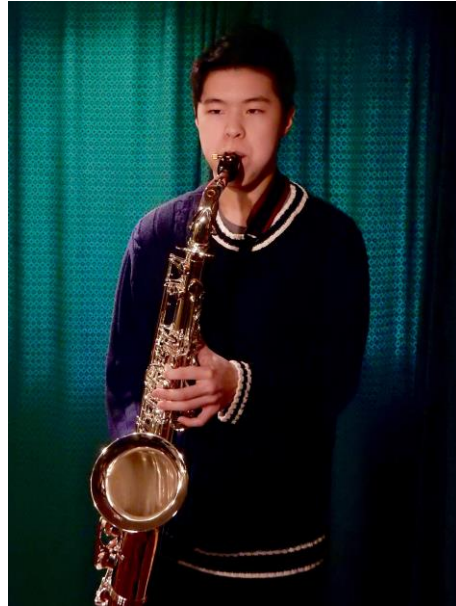


**News Release: Ryan Cheng wins National Youth Band Tenor Saxophone Position for 2017**



Ryan Cheng, playing Vandoren V21 Reeds and a Vandoren TL4 mouthpiece was recently awarded the Tenor Saxophone position with the 2017 National Youth Band of Canada.

Part of Ryan's audition was an excerpt from Max Bruch's Kol Nidrei (transcribed from the original work for cello.) Ryan also performed this piece to win a Rigg Scholarship for Excellence in the Arts at St George's School in Vancouver. He has been a member of the St George's Wind Ensemble and Senior Jazz band for over four years.

Ryan plays Ultimate Frisbee at the National Level and is Captain of the St Georges team. He is a member of the Model United Nations and is Director of the Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee at VMUN 2017. His volunteer work includes 600 hours of photography and live music performances helping the Downtown East Side. He is President of the Galaxy Leo's Club that provides volunteer opportunities to high school students, Head of Photography for St. Georges School and has worked with UBC Biomedical PhD students researching Skeletal Muscle Regeneration for the last two years.

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