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pleased that some have already contacted us –seeking self-motivated and dedicated students! We will see what God's plan is.

I was extremely pleased with the Windsor-Essex RCCO for its ability to welcome new students! They encourage and inspire the students; by welcoming them to multiple organ events, encouraging them to pursue more than one career, and speak highly of people who want to go fuller in a professional career outside of music studies. Never underestimate the power of words of influence. God has a unique plan for each of us. Brian Sweetman is a fantastic teacher and encourager and I appreciated that parents were welcome to sit in the background during lessons.

The Thunder Bay RCCO is a wonderful organization with uniquely gifted musicians! This year Kayla, Jared and I were happy to attend the “Choral Thursday” gathering that filled a downtown church with choirs from around the city. This was extremely successful as we all sang songs together as well as on our own- Praise be to God!

Thank you again to the Windsor Essex RCCO for your generous transfer of funds to the Thunder Bay RCCO! Kayla was delighted to continue her last five scholarship lessons with Susan Marrier. Our son Jared is thrilled to be applying this fall for the beginning scholarship program after we clarify the specific expectations of the local RCCO program with Sean Kim.

Will Kayla ever continue by paying for a higher level of organ lessons? I cannot say. In Kayla's mind though, she is continuing with organ, because she continues to improve and delight in this instrument. Kayla wants to share and serve her Lord by using her gifts. I just wanted to share this wonderful news in more detail with our Windsor-Essex RCCO friends!”

Pictures:

1. Kayla and Brian Sweetman
2. Kayla, (brother) Jared, and friends at the organ of Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville
3. Kayla introducing one of her pieces at the Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville





## A new website and logo

At the end of January, RCCO members received word from the Website Committee that a new national web site had been launched. After months of design, redesign and editing, [www.rcco.ca](http://www.rcco.ca) is live for use by all members and the public worldwide.

Members should have also been notified of their password and how to reset it. Once logged in, you are encouraged to keep your profile up-to-date.

The ONLINE Store is also open if you wish to purchase organ or choral publications. Other available resources include past RCCO examinations and articles on various topics. Check it out!

## Notice to all Members

### *Your vote counts*

For several years, in our publications and on our website, we have referred to ourselves as the 'Windsor Essex' Centre of the RCCO. It has been brought to our attention that this is not the official name of our centre and that according to the statutes, the name of our centre is the 'Windsor Centre'.

Your executive committee has taken this matter under advisement and at its February 4, 2015 meeting passed a motion to recommend to our members that we seek official recognition as the 'Windsor Essex Centre' of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. We acknowledge that many centres draw members from outside of their city or town limits, but it was felt that since two thirds of our members and friends reside in Essex County communities and more and more our region is being referred to as Windsor Essex, we should reflect our demographics and keep current with changing trends.

The executive committee also recognizes that such an important decision requires support from a majority of its constituents and in keeping with good governance practices, will consult and respect the wishes of its membership. To this end, a motion to change the name of our centre will be put forward to the Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2015 and a vote on the motion will be taken. All voting members present will have an opportunity to ask questions about the motion and have their vote recorded.

## Do You need a Supply

### Organist ?

1. Nancy Tapley Nancytapley2@gmail.com

*The Windsor Centre RCCO provides a list of supply organists available to cover vacations and emergencies but there is currently none available to cover Sunday services. If you are a member or know of a member who would be willing to provide this service, please let us know and we will include their information on our supply list.*



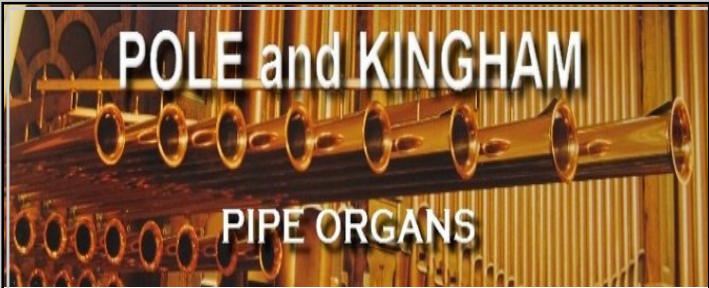
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