

# Musical Notes

May 2014



## School Policies

**NEW**

Consistency and structure is paramount for children and education, but we pride ourselves on being flexible while still maintaining success.

Please note the following **NEW** policies:

- Tuition is to be paid at least **one month** in advance.
- Notice of absence must be received by our office at least **24 hours** before the lesson time to qualify for make-up.
- **Maximum of 4 make-up lessons** per school year (Sept – June) will be granted for absences with 24 hour notice. We regret that no make-up lessons will be granted if notice is received less than 24 hours before lesson.
- All make-up lessons must be completed **before July 15**.
- Make-up sessions CANNOT be rescheduled.
- In the case of inclement weather, PARENTS must call or check our website to see if classes are cancelled.
- **One month notice** is required to withdraw from private lessons. Students enroll in group lessons are required to complete a semester.



## Re-enrollment

Starting May, we will be re-enrolling students for Summer & Fall terms. Secure your spot with our staff today!!!

**Deadline: Monday, June 16, 2014 (First month tuition required as deposit)**

## Music for Preschoolers



is designed to provide a solid musical foundation for children who are 4 to 6 years old. Students learn actively through games and activities designed to teach them about music. We engage their mind and body through a mixture of singing, dancing and the use of percussion instruments. Lessons are taught with an element of "play" helping the children learn at their own level of understanding.

Registration for the trial lessons in June is now open. If you want to know more about the courses, schedule a **free** lesson with the office today!

## Awards & Achievements



Pro-Music is proud of our students' accomplishments; we owe our standard of excellence to them.

### Music Festivals

Student	Class	Award	Teacher
Kristy Chiu	Gr. 4 Study	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Narine Mardoyan
Alicia Loi	Gr. 4 List B	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Karen Tam
Kristen Lee	Gr. 5 List B	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Karen Tam

### RCM Practical Examinations

Student	Grade & Instrument	Marks	Teacher
Benjamin Lee	Gr. 3 Piano	80%	Wendy Galloro
Tiffany Yuen	Gr. 4 Piano	87%	Karen Tam
Kristen Lee	Gr. 4 Piano	83%	Karen Tam
Michelle Wong	Gr. 8 Piano	88%	Karen Tam

### RCM Theory Examinations

Student	Subject	Marks	Teacher
Tiffany Yuen	Basic rudiments	86%	Karen Tam
Athena Chan	Basic rudiments	97%	Davina Lee
Antoine Fradkin	Intermediate rudiments	90%	Davina Lee
Jennifer Yien	Advanced rudiments	83%	Davina Lee
Taylor Yang	Advanced rudiments	94%	Fernando Baldassini
Michelle Chan	Advanced rudiments	98%	Fernando Baldassini
Jessie Kiu	Advanced rudiments	92%	Fernando Baldassini
Alex Liao	Advanced rudiments	96%	Fernando Baldassini
Ryan Markwart	Advanced rudiments	92%	Fernando Baldassini
Ernest Wong	Advanced rudiments	96%	Fernando Baldassini

## Summer Camps

Time: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Weeks: July 14 – 18  
July 21 – 25  
August 11 – 15  
August 18 – 22

For: 5 – 12 years old

Prices: Full day - \$300 per week  
Half day - \$200 per week



Activities include instruments learning, sports, picnics, movies, games, art projects, and many more.



# How to perform well in Recitals



## Be Relaxed

Arrive at the recital 15 minutes before the time indicated. Audience may seat themselves while the performers look for their teachers at the side of the stage. Go to the washroom before the concert starts, you will be more relaxed and will do better.



## Bring Music

Even though you are asked to play from memory, bring the music book along with you just in case you will freeze under pressure.

## Dress Code



We are asking for Formal / Appropriate dress code for the performance, neatness in dress and deportment may influence the performance of the recital. No shorts, no torn jeans, no sneakers, no flip flops... please!!! You will be looking at your pictures for years. Don't wear black - it doesn't show well in photographs.

## Entering Recital Hall



Do not enter or leave the recital hall while someone is playing. Wait outside the door until you hear applause - then enter! Please! No talking or laughing during performances and make sure all cell phones are turned off.



## Food or Drink

No food or drink is to be consumed in the recital hall. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the concert.

## No Running



To avoid accidents ensure that your children refrain from running around.

## Photography



Flash photography is not allowed during a performance. It distracts both the audience and the performers.

## Rehearsal

There are no practice rooms at the recital hall. Practice at home in front of your friends or relatives. If you are wearing a special costume, practice in it!

## Don't Change your Selection

If you hear a new song a month before the recital, don't change your selection. You will do better performing a number you have been doing for weeks.



## Play a Selection at your Level

Don't perform a selection that is too easy or too difficult for you. Consult your teacher before your final decision.



## What you can Do at Home

If you have trouble memorizing your pieces, play the music in sections, four bars at a time over and over. For guitarists, violinists and pianists, do not wait until the night before to cut your nails. Vocalists avoid milk and dairy products before singing as dairy products cause mucus build up.



## Listen to Others

When you are finished performing, don't leave the hall. It is rude to walk out while others are still playing. Furthermore you will learn from watching others perform.