

What a Workshop..... what a day..... what a great time! If you weren't at the BCRS Interpretation Workshop at the Croatian Cultural Centre on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, you truly missed a very special event.

The Workshop unofficially began the night before with the Flute Alors! Concert at the Old Barn Community Hall, UBC. Electric, vibrant, full of surprises are various ways of describing the performance. Using tonguing techniques to produce various percussive effects brought a new life to jazz-styled numbers such as "The Girl from Ipanema". As the program was titled "Bach 'n' Jazz, the jazz pieces were interspersed by JS Bach compositions. The BCRS Workshop was privileged to have two Flute Alors! members, Alexa Raine-Wright and Caroline Tremblay, as presenters.

The Workshop was geared to Advanced and Intermediate players, with attendees choosing which session they preferred to attend. The morning program, consisting of effective breathing exercises as well as tonguing and various aspects of articulation, was presented to both levels of players. Invaluable handouts, detailing the presentations, were given out. Lunch catered by the Cultural Centre – sandwiches, vegetable and fruit platters, cookies and beverages – was delicious and provided fuel for the afternoon playing sessions. Under the leadership of Alexa and Caroline, the technical advice of the morning sessions was incorporated into the scores making them come alive as we played.

The Workshop itself ran very smoothly, thanks to the hard work of the BCRS Executive, who had anticipated and met the many needs of the day. Thank you so much, Executive members, for all that you did behind the scenes to make the day flow. BCRS Workshops are so much more than an opportunity to improve playing abilities. They are also about community..... the opportunity to connect with other recorder players and to feel a part of a larger recorder playing world. A BCRS Workshop gives excellent value for the fee charged. If you haven't been to one, please seriously consider making the next Workshop a part of your recorder playing experience. If you regularly attend Workshops..... see you at the next one!