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Teen pianist wins national honour

By **TED BROWN**
Staff Writer

A year ago, Georgetown pianist Thomas Dobrovich brought home a silver medal from the prestigious Ontario Music Festivals Association (OMFA) 2012 Provincial Finals for his extensive repertoire on the piano.

With a year under his belt, the 18-year-old recently tackled the challenging national competition, the Canadian Music Competition (CMC) held this year in Sherbrooke, Quebec, bringing home a first place in the piano in the 18 and under class.

"It was a three-stage competition," said Dobrovich. "The first was in May of this year, and the second round was the Provincials, and both were held at the University of Toronto."

After qualifying, Dobrovich was on his way to compete nationally in Sherbrooke.

"For the first round, we played for two judges, then at the Provincials we had three judges," said Dobrovich. "But when we played at the nationals, we played in front of five judges— that was



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pretty intimidating."

Not only did the competitors face five judges, but they had to play one piece of music.

"When you're competing at that level, you have to show how versatile you are, and picking the right piece of music is key," said Dobrovich.

In the final round of the Nationals, competitors had to play a concerto, in duet with another piano, with the second piano playing the orchestra part of the score. It gave the competitors the opportunity to show what talent they had to offer.

After the day-long event, Dobrovich emerged with a first place in his age/instrument category, 18 years and under-piano.

"It felt good," said Dobrovich, "I felt really good coming home with a win from the Nationals."

Leading up to the win, Dobrovich had been competing all over Ontario, in places like Scarborough, Markham, Richmond Hill and Mississauga, to hone his skills and be prepared for the national level competition.

While in Richmond Hill, Dobrovich, received a special honour— he received the Mayor's Award at a gala concert at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

"That was a pretty special thing," said Dobrovich. "It felt good to be recognized for my playing."

Although Dobrovich has the talent, he is first to acknowledge his current music instructor, Yaroslav Pugach of Markham, has helped elevate him to his present level of playing.

But Dobrovich is also quick to add that his first steps in music can be attributed to his mom Kathy, a teacher in music theory, piano and flute, who encouraged him to spend hours practising at the piano.

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