

Yamaha Snare Drum

September 11, 2006 – May 27, 2015



Knowing all who had played it dearly loved it, and having played everyday by its own terms, the Yamaha Snare Drum located in room 111 at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School had its snares broken suddenly on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

The Drum (on right of picture) was manufactured in Japan by Yamaha on June 6, 2006 and was bought by the “Comp” on September 11, 2006. Along with its friends the Remo Bass Drum (on left of picture) and Yamaha Timpani, it was raised mainly by three band teachers: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Brandon, and Mr. Kristofferson. It fondly remembered many experiences during its career like being played by many students and having fun with its friends.

In September of 2006, the Yamaha Snare Drum began its service to the school as the main concert snare drum. It enjoyed the camaraderie it had with its fellow instruments and students who played it. In the first year of its career, the Snare Drum had its first chance to travel, going to Gimli for the school’s band camp. Since then it traveled to many places, including Winnipeg, Banff, and Edmonton.

Known for having the best sound out of all the snare drums in the school, it earned the respect of its friends and peers. It was extremely proud of all the experiences it had been involved in as well as the experiences of all the instruments around it. One of the most memorable experiences the Yamaha Snare Drum had during its short life was the opportunity to play with the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble, performing for and with many people.

The Yamaha Snare Drum lived every day of its life to the fullest always trying to create the best sound possible and was a pleasure to play by all musicians who had the chance to play it. It knew and liked who it was and what it had become. It was proud of the music it had created.

From a newly-manufactured wooden cylinder to having its second head replaced, the Yamaha Snare Drum had a strong love for music and its ability to make it. This passion was demonstrated by its latest performance of a new piece called “Icelandic Folk Song Suite,” which it aided the rest of the band in playing beautifully.

Its brother, Remo Tom-Tom, predeceased the Yamaha Snare Drum.

Local student, Robbie Human, had a celebration of the Drum’s life journey on June 15, 2015.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Long and McQuade or St. John’s Music.