performers, both Victoria residents, will play Wolfgang Mozart's Adagio in E Major K.261 and Sonata in E flat Major K.380; Richard Strauss' Sonata in E flat Major Op. 18; selections by Ernest Chausson and Claude Debussy and Fritz Kreisler's Mozart Rondo in G Major.

It will be an exciting afternoon. We invite you to join us and bring your friends.

**Diana Lawton** won many prizes and awards as a piano student, and as she pursued her performance degrees in Munich and Salzburg. She's played many recitals on the CBC, as well as at international and local venues. She now teaches privately and at UVic.

**Mark Lupin** made his television debut by winning a scholarship for his performance on the Dennis Wholey Show at age seven. He went on to study under greats such as Jascha Heifetz. He has won many more honours and toured Japan, Europe, Israel, and the Persian Gulf.



*Internationally acclaimed musicians  
Diana Lawton and Mark Lupin*

# ICMI Team to Uganda in January

Dr. Carl Garry and Loraine Spencer Garry will be traveling to Uganda in January, 2007 to review ICMI's programme. During their stay they plan to meet with Dr. Stephen Noll, Vice Chancellor of the Uganda Christian University, Dr. Edward Mukooza, ICMI's Vice Principal, and Members of the ICMI Uganda Board with a view toward strengthening ICMI's existing academic programme and determining how best to develop it to meet the changing needs in the country. They will also be meeting with ICMI graduates to get their input on continuing education needs for ICMI's 900 graduates.

David and Sandra Scarth also plan to join the team in Uganda in January, 2007. David was primarily responsible for the design of the new building which is currently under construction. During his stay, David will be able to visit the construction site at the UCU campus to assess how the work is being carried out. David and Sandra will also be able to get a better perspective of how the building will function based on classroom usage in other similar buildings on campus.

Also joining the team are Chelsea McCullough and Chris Newcombe. Chelsea and Chris, both recent UVIC graduates in micro-biology, have volunteered to work with ICMI in its computer lab. We are looking forward to working with them in Uganda.

## Reunion of ICMI Graduates

ICMI graduates have been invited to a reunion in Kampala in January 2007. There are approximately 900 graduates from the Diploma and Degree programmes, since the first class began in 1993. The reunion is planned to take place during the time that Carl and Loraine are in Uganda so that they will have a chance to meet their former students.

This will be the first meeting of the alumni and it will provide an opportunity for ICMI graduates to meet one another and discuss their current training needs. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to mobilize the alumni to create an active ICMI Alumni Association so that former graduates will have a mechanism which will enable them to participate in the ongoing planning and development of ICMI programmes.

Carl and Loraine said, "We are very much looking forward to meeting our former students and learning about the changes that have taken place in their lives and their careers. It's going to be a very exciting and emotional time".



## AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH FARTHER

*In September, Woudineh Endayelalu (left), Dean of Meserete Kristos College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, met with Carl Garry during a visit to Victoria. The ICMI Board subsequently made the decision to explore ways of assisting MK College. Carl and Loraine plan to visit the college in January.*

*The Board responded to this letter from Woudineh:*

September 18, 2006

Dr. Garry and the Board of ICMI Canada

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Carl, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet you this morning at your house and learn more about ICMI's ministry in Uganda. Ethiopia shares a lot in common with Uganda, and what you are doing matches our vision for Meserete Kristos College. After having the conversation with you and learning more from ICMI's website, I think that you will be of great help to us if you partner with MK College by assisting us in creating something similar to what you have been doing in Uganda.

As I have shared with you already, our vision is to produce servant graduates passionately committed to the transformation of society in Ethiopia and beyond. Most of the civil servants in Ethiopia do not have access to education to upgrade themselves and give better service. The short-term training, which eventually ends in earning a diploma or degree, will enable them to achieve this goal without displacing them from family or work. The nature of the courses at ICMI and the way they are designed is a perfect match to the situation in Ethiopia. While we can still use the medical-focused nature of your curriculum for similar needs, we also think of adding several focus groups who need this opportunity to learn to give better service.

On behalf of Meserete Kristos Church and College in Ethiopia, I would like your organization to consider working with us by assisting in a short-term program run at MK College, that provides diploma and degree level training. This is not something new we wanted to do because we saw you doing it. It has already been in our vision but not implemented yet because of the various limitations our side of the world shares. We would like to assure you that we feel ready to move forward, and have already started to work with our government regarding recognition of the academic competency of our programs. We are currently waiting for a working proposal on future academic programs from a local consultancy firm, which we'll present to our board for approval soon.

We look forward to establishing an on-going relationship with ICMI.  
In the service of Christ,

Woudineh Endayelalu  
Academic Dean, Meserete Kristos College  
P.O.Box 101488  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.  
Luke 2:14(KJV)*

Christmas is a time for reflection. As we look back over the year we have much to be thankful for and much that we need to pray about.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ICMI's members and friends for helping to make 2006 a very successful year. During 2006 ICMI has accomplished the following:

- Graduated 50 students with their Diplomas in Health Administration
- Enrolled 70 new Diploma students into the programme
- 22 Degree students have completed their degrees which will be granted in August
- Developed a Memorandum of Agreement with Uganda Christian University
- Added two new members to the Board of ICMI Uganda
- Helped to purchase some new laptops for use in Uganda
- Received the necessary funds from ICMI donors for the new building on the UCU campus and work has begun.
- Received approximately \$30,000 in donations to be used for classroom furnishings
- Sent six ICMI volunteers to Uganda, including two student volunteers.

We have been truly blessed and we thank God, who has been working through each of us, for making all of these accomplishments possible. To Him be the Glory and the Honour!

A six person ICMI team, which includes two students, will be traveling to Uganda in early January, 2007. The team will be made up of David and Sandra Scarth, Chris Newcombe, Chelsea McCullough, Carl Garry and Loraine Spencer Garry. Please keep them in your prayers. During their visit, Carl and Loraine, will be visiting Ethiopia in response to a request from a new Christian University started by Mennonites, of which there are 250,000 in Ethiopia.

May the Blessings of Christmas and the promise of rebirth be with you and your family. We pray especially that the Prince of Peace will come into the troubled parts of the world.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support for ICMI and its mission in Uganda. The Lord will surely bless you for it.

Dr. Carl Garry  
Principal ICMI



*Craig Brick teaches in the computer lab*

## Impressions from a Volunteer

Sustainable development, appropriate technology, and creating awareness were certainly the ‘buzz-words’ around Uganda, a country with such a plethora of non-governmental organizations that they actually seemed to be running out of potential acronyms. Only after serving as a volunteer for several weeks did I fully understand the ‘Dependency Syndrome’ described by Dr. Carl Garry, and appreciate the fine line between the solution and the problem. Spending foreign aid seemed to be the major industry in Kampala; and since it constitutes 20% of the country’s GDP, I can understand why.

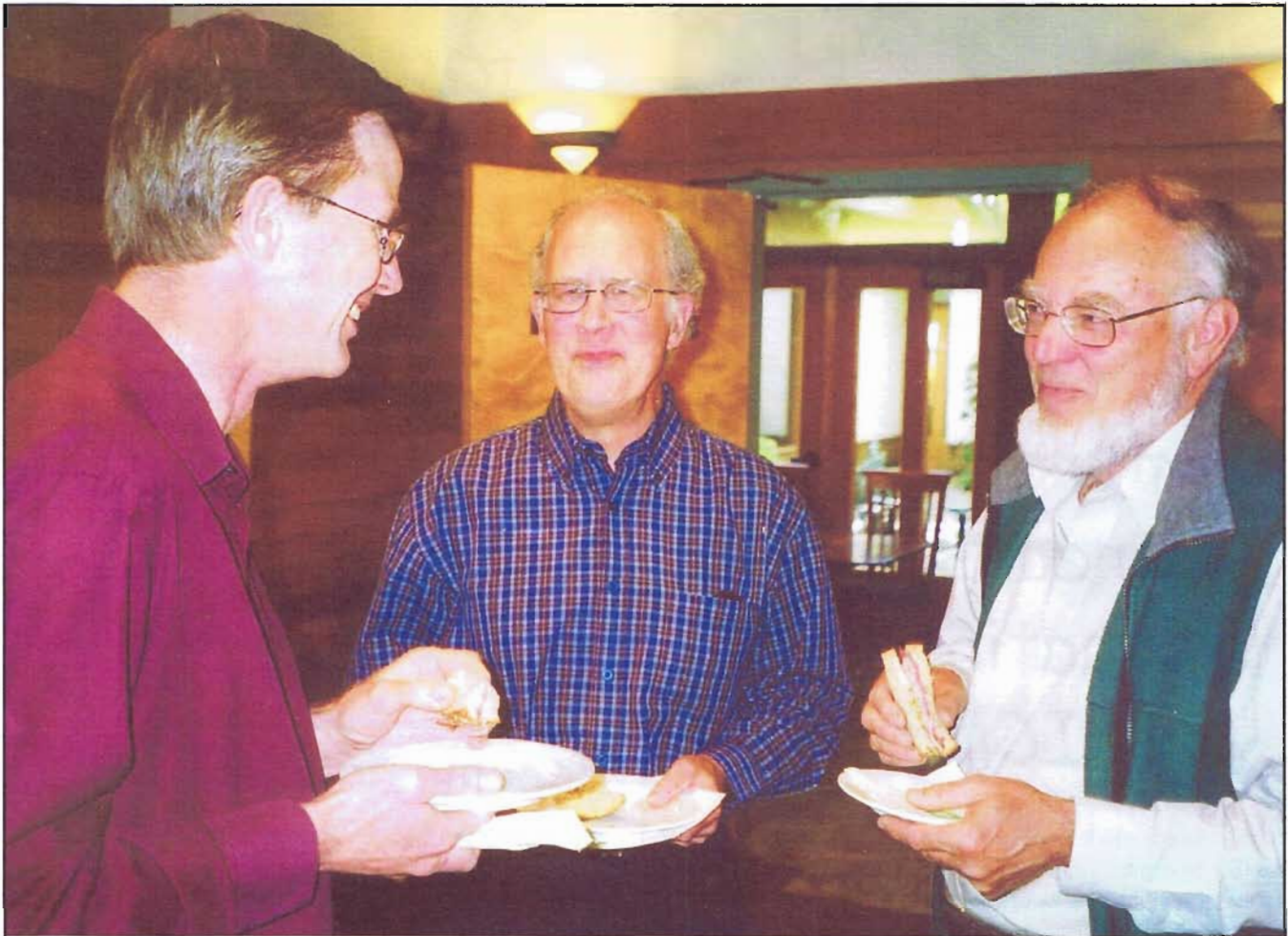
Development education is about allowing people to help themselves, and the commitment of ICMI to this mission has been absolute. Teaching in the computer lab gave me more hope for the people of Uganda than anything else throughout my stay. Despite their country being ravaged by AIDS, despotism and poverty, the students looked forward with optimism, and an insatiable educational appetite.

I am very proud to have represented the ICMI in Kampala, and the memories will last forever. I can only hope that I have helped plant a seed for future prosperity, both for the students and the country as a whole. I will leave it to the Ugandans to describe sustainability for themselves: “Water that has been begged for does not quench the thirst” – Ugandan Proverb

*Craig Brick, Student Volunteer, October - November 2006.*

## Student Volunteers in Uganda

Kevin Lee and Craig Brick, two recent graduates from UVIC, have just returned to Canada after working as ICMI volunteers in Uganda for two months. Kevin and Craig assisted in the computer lab, helping to train Ugandan students to become computer literate. In addition, they used their skills to design much needed new brochures for the programme. Kevin and Craig reported that they enjoyed their time with ICMI in Uganda and that they learned a lot. Thank you, Kevin and Craig, for your work as ICMI volunteers. The Lord will surely bless you for it. We hope that you will continue to be involved in the work of ICMI. Your experiences are invaluable to the programme.



*Tim Orr (left), Cedric Trueman and Bob Lake enjoy chatting at a recent board meeting*

# New Appointment to the ICMI Board

ICMI is pleased to announce that Tim Orr has joined the Board of ICMI as of September 30, 2006. Tim is an excellent addition to the Board. He replaces John Barton who resigned in September.

Tim is currently serving as Administrator for Baptist Housing Care Homes Society in Victoria. Before joining the Baptist Society, Tim served as a Hospital Administrator in two mission hospitals in Ecuador.

Tim received a Masters degree in Ministry from Trinity Western University and a Bachelor of Religious Education from Briercrest College in Saskatchewan.

Based on his education and experience, Tim is in an excellent position to make a significant contribution to the work of ICMI.

Please join us in welcoming Tim onto the ICMI Board. We are looking forward to working with him.



*ICMI's building project at Uganda Christian University is now underway.*

## ICMI fundraising initiative a success

ICMI's Fundraising Committee, which included John Barton, Marnie Brafield, Carl Garry and Loraine Spencer Garry, sent out a package of information to ICMI members in October 2006.

The target of \$50,000 was to purchase classroom furnishings for the new building. The response to date has been very encouraging as donation pledges approach \$30,000.

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation. For those who have not, there is still time to make your donation and get a tax receipt for 2006.

If you have mislaid your information package, please call ICMI at 592-0779 to receive another information package.

# Improved tax breaks for donations to ICMI

If you donate eligible securities to ICMI you will not be subject to capital gains taxes on the appreciation of these assets. Previously, 25% of capital gains related to donated securities was required to be included in income for tax purposes.

The benefits of making a donation to ICMI are countless – from helping those in need to the personal satisfaction we feel when giving something to a cause we care about.

In an effort to increase charitable donations, the federal government has eliminated the capital gains tax on donations of publicly traded securities to charitable organizations such as ICMI. Qualified securities include shares and bonds listed on prescribed stock exchanges and mutual funds.

As with cash donations, the fair market value of property donated will reduce the donor's taxes through a charitable donation tax credit. The maximum donation you can use to calculate the credit in each year is 75% of your net income. Donations which cannot be used in the year can be carried forward for up to five years. For donations in excess of \$200 the tax credit is calculated at the top marginal rate regardless of the marginal rate of the individual claiming the credit.

If you are planning to make a donation to ICMI this year, consider this tax saving strategy. You will receive a tax receipt for the full amount of your donation regardless of the tax treatment of the capital gain. This is a win-win situation for ICMI and its donors.

## Become an ICMI supporter and/or member

Yes, I would like to support the work of ICMI:

With a membership of \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00

With a gift of \_\_\_\_\_

With a monthly pledge of \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to pay by cheque

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