



HAMILTON CONSERVATORY FOR THE ARTS  
Vitek Wincza, Artistic Director



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE CONSERVATORY | SPRING 2018 | 905-528-4020 | [www.hcarts.ca](http://www.hcarts.ca)   



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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday:  
9:00am-9:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
HCA is closed on Sunday



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're always looking for volunteers, especially for HCA Celebrates, the Music Gala, and Summer Camps —see the administration desk for current opportunities, email [allison@hcarts.ca](mailto:allison@hcarts.ca), or apply on our website!

## DATES to REMEMBER



Saturday, March 24 – Saturday, April 21 – Sylvia Simpson Gallery Exhibition  
Monday, April 16 – Wednesday, April 18 – Ballet Exams  
Saturday, April 28 – Saturday, May 26 – Mike Kukucska Gallery Exhibition  
Sunday, April 29 – HCA Concert Series @ 2pm – Robert Silverman  
Saturday, May 12 – Music Gala Auditions  
Monday, May 21 – VICTORIA DAY – HCA CLOSED  
Saturday, May 26 – Fall Pre-Registrations – starting at 9am  
Saturday, June 2 – September – HCA VASE – Visual Arts Student Exhibition  
Sunday, June 3 – Music Performance Class  
Saturday, June 9 – HCA Triple Threat/ Jr Musical Theatre Ensemble Year End Showcase  
Sunday, June 10 – Music Performance Class  
Saturday, June 16 – LAST DAY OF CLASSES, Theatre Department Performance class @ 3:30pm, HCA Music Gala @ 6:30pm  
Saturday, June 23 – HCA CELEBRATES AT FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL @ 6:30pm

**HCA**  
**ALL ARTS**  
**SUMMER**  
**CAMPS**

HCA child care programs are eligible for tax refunds  
Free Extended Care

**DANCE | MUSIC | ART | DRAMA**  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [HCARTS.CA](http://HCARTS.CA)

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

It's springtime at Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts, and our building is blooming with arts activities!

Our non-profit organization, Culture for Kids in the Arts, returns for the third year with Kinderfest - a multi-arts festival aimed at bringing stimulating and captivating arts experiences for those aged 0-6. Featuring engaging productions from Germany, France, South Africa, and Quebec, we strongly encourage our youngest students and families to attend. Tickets are only \$10 and are available at [www.ckarts.ca](http://www.ckarts.ca). If you are seeking further arts programming for your small children, we have a new Creative Explorers class for toddlers set to begin in April. Look out for expanded course offerings during the summer and fall, as HCA continues to focus on building strong creative beginnings for kids.

In our Dance Department, our Creative Futures participants have been working hard on a routine by Toronto-based choreographer and dance artist Sebastian "Bash" Hirtenstein. Launched three years ago, Creative Futures is a free programme for committed HCA students seeking an extra challenge. We can't wait to see the dance piece come together for our HCA Celebrates Recital on June 23!



Vitek Wincza  
HCA Artistic Director

Spring also means that it's exam time for many of our students. Our ballet students have been preparing for the Society of Russian Ballet exams, which we hope will provide students with a sense of accomplishment and strong enthusiasm for their dance training. As well, for the second year in a row, we are offering In-House Music Examinations in May. We aim to offer strong external feedback from an experienced examiner in a positive setting to support goal-based learning.

Lastly, we're already looking towards summer! HCA offers accessible and affordable summer programming throughout July and August. Students can explore different art forms in our Kinder Arts or Children's Arts Exploration camps, focus on a singular arts discipline in our Just Arts camps, or take a class during our 8-week "Summer After 5" session. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Best of luck to everyone on their upcoming exams, and during the remainder of the school year!

Sincerely,

Vitek Wincza  
Artistic Director

  
**MUSIC**

**ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF  
MUSIC EXAM RESULTS**

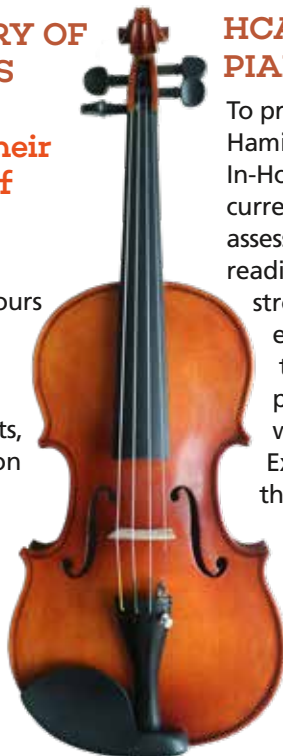
**Congratulations to the  
following students for their  
successful completion of  
RCM Exams!**

**Teacher: Irina Jacob**

- Claire Boyter: Level 6 Piano, Honours
- Viktoria Covic: Level 4 Piano
- Kofi Donaldson: Level 5 Piano
- Marla Halim: Level 1, Honours
- Cynthia Min: Advanced Rudiments, First Class Honours with Distinction
- Claudia Modelska: Level 8 Piano, Honours
- Yishu Shi: Level 7 Piano, Honours

**Teacher: Roland Fix**

- Chris Palmer: Level 10 Voice, First Class Honours with Distinction



**HCA IN-HOUSE EXAMS FOR  
PIANO & VIOLIN**

To provide affordable music examination options, Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts is happy to offer In-House Music Exams for the second year. Following current RCM curriculum, an experienced adjudicator will assess student in the following areas: technique, sight reading, ear training, repertoire, and studies. We are strongly committed to providing a warm, welcoming environment for music students while also giving them strong feedback from an external music professional. Those who complete an in-house exam will receive a full assessment and an HCA In-House Exam Certificate. Please ask your music instructor or the Front Desk staff for further info.

**Spring Exam:**

Exam Date: Saturday, May 26, 2018  
Deadline to Apply: Saturday, April 28, 2018

# Ace Your Ballet Exam!

## Five Tips for Achieving Your Personal Best

By Denise van Es



DANCE

As ballet examinations approach quickly, here are a few tips to get your body and mind ready for the big day!

**1) Healthy and Nourishing Meals:** It is important that your body receives the right nutrients to keep your energy up for the exam! Don't skip any meals on the big day and bring a snack to munch on before your exam. Remember to include a protein source, fruits and veggies, good fats, and lots of water.

**2) Practice, Preparation and Punctuality:** The more time you put into practicing and preparing for the exam, the more confident you will feel! This includes:

- Going over key elements and corrections given by your ballet instructor: keep a ballet journal with notes!
- Being punctual for every class! Arriving to class a little bit early allows your mind to focus more easily on class material.

**3) Relaxation and Focus:** It's natural to be nervous before an exam! Remember to take 5-10 minutes to breath and centre your thoughts. In the days leading up to an exam, simple things like taking a walk, reading a book, meditating, or simple stretching can go a long way.

**4) Make a Checklist:** It is important to make sure that you have everything you need for your exam. Make a checklist that includes:

- Ballet slippers, leotard and tights
- Hair elastic, hair net, bun pins, hairspray
- Water bottle, a small snack, and an activity to keep you occupied while you wait for your exam time.

**5) Smile and Enjoy Dancing:** This is by far the most important element above all else. This is a day to celebrate all you have learned and achieved. Smile about how far you have come, enjoy every moment in the room with your teacher and friends, and believe you have the power to shine from the inside! Remember how hard you've worked this year. The only thing that matters is that you do your best!



**CONGRATS!**  
Congrats to Vitek on his  
induction into Hamilton's  
Gallery of Distinction,  
recognizing those who have  
made a lasting contribution  
to our city!




**Painting the Spirit of Lake Huron's North Shore and French River**

Sylvia Simpson

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 - SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

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### Sylvia Simpson

March 24 - April 21

This collection of watercolours and oils describe the beauty of Ontario's Northern lakes and forests. The bold landscapes, strong colours, vivid light and dramatic skies are my focus."

- Sylvia Simpson

### Upcoming Gallery Exhibitions

Saturday, April 28 -  
Saturday, May 26, 2018

Mike Kukucska



**culture for kids in the arts**

CKA is the charitable organization of the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts committed to providing access to quality arts programming across the greater Hamilton region.



**KINDER fest**  
theatre for young minds

## EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCES

For Hamilton's Youngest Audiences!

**SUNDAY, MAY 13**  
**KNOCK!**  
Magnet Theatre, South Africa  
Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts  
126 James St. S., Hamilton  
905-528-4020  
Age Range: 2-5 years  
Performances at 11am and 2pm  
Created by Indigenous South African company Magnet Theatre. Knock! will have young audiences singing along with performers as they explore the creative possibilities of forest wood...

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**  
**SSST!**  
(Secrets of a White Rabbit)  
Puppetry/Music/Clown  
florschütz & dohnert, Germany  
Staircase Theatre  
27 Dundurn St. N., Hamilton  
905-529-3000  
Age range: 2 - 5 years  
Performances at 10am and 1pm  
Enthralling from start to finish! Out of one of the performers' many pockets comes all sorts of strange things including a raggedy white rabbit with a love of adventure and magic

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**  
**PERFORMANCE PLUS! WORKSHOP**  
**THE RIVER OF WORDS/LE FLEUVE DES MOTS**  
Bilingual/Theatre  
Puzzle Théâtre, Quebec  
Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts  
126 James St. S., Hamilton  
905-528-4020  
Age Range: 3 - 8 years  
Performances at 10am and 1pm  
Inspired by the children's stories by British author and actor Donald Bisset, this playful show stirs the audience's imagination as drawings take on a life of their own.

**Music/Workshop**  
**LagynArte, France**  
Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts  
Workshop at 11:30am - 12:30 pm  
Kristof Hiriart, vocal artist, percussionist, multi-instrumentalist, composer, and singer blends traditional & contemporary sounds to create a musical journey for young children.

Culture for Kids in the Arts returns for a third year with Kinderfest, an intimate festival dedicated to engaging children aged 0-6 with the wonder of performance!

**CKA**  
culture for kids in the arts  
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**PURCHASE TICKETS! \$10/ticket**  
To purchase tickets and for full details please visit:  
[ckarts.ca/kinderfest](http://ckarts.ca/kinderfest) or call 905-528-4020

**SCHOOL SHOW TICKETS & EDUCATOR ACCESS!**  
contact: [victoria@ckarts.ca](mailto:victoria@ckarts.ca) or 905-528-4020

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Hamilton



One of the country's greatest pianists!



### Robert Silverman

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 2:00 pm, Recital hall

Tickets: \$27 regular, \$22 Senior, \$15 for Students  
HCA Members: \$10 for students, staff, and faculty.  
To take advantage of this deal, please purchase tickets at the HCA Front Desk or phone 905-528-4020.



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