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Dr. Dale Wheeler

After teaching piano and various courses at the post-secondary level for over thirty-five years Dale Wheeler is now enjoying life as an independent musician. Living in Red Deer, Alberta he teaches part-time at Burman University and maintains a small private studio. Dr. Wheeler holds the doctorate in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma where his dissertation focused on the Roman-period works of Franz Liszt. He also holds degrees and diplomas from the University of Saskatchewan and Trinity College of Music, London.

Dale is a long-standing member of The Royal Conservatory of Music College of Examiners and has been involved in other projects with the RCM such as the selection and editing of repertoire for the 2022 Celebration Series books. Dr. Wheeler has appeared as a recitalist, accompanist, adjudicator, and lecturer from coast to coast in Canada and throughout the U.S. He has presented at major conferences throughout North America and Europe, the most recent being the International Society for Music Education in Baku, Azerbaijan. His performing interests range from the core classics to out-of-the-way and new repertoire. He presented an all-Liszt recital for the Liszt Bicentenary and more recently performed several of the Bach multiple keyboard concerti along with collaborating in the premiere of a work for three pianos. Another program included works that focused on birds – Liszt, Messiaen, Ravel, Balakirev, Rameau, Beach, and Bernstein.

Dr. Wheeler particularly enjoys working with teachers young and old who are developing their own playing and pedagogical skills. For a number of years Dale was a regular columnist for Clavier magazine and has had articles published in the CFMTA Journal, American Music Teacher, and The Journal of the American Liszt Society. He has recently served as president of both the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra and the Alberta Piano Teachers Association. In 2012 Dr. Wheeler received the Red Deer Mayor's Recognition Award for his contribution to the fine and performing arts.

When not making music his interests include water and snow skiing, classic cars, touring on his Harley motorcycle, and collecting vintage piano recordings.



Marya Ricker

Marya began her piano studies in Ontario at the age of five with her mother. Upon moving to British Columbia, she studied with Darlene Brigidear, completing her A.R.C.T. Performers Diploma receiving first class honours at the age of fourteen. In addition, she earned a Performer's Diploma from the Western Conservatory of Music and the Licentiate Diploma from the B.C Conservatory of Music. Marya was a consistent scholarship recipient in the Lower Mainland Festivals and has participated in master classes with Robin Wood and John Kimira Parker.

After performing Bach's A-minor concerto with the Surrey Youth Orchestra at the age of ten, she went on to perform Grieg's A-minor concerto and Schumann's A-minor concerto by the age of fifteen. She was the top piano performer six years running in the Surrey Music Festival and was awarded top marks in the Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival in the grade 10 competitive classes.

After high school graduation, Marya attended McGill University in Montréal and Kwantlen University College in Langley, majoring in piano performance under the tutelage of Jane Hayes. In the spring of 2000, at the age of nineteen, Marya performed Rachmaninov's 2nd piano Concerto, as a soloist, with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Throughout her career, she has collaborated in live performances with other musicians. She has performed as a pianist and oboist in Northern Italy, Quebec City, Ontario, the Okanagan and throughout the lower mainland.

Marya has been teaching piano for over 31 years. She enjoys teaching early learners to post A.R.C.T levels. In 2013, she opened a music school in Port Coquitlam called the Tri-City School of Music. Marya was one of seventeen music teachers and was a representative on the school board as program director. After selling the music school in 2022, Marya has been building her private studio, while enjoying family life with her husband and her 10 year old son.



JUNIOR PIANO FESTIVAL PROGRAM April 7 – April 10, 2026

April 7, 2026 9:15am

PN0310 JUNIOR 'A' PROVINCIAL PIANO SECTION 1

Leah	Liang	1. Little Prelude in D minor BWV 926 by J. S. Bach 2. Bright Orange by R. Starer
Silinna	Lu	1. Sonata in F minor K185 by D. Scarlatti 2. Mysterious Summer's Night by L. Kuzmenko
Cady Tsz Wa	Yeung	1. Nocturne in C# minor, B.49 by F. Chopin 2. Sonata in F Major, Hob XVI:23, 1st mvt by F. J. Haydn
Carlie	Sun	1. Bouree in F Major by G. P. Telemann 2. Nocturne by C. Poole
Dora Duoduo	Ye	1. Sonata in C major, K. 330. 1st mvt. by W. A. Mozart 2. Tarentelle op.77, no.6. by M. Moszkowski
Nathan	Yang	1. Sonata in B flat Major, C 27 by D. Cimarosa 2. Tango Callejero by M. Springer

April 7, 2026 11:20am

PN0310 JUNIOR 'A' PROVINCIAL PIANO SECTION 2

Ariel	Jang	1. Prelude in D flat Major, op. 28, no. 15 by F. Chopin 2. Sonata in G Major, op. 79, mov. 1 by L. V. Beethoven
Audrey	Pu	1. Sonata in F major, K545, mov. 1 by W. A. Mozart 2. Etude Allegro by Y. Nakada
Maya	Zhao	1. Sonata in A Major, K. 209, D by D. Scarlatti 2. Butterfly, Op. 43, No. 1 by E. Grieg
Meredith	Lee	1. Waltz Op. 69 No. 2 in B minor by F. Chopin 2. Titanium Toccata by D. Alexander
Liliana	Leung	1. Sonata in C Major, K 330, Mov. 1 by W. A. Mozart 2. Nocturne in C sharp Minor, Op. 19, No. 4 by P. I. Tchaikovsky

April 7, 2026 2:15pm

PN0311 JUNIOR 'B' PROVINCIAL PIANO SECTION 1

Alan	Tang	1. Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum from Children's Corner Suite by C. Debussy 2. Sonata in F major op 10 no. 2 Allegro by L.V. Beethoven
Eric	Geng	1. Nocturne in D flat Major, Op.27, no.2 by F. Chopin 2. Asturias (Legend) Op.47, no.5 by I. Albéniz
Jain	Suh	1. Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 884 by J. S. Bach 2. Aufschwung, op. 12, no. 2 by R. Schumann
Oliver	Cao	1. Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum from Children's Corner Suite by C. Debussy 2. Etude in C Major by K. Landry

April 7, 2026 3:55pm

PN0328 ADVANCED JUNIOR BAROQUE COMPOSERS - 8 & UNDER

Dennis	Wei	Little Prelude in D Minor, BWV 926 by J. S. Bach
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April 7, 2026 4:10pm

PN0325, PN0327, PN0335 ADVANCED JUNIOR - CLASSICAL GROUP - 12 & UNDER

April	Liu	Sonatina in C Major, op.36, no.3, mvt. 1 by M. Clementi
Victor	Zeng	Variations of 'Vous dirai je maman' by W. A. Mozart
Maya	Zhao	Sonata in E Minor, Hob. XVI:34 mov. 1 by F. J. Haydn
Sarah Huixin	Wang	Sonata in C Major, Hob.XVI:35 by F. J. Haydn

April 7, 2026 5:10pm

PN0319, PN0320, PN0324 ADVANCED 20th & 21st CENTURY GROUP – 12 & UNDER

Dennis	Wei	Jasmine Flower Trad. Chinese Folk Song, arr. Edward Han Jiang
Maverick	Lee	Zigzag by D. Alexander
April	Liu	Streams of Yang River by An-Lun Huang
Nathan	Yang	Bolero, op. 35, no.4 by A. Casella
Charlie	Sun	Merry-Go-Round of Life by J. Hisaishi

END OF DAY

April 8, 2026 9:30am

PN0311 JUNIOR 'B' PROVINCIAL PIANO SECTION 2

Ethan	Wang	1. Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp Major, BWV 848 by J.S. Bach 2. Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata") mvt. 1 by L.V. Beethoven
Audrey	Pu	1. Sonata in F Major, K332 mvt. 2 by W. A. Mozart 2. Prelude in A Minor, BWV 807 by J. S. Bach
Elliot	Ren	1. Sonata No.10 in G major , Op.14 No.2, mvt. 2 by L. V. Beethoven 2. 3 Preludes, No.1 & 2 by G. Gershwin
Maranda	Wu	1. Sonata in E flat major, Op 31, No 3, mvt. 2 by L. V. Beethoven 2. Toccata, Op 40, no. 3 by N. Kapustin

April 8, 2026 11:15am

PN0321B ADVANCED JUNIOR 20TH & 21ST CENTURY - 14 YEARS & UNDER

Ethan	Wang	J'eux d'eau by M. Ravel
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April 8, 2026 11:30am

PN0263 POPULAR PIANO - STUDIES - GRADE 3

Ayaan	Mehreja	Left Alone by J. Grill
Carmen	Valle	Arabesque Op.100, no.2 by J. F. Burgmüller
Dawson	Ricker	Prelude VII by B. Arens
Emily	Zheng	Mouse Dance by J. Metelka
Ethan	Lin	Witches and Wizards by C. Donkin
Nolan	Lin	Mouse Dance by J. Metelka

April 8, 2026 12:15pm

PN0264, PN0265 POPULAR PIANO - STUDIES - GRADE 4 & 5

Yuyan	Zhang	Masquerade by Linda Niamath
Avery	Wen	Habanera from Carmen by G. Bizet, Arr. Guido
Halena	Ngo	Sunset at the Beach by K. Olson
Hannah	Lu	The Black Pony by L. Papp

April 8, 2026 2:15pm

PN0253 20TH & 21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS - GRADE 3

Ayaan	Mehreja	Tarantelle by C. Poole
Caleb	Park	The Stormy Sea by A. Crosby-Gaudet
Darsh	Garg	Arctic Voices by S. Griesdale
Dawson	Ricker	The Stormy Sea by A. Crosby-Gaudet
Ellie	Kang	Gentle Breezes by D. Alexander
Ethan	Lin	Tarantelle by C. Poole
Leah Yoojin	Shon	Ragtime Cha-Cha by M. Bober
Serene	Kang	Wild Rose by T. Richert
Nolan	Lin	Ragtime Cha-Cha by M. Bober

April 8, 2026 3:30pm

PN0273 CLASSICAL COMPOSERS - GRADE 3

Irina	Hu	Sonatina in F Major, Op.257, no.2 by T. Lack
Carmen	Valle	Sonatina in A Minor Op.94, no.4 mvt. 1 by A. Biehl
Jana	Halteh	Sonatina in G Major Anh. 5, no.1, mvt. 2 by L. V. Beethoven
Adam	Farrell	Sonatina in C Major op. 36 no. 1, mvt. 1 by Muzio Clementi

April 8, 2026 4:30pm

PN0283 BAROQUE COMPOSERS - GRADE 3

Jude	Halteh	Minuet in G Minor BWV Anh. 115 by C. Petzold
Noah	Lee	Musette in D Major, BWV Anh. 126 attr. J.S.Bach

April 8, 2026 5:00pm

PN0284 BAROQUE COMPOSERS - GRADE 4

Alexis	Yang	Air in B flat Major, HWV 471 by G. F. Handel
Derek	Liu	Sonata in C Minor, K40 by D. Scarlatti
Yutong	Yu	Air in B flat Major, HWV471 by G. F. Handel
Yuyan	Zhang	Minuet in D minor, BWV Anh. 132 Attr. J.S Bach
Stella	Luangkhamdeng	March in D major BMV Anh. 122 by C.P.E. Bach

April 8, 2026 5:50pm

PN0274 CLASSICAL COMPOSERS - GRADE 4

Derek	Liu	Sonatina in F Major, Op. 168, no. 1, mvt. 1 by A. Diabelli
Grace	Li	Sonatina in G Major op.36, no.2, mvt. 3 by M. Clementi
Yuna	Kim	Sonatina in G Major, Op. 36: no. 2, mvt. 3 by M. Clementi
Yutong	Yu	Sonatina in G Major, Op. 66, no.3, mvt. 1 by H. Lichner
Yuyan	Zhang	Sonatina in F Major, Op. 168, no. 1, mvt. 1 by A. Diabelli

END OF DAY

April 9, 2026 9:30am

PN0311 JUNIOR 'B' PROVINCIAL PIANO SECTION 3

Cory	Fong	1. Sonata Pathetique No. 8, mov. 2 by L. V. Beethoven 2. Scherzo No.2 in B-Flat minor by F. Chopin
Laien	Zhou	1. Arabesque by C. Debussy 2. Impromptu in A flat, Op. 90 No. 4 by F. Schubert
Luxi	Zhou	1. A Little Whimsy by D. R. Moore 2. Blumenlied (Flower Song) by G. Lange

April 9, 2026 11:00am

PN0311 JUNIOR 'B' PROVINCIAL PIANO SECTION 4

Charlotte Florence	Deng	1. Impromptu in G-flat major, Op.90 No.3 by F. Schubert 2. Variations Brillantes in B-flat major, Op.12 by F. Chopin
Layla	Deng	1. Sonata in F Major, K 332, mvts. 1 & 2 by W. A. Mozart 2. Arabesque No.2 by C. Debussy
Joseph	Goulding	1. Piano Sonata no. 21 in C major, Op. 53, mvt. 1 by L. V. Beethoven 2. Danzas Argentinas, Op. 2 by A. Ginastera
Karina	Cheng	1. Sonata, in C major, Op. 2, No. 3, mvt. 1 by L. V. Beethoven 2. Fantaisie-Impromptu in C sharp minor, Op. 66, posth by F. Chopin

April 9, 2026 2:30pm

PN0285 BAROQUE COMPOSERS - GRADE 5

Aaron	Sheng	Little Prelude in C Major, BWV939 by J.S. Bach
Niam	Kumar	Angloise in D Major by J.C.F. Bach

April 9, 2026 2:55pm

PN0275 CLASSICAL COMPOSERS - GRADE 5

Aaron	Sheng	Sonatina in G major, Op.168, no.2, mvt. 1 by A. Diabelli
Ruiting	Yao	Sonatina in C Major Op 36, no.3, mvt. 3 by M. Clementi
Aayaana	Chauhan	Sonatina in G Major, mvt.3 by J.T. Latour
Hanishka	Suresh	Sonatina in C Major Op. 36, no. 3, mvt. 3 by M. Clementi
Carson	Zhou	Sonatina in G Major Op.36, no.2, mvt. 1 by M. Clementi
Emily	Bui	Sonatina in C major op.36, no.3, mvt. 3 by M. Clementi

April 9, 2026 4:00pm

PN0294, PN0295 ROMANTIC COMPOSERS - GRADE 4 & 5

Ezekiel	Wu	Italian Polka by S. Rachmaninoff
Halena	Ngo	The Avalanche Op.45, No.2 by S. Heller
Quinston	Liang	In the Hall of the Mountain King op.46 by E. Grieg, Arr. M. White

April 9, 2026 5:00pm

PN0254 20TH & 21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS - GRADE 4

Caleb	Shan	Dreamcatcher by A.C. Gaudet
Rachel	Sin	Dreamcatcher by A. C. Gaudet
Timothy	Ngo	Masquerade by L. Niamath
Yuna	Kim	Dreamcatcher by A.C. Gaudet
Celina	Guo	Sunset at the Beach by K. Olson
Erin	Li	Dreamcatcher by A.C. Gaudet

April 9, 2026 5:45pm

PN0255 20TH & 21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS - GRADE 5

Carson	Zhou	Pioneer Spirit by M. Bober
Hanishka	Suresh	Melancholy Reflections by M. Schoenmehl
Ruiting	Yao	Railway Rhythms by C. Norton
Steven	Senger	Melancholy Reflections by M. Schoemehl

END OF DAY

April 10, 2026 9:30am

PN0406, PN0407 BAROQUE COMPOSERS – GRADE 6 & 7 JUNIOR WEEK

Faye	Hu	Little Prelude in D Minor by J. S. Bach
Lorelei	Gavrilita	Invention No. 8 in F Major BWV 779 by J. S. Bach

April 10, 2026 10:00am

PN0396, PN0397 CLASSICAL COMPOSERS – GRADE 6 & 7 JUNIOR WEEK

Jessie Julianna	Escoto	Sonata in G Minor, Op.2, No. 1, mvt. 1 by A. Bon
Lucas	Xu	Sonata in G Major, Hob. XVI:G1 by F.J. Haydn
Ethan	Zhu Hua	Rondo in C Major by J. Schmitt

April 10, 2026 10:30am

PN0356, PN0367, PN0387 21st/ 20th CENTURY & ROMANTIC GROUP - GRADE 6 & 7

Lucas	Xu	Gentle Breeze J. Bender
Jessie Julianna	Escoto	Leafy Sea Dragon by I. Dykstra
Lorelei	Gavrilita	Etude in G Minor op24, no.15 G. Concone
Faye	Hu	Waltz in A Minor, Op. posth., B.150 by F. Chopin
Ethan	Zhu Hua	Happy Time Jazz by M. Meir

April 10, 2026 11:15am

PN0605 PIANO CONCERTO & PN0570-0576 PIANO DUETS 12 & UNDER

Samuel	Yuan	Piano Concerto No. 3, Op. 50, mvt. 1 by D. Kabalevsky
Johannes & Jeraldine	Go	Oriental Dream by J. Bender
Hannah Lu &	Cynthia Chen	Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy by P. I. Tchaikovsky
Ezekiel & Ocean	Wu	Lost Love Alliance by Cha Tri Kong Suwan
Emma & Hannah	Liu	Spanish Dances, Op.12, No. 3 by M. Moszkowski

April 10, 2026 12:15pm

PN0577, PN0588 PIANO DUETS INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED - 16 & UNDER

Eliana and Elise	Somogyi	Peer Gynt Suite by E. Grieg, arr. S. Meek
Sophia Zhong &	Viveka Liu	Summer by J. Hisaishi
Oliver Song	Vincent Liu	Hungarian Dance no. 5 by J. Brahms

END DALE WHEELER

BEGIN MARYA RICKER

April 10, 2026 2:00pm

PN0252 20TH & 21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS - GRADE 2

Demi	Marc	Atacama Desert by W.A. Rossi
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April 10, 2026 2:00pm

PN0250 20th & 21st CENTURY COMPOSERS - INTRODUCTORY

Anna	Qi	Hoe-Down by C. Rollin
Hannah	Briones	To Fly Like an Eagle by A. Crosby-Gaudet
Henry	Kang	Grumpy Old Troll by N. Faber
Peggy	Yang	Raptors by K. Olson
Venice	Umali	Curious Cat by T. Richert

April 10, 2026 2:40pm

PN0251 20th & 21st CENTURY COMPOSERS – GRADE 1

Ariana	Meng	Both Ways by A. Tansman
Selah	Kang	Night of the Tarantella by N. Faber
Isabella	Staunton	Song of the Dark Woods by E. Siegmeister
Johannes	Go	Clear Mountain Sky by M. Springer
Kylie Yoojung	Shon	Angelfish by A. Crosby-Gaudet
Noel	Lee	Lunar Eclipse by N. Faber
Estella	Lau	Both Ways by A. Tansman

April 10, 2026 3:40pm

PN0252 20TH & 21ST CENTURY COMPOSERS - GRADE 2

Irina	Hu	Playing Ball by D. Kabalevsky
Jasper	Wang	I Spy by M. Bober
Paul	Zheng	Atacama Desert by W. A. Rossi
Daniel	Farrell	Prelude V by B. Arens

April 10, 2026 4:10pm

PN0270, PN0270 CLASSICAL COMPOSERS – INTRODUCTORY & GRADE 1

Hannah	Briones	Minuet in F Major attr. L. Mozart
Jeraldine	Go	German Dance in D major by F. J. Haydn

April 10, 2026 4:45pm

PN0280 – PN0282 BAROQUE COMPOSERS – INTRODUCTORY & GRADE 1 & 2

Anna	Qi	Minuet in C Major Op.37 Lesson 2 by J. Hook
Arkyn	Kallos	Minuet in C major, op 38, no. 4 by J.W. Hassler
Jasper	Wang	Impertinence, HWV 494 by G.F. Handel

Peggy	Yang	Bourree in D Minor by C. Graupner
Sophia	Mesquita Botelho	Burlesque in G major by Anonymous

April 10, 2026 5:30pm

PN0290 ROMANTIC COMPOSERS - INTRODUCTORY

Doris	Lo	Melody in G Major, Op. 101, no. 39 by F. Beyer
Jyndan	Deol	Allegretto in C, Op. 177, no. 5 by C. Gurlitt

April 10, 2026 6:00pm

PN0291, PN-292 ROMANTIC COMPOSERS – GRADE 1 & GRADE 2

Arkyn	Kallos	Waltz op 30 no 13 by D. Kabalevsky
Renton	Sin	Farewell Op. 98, no. 4 by A. Grechaninov

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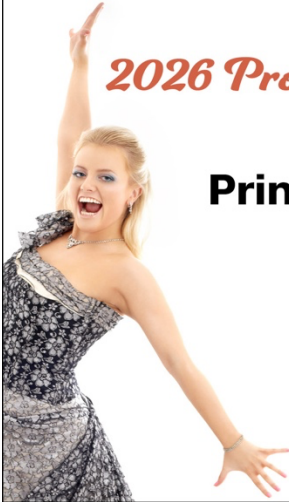
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