



***Northern Lights***  
**Canadian National Conservatory of Music**

presents the

***Mini Summer Sizzler!***

**Location: Meadowlands Baptist Church**  
**2215 17 St NW, Edmonton, Alberta**

**Date: Saturday, June 20, 2026**  
**9:30 am (Registration 9:00)**

**Guest Composers**

**Lynette Sawatsky**

(Saskatoon, SK)

**Carolyn Garritano & Keri Puckrin**

(St. Albert, AB)

**Additional Guest Clinician**

**Elizabeth Freiter**

(Edmonton, AB)



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**What is a CNCM Mini Summer Sizzler?**

Originally created as an alternative to our popular full Summer Sizzle event, *Northern Lights* Canadian National Conservatory of Music (CNCM) continues to offer Mini Summer Sizzlers as part of our ongoing promotion of Canadian music. The CNCM goal is to bring together students, teachers, families, and composers through new publications of Canadian works.

**How does a CNCM *Mini Summer Sizzler* work?**

The Edmonton CNCM *Mini Summer Sizzler* is a full day event that includes 3 student workshops as follows:

**1. *Follow the LEAD Sheet . . . to great musical adventures!*** Host: Elizabeth Freiter

How do we work with that melody line that has chord symbols above it? How do we make it sound like the song we know?

Hands on. . . small steps. . . full sound. We will break the lead sheet down into easily understood concepts and work together to produce the music. Play the melody and harmony, or just sing the tunes and harmonize - this is putting the "fun" into functional piano playing.

With the use of two keyboards and percussion, we will relay through the positions to get everyone experiencing each part of the lead sheet, while supporting each other in the process. Expect a lot of laughs, some silly mistakes, and some wonderful learning.

**2. *Meet the Composer*** Host Composer: Lynette Sawatsky

- This session will feature a work by the workshop host composer, Lynette Sawatsky OR any work from a Northern Lights CNCM publication composed by one of the [Online Composers listed here](#).
- If choosing an Online Composer, this session will include opportunity for a 20-minute online session prior to the CNCM Mini Summer Sizzler with the composer of the chosen work. The composer will offer times of availability for this session. Please note there is no additional fee for this online meeting.
- Each student will perform their selected work.
- The host composer will share ideas and back stories about their personal works.
- Students performing works by Online composers will be asked to share what they gained/learned from their online session with the composer of their selected work.
- This is NOT a master class but rather a sharing of ideas regarding composition and inspirations.
- Student groups will include various levels and ages.

3. **Composition Class** Host Composers: Lynette Sawatsky; Carolyn Garritano/Keri Puckrin

- students will be inspired and led by a visiting composer in 'where to start' in writing an original piano composition

**CNCM Mini Summer Sizzler concludes with a student recital:**

- all registrants have the opportunity to perform
- family and friends are invited to attend the recital
- students may perform one of the works prepared for the workshop sessions OR another *Northern Lights* CNCM publication work (solo or duet)
- this performance should be well prepared and rehearsed

**Registration cost:** \$50 fee per student

Lunch and Snacks – Students should bring their own lunch and water bottle (labelled with their name); two snacks will be provided

**Copyright Information**

All works included in the CNCM Mini Sizzler are protected by International and Canadian Copyright Laws. All participants MUST bring their ORIGINAL scores ONLY. Photocopies are illegal and will NOT be allowed at this event.

**Attire:**

Attire is casual throughout the event. You are encouraged to bring appropriate footwear for all sessions and are welcome to 'dress up' for the closing recital.

**General Schedule:**

**Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 am**

**Session 1: 9:30 – 11:00**

**Snack Break: 11:00 - 11:15**

**Session 2: 11:15 - 12:30**

**Lunch & activity break 12:30 – 1:30**

**Session 3: 1:30 – 3:00**

**Snack, activity and recital prep 3:00 – 4:00**

**Mini Sizzler Recital: 4:00 – 5:00**

**10 benefits of the CNCM Mini Summer Sizzler!**

1. students, teachers, parents and grandparents, composers and community learn and enjoy Canadian music
2. students, teachers, parents and grandparents, composers and community meet Canadian composers working in the industry
3. students meet other students with similar interests, creating lifelong musical memories – they find their people!
4. students not only meet living Canadian composers but also interact with them one on one
5. students experience nurturing and exciting performance opportunities
6. students hear new music, inspiring them to seek out these new works at a later time
7. the local setting makes the event affordable
8. the local setting eliminates time consuming travel which makes the event fit more easily into busy schedules
9. music is intended to be shared – what better way than to do this through the teacher, student, parent, and composer connection!
10. *Northern Lights CNCM Mini Summer Sizzler* provides the greater community an opportunity to truly enjoy a 100% Canadian music event!



**CNCM Mini Sizzler! 2026  
Registration Form  
Saturday, June 20, 2026  
Edmonton, AB**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Piano Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ \*this number will be used for contact in the case of an emergency

Student allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My Repertoire List: please include titles, collections, and composers' names

**Meet the Composer**

\_\_\_\_\_

I will perform in the Mini Sizzler Recital yes  no

My *Mini Sizzler* recital piece is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Online registrations: please scan completed forms and return forms and e-transfer to [registrar@cncm.ca](mailto:registrar@cncm.ca)

\$50.00 Payment enclosed (**payable to CNCM**) E-transfer \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: *Northern Lights* Canadian National Conservatory of Music  
[registrar@cncm.ca](mailto:registrar@cncm.ca) 1.866.889.8807; For more information visit: [www.cncm.ca](http://www.cncm.ca)

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## Media Release Form

**Please circle the appropriate option.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby **give/do not give** Northern Lights CNCM permission to use photographs and/or video taken of myself and/or my child during the *Summer Mini Sizzler* sessions on **June 20, 2026** as editorial material and/or *Northern Lights* CNCM website and social media content.

The name of the participant may appear without location.

Students over the age of 18 may sign for themselves/students under 18 must have this release signed by their parent or guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Date of Birth

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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