

Musical Notes



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Many ask what the differences are learning **Group** or **Private** Music Lessons. First, Pro-Music Conservatory of Music provides trained instructors and curriculum and materials for either. Each student benefits in different ways from either, and many of our students are active in both group and private lessons which supplement each other.

Private Lessons

- Individual attention and focus on strengths and areas to improve.
- Progress is at students learning pace.
- Advanced students benefit in developing skills with individual attention to areas such as technique, position and etc.
- Assist preparing for exams, festivals and performances.
- Structured and fun while building rapport and commitment between student, parent and instructor.



Group Lessons

- Longer class time - one hour, which allows time for more activities.
- Students learn skills needed to play as a group which is often a challenge for those accustomed to playing individually.
- Motivation from peers – look forward to meeting weekly and staying on pace with group progress.
- Gain confidence interacting with others in the group.
- Relaxed, friendly environment learning and meeting new friends.



IN SUMMER!!!

With the school year nearly over, parents need to begin planning for their children's summer months. Some may have their child stay at home, while some may decide to spend a few weeks with their children on vacation. One option is to have your child's mind broadened by music! Studies show that students who continue learning in the summertime adapt that much more quickly come September. At Pro-Music we offer flexible summer enrollments that match your summer schedule, keeping your child engaged during the summer holidays.

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.

Dress Code



We are asking for Formal Dress, 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.



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.

Photography



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

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.



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.



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.

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.

No Running



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

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!

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.



School Policies

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

Please note the following policies:

- The front desk must be notified by 6 pm one day PRIOR to the lesson in order to be eligible for a make-up
- In the case of inclement weather, PARENTS must call to see if classes are cancelled
- All make up sessions must be completed within 3 months of the cancellation
- No refunds or credits will be issued for cancellation
- Make-up sessions CANNOT be rescheduled



Important Dates

May 20	Victoria day
June 9	Annual recital
June 3 to 8	Distribution of progress reports
June 17	Deadline for summer and fall registration
July 1	Canada day
August 5	Civic holiday
September 2	Labour day
October 14	Thanksgiving day
Dec 22 to Jan 5	Christmas break



Re-Enrollment

Starting May, we will be re-enrolling students for the following school term(s):

- The only way to secure your spot is to submit your re-enrollment confirmation slip with a \$100 deposit at the front desk before **June 17**.
- The deposit will be applied towards the first payment to be taken out in July/September.
- Withdrawal of reservation:
 - On or before August 12, 2013: full refund less \$25 service fee
 - After August 12, 2013: your reservation fee is non-refundable
- The rest of the payment should be made in the first lesson of July/September.
- Payment for the lessons can be done through 3 options:
 - **Option A:** Monthly payments - cash or debit only. **Customer's credit card number must be provided.** If payment is not received by the first lesson of the month, customer's credit card will automatically be charged the total of the monthly payment plus a \$5 administrative fee.
 - **Option B:** Semester prepayment (5 months) - cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Students who prepay for the term are entitled to one (1) free emergency cancellation (less than 24 hours notice) during the term.
 - **Option C:** Year prepayment (10 months) - cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Students who prepay for the year are entitled to three (3) free emergency cancellations (less than 24 hours notice) during the school year (Sept to June).

*a \$15 charge will be applied should a cheque bounces



Summer Music Camp

Our one-week tryout classes offer a taste of music instruction without the long-term commitment in private lessons or investment in an expensive instrument. With our class limit of 4 to 6 students, your child will receive enough individual attention to decide if the instrument interests him or her enough to continue in private music lessons.

All camps are taught by professional musicians and highly trained educators. Campers will participate in group violin, drum, piano, guitar and vocal lessons. We will provide all instruments for the class. If your child owns a violin or guitar, please feel free to bring to the class.

No music background is required for all the camps. This camp is suitable for children aged 5 to 12.



MUSIC FOR PRESCHOOLERS



3 - 4.5 yrs old



5 - 6 yrs old

Pro-music's unique music courses created by our seasoned and experienced teachers with the vision to instill the love of music in children! It is designed to provide a solid musical foundation for children who are 3 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. As this is a parent & tot class, each child is accompanied by one parent to "play" and learn with their children.

Trial lessons are available from May to August. If you want to know more about the courses, schedule a lesson with the office today!