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## **Schulich Music Students Win Awards**

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**Montreal, December 8, 2009** – Schulich School of Music Students end the year with prizes and nominations from the OSM Standard Life Competition, The Canada Council for the Arts and the Recording Academy.

### OSM Standard Life Competition

Masters students **Tristan Longval-Gagné**, piano and **Benjamin Duinker**, percussion have each won first prizes at the 70<sup>th</sup> OSM Standard Life Competition, held November 18-21. Longval-Gagné won \$10,000 in the piano category (class A) and also claimed the \$2,000 prize for “Best Performance of a Canadian Work,” and also received an Orford Arts Center prize, covering tuition and accommodation for a two-week music session at the Orford Arts Center in 2010. Duinker, who won the \$10,000 first prize in the percussion category, also claimed a \$2,000 prize for “Best Performance of a Canadian Work” in the percussion category. In addition to the first place wins, percussion student **Noam Bierstone** won third prize in that category and received the Domaine Forget Prize, a scholarship covering tuition and accommodation for a two-week music session at Domaine Forget in 2010.

### Grammy nomination

Graduate voice students **Jonathan Woody** and **Garry McLinn**, vocal students of baritone Sanford Sylvan, are part of a cast recording of John Musto’s ‘Volpone,’ which has been nominated for a 2009 Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording. The Grammy Awards are the only peer-presented award to honour artistic achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the recording industry without regard to album sales or chart position. The 52 Annual Grammy Awards will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

### Jules Léger Prize

Doctoral Composition Student **Jimmie LeBlanc** won the Canada Council for the Arts 2009 Jules Léger Prize for New Chamber Music for his work “L’Espace intérieur du monde”. The work was created for 15 musicians and electronics, and premiered in March 2008 in Lyon, France by the Nouvel Ensemble Moderne. The \$7500 prize, established in 1978, is designed to encourage the creation of new Canadian chamber music and to encourage its performance by Canadian ensembles. LeBlanc’s winning work will be broadcast nationally by CBC Radio 2 and also by Radio Canada’s Espace-Musique at a later date.

### About the Schulich School of Music:

Founded in 1904, the Schulich School of Music of McGill University embodies the highest international standards of excellence in professional training and research. The school is renowned for its orchestral, operatic, jazz, contemporary and early music training programs as well as its music research disciplines. Its leadership in sound recording and music technology are unparalleled in North America, and helps foster unique collaborative projects each year. The Schulich School of Music is recognized as one of the top music schools in North America and abroad and the reputation of its more than 240 professors attracts over 850 undergraduate and graduate students each year. The school presents approximately 700 concerts and events annually.

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