

Hello. It's getting warm and warm it sometimes feels too hot outside. My April was the busiest month ever in my life in Canada, but I also spend exciting Music life.

In the middle of April, I went to Whistler, where is known as a mountain and village popular for skiing. Although I didn't ski in my trip, I saw many tourists skiing there. Anyway, the purpose I went to Whistler was to join the biggest Music festival with my school band. More than 1,000 students from all over Canada (and one school came from the U.S.) performed music in their competition and concert. Because my school band is a brass band, I joined the biggest competition in that festival. Also, there was a competition for string band, jazz band, and choirs. Our performance was not the best, and we got a bronze award. All my friends said the judge should award us CCS level, which stands for Cowichan Secondary School level (The award after the bronze). Even though our result of competition was not so good, other performances were super amazing. The concert I loved the most was Marimba ensemble concert. Everyone did stand up during the concert, dancing, singing or running. Everyone enjoyed music in their own ways. I was so surprised because the concert was different from the concert that I joined before, and students were not only Canadian. There were lots of international students like me, indigenous students, immigrant students, and so on. I thought music can make people together beyond the border, and that's common around the world. The final day of the festival, I joined a massed concert. Every band was gathered in a big hall and played some indigenous music. I was little disappointed because there were just 15 French horns in more than 400 students. But that was my first time to play the French horn with other players, so I had so much fun.

After the band trip, I had two concerts; one is Cowichan concert band, which is for advanced player, and the other one is Cowichan orchestra. Rehearsals were much more difficult than the one in school band, but I practiced so seriously for the first time since I came to Canada (It doesn't mean I don't practice hard in my school band). I miss Hakuo brass band, which is so strict and busy, so it was good opportunity to practice and improve my horn skill.

One of my goals I want to achieve through studying abroad was communicating with people through music. I have achieved this goal this month. I thought I know the exact way to enjoy music before I joined the music festival and concerts, but I realized that my thought was just a part of many ways. The music experience in April expanded my world of music wonderfully.

I have about 50 days left in Canada. I'm so glad that I have achieved one of my big goals, and I want to join more activities in my limited life in Canada.

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