

Viola NOTES

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The mission of the Minnesota Viola Society is to promote, study, and further the research and performance of the viola and its repertoire. We welcome members of all ages and abilities.

MONTREAL MEMORIES '06

The 2006 International Viola Congress held in Montreal is now a memory. The Minnesota Viola Society was very well represented by several members and a few board members as well. The memories include a great deal of precipitation, a very large hill which we climbed two or three times each day, and a wonderful performance by MVS Past-President, Korey Konkol.

The highlight of the Congress was a lecture/recital featuring the Brahms Eb Sonata by Bruno Giuranna which left this audience member in tears.

Next year, the viola congress will be held in Adelaide, Australia. The following year it will be in Arizona.

Minnesota Viola Society Member Spotlight Minnesota Viola maker Achieves Distinguished Awards

(Minneapolis, MN) -William Scott of New Hope, MN received Gold and Silver Medals at the Violin Society of America International Violinmaking Competition, held in Baltimore, MD last week, placing him in an elite group of makers who have achieved "Hors Concours" meaning "out of or above competition" because of consistent, highest level recognition. Last time a violinmaker attained this status was 1998. It requires winning at least one gold medal at 3 different competitions, satisfying both the workmanship and tone judges.

Since earning his first two awards in 1982 Mr. Scott has won **3 Gold Medals for viola, 5 Silver Medals for violin, viola and cello**, and 10 more Certificates of Merit for tone and workmanship. This

international violinmaking competition attracts hundreds of makers from around the globe, coming together every two years to compete and learn from one another.

Mr. Scott's interest and success in violin making has focused on award winning violas. Winning his first Silver Medal for Tone for viola in 1992, he has consistently earned medals for viola tone including 2 Silver and 3 Gold Medals during the 1992, 1998, 2000, 2004 and 2006 competitions.

Earlier this year Mr. Scott was also awarded an "Alumni Achievement Award" from his

alma mater, St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, recognizing his contribution to this craft.