



2015 NBRMTA Memorial Scholarship

Each year, the NB Registered Music Teachers' Association awards a scholarship to a deserving student in memory of one of its members. The scholarship rotates around the province to the various local festivals. This year in Fredericton, a \$250 scholarship was given in memory of Norma Ferguson.

The NBRMTA Memorial Scholarship in memory of Norma Ferguson was presented to Yan-Ru Chen at the 2015 Fredericton Music Festival.



Yan-Ru Chen is a 14 year old pianist, currently residing Fredericton. Yan-Ru was born in Taipei, Taiwan and began taking piano lessons at the age of 5 in Nanjing, China. At age 11, Yan-Ru's family immigrated to Fredericton where she has continued her piano studies with Carolyn Wagner and Megan Woodworth. Yan-Ru has been awarded several prizes at the Fredericton Music Festival. In 2014, she was the RCM Atlantic Canada gold medalist for Grade 8 piano. In 2015, she represented Fredericton for intermediate piano at the NB Provincial Festival. Yan-Ru is currently working toward her RCMARCT. She hopes to one day be a piano teacher. Yan-Ru is a student member of the Fredericton Music Teachers' Association and plans to begin teaching beginner piano students.

Norma Ferguson 1924-2014



Winnifred Dorothy Norma Ferguson was a long-time member of the Fredericton Music Teachers' Association. Norma had a deep love for music and touched many lives through teaching piano and choir.

In Moncton, Ye-Eun Lee received the NBRMTA Memorial Scholarship in memory of Jean Lipton.



In 2014 there was a mix-up in the awarding of the NBRMTA Memorial Scholarship in Moncton, so the remaining amount was awarded to Ye-Eun Lee this year in memory of Jean Lipton.

Ye-Eun was the highest ranking piano student of the 2015 Greater Moncton Music Festival.

Jean (Jeanne) Lipton 1947-2014



Jean Frances Coupar Lipton was a long time member of the Moncton Music Teachers' Association. For 23 years she taught school and private music lessons. In her years with MMTA, Jean took on the job of Canada Music Week publicity – writing articles for the Times and Transcript and for CBC Radio.