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CONCERT PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

PROGRAM

November 3, 2026 | 12:15 p.m.
University Recital Hall

John Burge, piano

Celebrating the Canadian League of Composers' 75th Anniversary in 2026

~ With so many short pieces, please hold applause until the end ~

Wild Rose [A musical land acknowledgement from McKiver's Canadian Floral Emblems]	Beverley McKiver (b. 1958)
Swing a Fugue	John Weinzweig (1913–2006) (CLC President: 1951–57, 1959–63)
"Rondo" from *Suite No. 1*	Jean Papineau-Couture (1916–2000) (CLC President: 1957–59, 1963–66)
"Prelude No. 1" from *Four Preludes*	Srul Irving Glick (1934–2002) (CLC President: 1966–69)
Prelude for John Weinzweig	Samuel Dolin (1917–2002) (CLC President: 1969–73)
"The Merry Reel" from *Two Latvian Dances*	Talivaldis Kenins (1919–2008) (CLC President: 1973–74)
"Prelude No. 24" from *The August Collection*	Walter Buczynski (b. 1933) (CLC President: 1974–75)
The Anglo Tango	Rodney Sharman (b. 1958) (CLC President: 1993–98)
From Tiny Acorns	John Burge (b. 1961) (CLC President: 1998–2006)
Erasing/Erased	Jennifer Butler (b. 1976) (CLC President: 2011–14)
"Toccata" from *Invention and Toccata*	Sophie Dupuis (b. 1988) (CLC President: 2020–23)
"Legend" from *Three Melodies*	Tyler Versluis (b. 1989) (CLC President: 2023–present)
O Canada	Calixa Lavallée (1842-1891)

Limits on this concert's duration, and in some cases a lack of solo piano music available to perform, has meant that the following past presidents were not programmed on this recital but are listed below to acknowledge their leadership of the Canadian League of Composers.

Harry Freedman	CLC President: 1975–78
James Montgomery	CLC President: 1978–79
Victor Davies	CLC President: 1979–82
Paul McIntyre	CLC President: 1982–83
Alex Pauk	CLC President: 1983–89
Patrick Cardy	CLC President: 1989–92
Paul Steenhuisen	CLC President: 2006–07
James Rolfe	CLC President: 2007–11
Brian Harman	CLC President: 2014–16
Christopher Reiche Boucher	CLC President: 2016–20

About this concert

The Canadian League of Composers (CLC) was founded at John Weinzweig's Toronto home in 1951 with an initial membership of eight composers: Murray Adaskin, Louis Applebaum, Samuel Dolin, Harry Freedman, Phil Nimmons, Harry Somers, Andrew Twa and John Weinzweig. Weinzweig was the organization's first president and was later named President Emeritus. The group's immediate purpose was to create opportunities for the commissioning, performing, recording and broadcasting of Canadian classical music, with a particular focus on addressing the lack of Canadian classical music heard on CBC and performed by the country's symphony orchestras. Leading by example, in its first fifteen years, the CLC successfully staged concerts of Canadian music in many cities across Canada and helped launch the Canadian Music Centre in 1959. From the beginning, the CLC has always been directed by a volunteer board of directors and today, the CLC continues to support Canadian composers through many activities including mentorship, workshops, advocacy, international outreach and awards.

This lunchtime piano recital is a shortened version of a full recital of music composed by past CLC presidents that was assembled by John Burge (himself a past president) as a way of paying tribute to the organization's 75th anniversary in 2026.

While the Canadian League of Composers is a national organization with board representation from across Canada, the city of Toronto has figured prominently in the organization, noting the large number of past presidents who called Toronto home, taught at the University of Toronto or hold degrees from that university. Past presidents who were on faculty at U of T include John Weinzweig, Talivaldis Kenins, Walter Buczynski and Harry Freedman, along with James Rolfe, who currently teaches composition there. The other Toronto-based past presidents include, Srul Irving Glick, Samuel Dolin, Harry Freedman, Victor Davies, Alex Pauk, Brian Harman, Christopher Reiche and the current president, Tyler Verslius. Music composed by past presidents whose careers were based in other parts of Canada include Jean Papineau-Couture, Patrick Cardy, Rodney Sharman, John Burge, Jennifer Butler, and Sophie Dupuis. James Montgomery, Paul McIntyre and Paul Steenhuisen each served a one-year term as presidents. While the full recital included eighteen short piano pieces, even this shortened version program presenting the music of 11 CLC presidents, covers an impressive range of musical styles and compositional techniques.