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## Niagara Centre

## October 2018



Peter Partridge, a valued and long standing member of the Niagara Centre of The Royal Canadian College of Organists passed away suddenly at his home on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 to the great dismay of his colleagues. In addition to his activities and support of the centre he was also active at the National level having served as national board chairman, and was the current treasurer of the Canadian Interna-

tional Organ Competition. Born in Kingston he moved to England where he furthered his musical education at the Royal Academy of Music, was music master of Westminster School and served as assistant to the Abbey organist. Returning to Canada in 1964 he became Director of Music at Ridley College where he served for five years. Peter was the Director of Music at St. Paul Street United Church (now Silver Spire) 1970 -97, and has conducted the annual downtown Christmas Carol Service since its inception 27 years ago. As a member of the Niagara Centre of the RCCO he acted as the speaker at a number of our Annual General Meetings regaling us with anecdotes of his time at Westminster, and of the practice organ he donated to the Abbey, and subsequent invitation to dinner with Prince Charles. He and Janet (also a member) have always been very supportive of Niagara Centre activities and Peter will be greatly missed by his fellow members of the Niagara Centre of the RCCO and the city he loved, St. Catharines. Visitation will be held at GEORGE DARTE FUNREAL HOME 585 Carlton St. St. Catharines on Friday , October 26th from 4—8 p.m. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday October 27th at 11:00 a.m. in Partridge Hall at the First Ontario Performing Arts Centre, 250 St. Paul Street., St.Catharines.

For a more complete obituary please refer to the centre  
website at [www.rcconiagara.com](http://www.rcconiagara.com)

Music for an  
Autumn Afternoon  
Sunday, October 21 at 3 pm  
St Thomas' Anglican Church  
99 Ontario St, St Catharines

Admission: \$15 at the door

Lesley Kingham  
Melissa-Marie Shriner  
Sydney Cornett  
Grace Snippe  
Janice Slade  
Amye Buchan



Ryan Baxter  
Billy Sadler  
Joel Lewczynski  
Karlie Boyle  
Elizabeth Pereira

Marjorie Slinn has announced her retirement from the position of Music Director at Stamford Lane United Church in Niagara Falls. Marjorie has held that position for 48 years, an enviable record and one that has seen her gain many plaudits for her work. We offer our thanks for her work as a member of the centre executive and wish her every good wish for her retirement. For some pictures from her last Sunday visit the centre website at [www.rcconiagara.com](http://www.rcconiagara.com). Those that might be interested can also find details of the requirements for a replacement.

## **ORGAN RECITAL**

Ken Cowan, internationally known recitalist, (son of David and Donna Cowan. David is a member of the centre and serves on the executive board) will be playing a recital at St. George's Anglican Church 83 Church Street St., Catharines on November 6th 2018. Tickets are \$20.00 or \$14.00 for students, available from the church office.

Ken Cowan is also playing a recital at Lawrence Park Community Church in Toronto on November 9th at 8p.m. and conducting a masterclass on November 10th. For information contact the church office