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## St. Thomas More Students gold winner in Ottawa



Members of Voices Utopia Chamber Choir and Collegiate Chorale of St. Thomas More Collegiate earned gold plaques from the prestigious Music Fest Canada 2008 in Ottawa. *To p. C2*

## MusicFest Canada 2008 in Ottawa



*Students of St. Thomas More Collegiate proudly show off the golden plaques and citations they received after an excellent performance at the Music Fest in Ottawa.*

At the recently concluded MusicFest Canada in Ottawa from May 13-17, 2008 which was attended by over 10,000 aspiring student musicians from across Canada (North America's largest educational music festival), both the VOICES UTOPIA CHAMBER CHOIR and the COLLEGIATE CHORALE of St. Thomas More Collegiate earned Gold plaques.

Stephanie Navarro, daughter of Agustin and Andrea Navarro, of Navarro Physiotherapy clinic is a member of the Collegiate Chorale Group. The choirs and The Voices of Utopia Chamber Choir in particular have enjoyed success at various festivals earning no less than gold at each appearance including gold at the Anaheim and Seattle Heritage Music festival, gold at the Fraser Valley Kiwanis Festival, David Ouchterlony Award, Charles and Helen Young scholarship, Jean Beatty

memorial scholarship and a recommendation to advance to the provincial Performing Arts BC festival where they were awarded top in the province. This in turn led to a nomination to represent BC at the Canadian Music Festivals National Music festival where they earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranking. Most recently both the Voices Utopia Chamber Choir and Collegiate Chorale earned gold at the MusicFest Canada.

The very talented music teachers behind the success of these groups of highly talented students are Mr. Chris Trinidad and Mr. Ethan Shoemaker.

Mr. Chris Trinidad also formed a community chamber choir called the Kaisahan Voice Ensemble dedicated to exploring choral music written or arranged by Filipino composers and compositions inspired by Phil. history, culture and society. They were featured as part of the CBC Radio One/Early Edition Asian Heritage Month 2008 special entitled: Under the Radar: From Manila to Metro Vancouver.