Musical Notes

Vernon Community Music School
Fall, 2022

Students from Natalie Kober, Bev Martens and Ardeth Erikson's violin Suzuki group got together for their first practice together in the new school year.

And We're Back!

It's here, it's here! We are thrilled that another school year has started! Welcome back to a brand new year of learning and discovering your passion while being a part of a community that brings people together.

To those who have registered already, thank you so much! If you haven't registered yet, please see or phone the office. We are open Monday-Thursday, 8:30am—5:00pm, closed for lunch from 1:00-1:30. The office is closed on Fridays.

We are pleased to offer payment options again this year, including monthly payment options:

Option 1: Pay invoice in two installments

Option 2: Pay invoice in four installments

Option 3: Pay invoice in monthly installments

For options 2 or 3, we will need postdated cheques or a credit card number that we can pull from. Please let the office know which option would work the best for you.

The best part of being at the Music School on a regular basis is seeing the progress students make every week. During the fall season when the windows are open, the sounds of music and learning flow out of the school and wrap around you like a warm sweater. We want to thank you, for sharing your time with us and being a part of our music community.

For all of the latest Music School information, check out our website blog or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Wall of Fame

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students of Karen Rempel participating in Junior Piano in the Shuswap Music Festival April 11th, 2022

- Kesler Embley—Second Year of Study—Non-competitive
- Amelia Derochie—Second Year of Study—Non-competitive
- Anna-Maria Zebroff—Level 1—Outstanding Junior Award
- Marlowe Powers – Level 2
- Nora McCoubrey—Level 2
- Liam McBride—Level 2—Level 2 Award (Tie)
- Julianne Derochie—Level 2—Concert Class Award
- Amy Milne—Level 6
- Hadley Lanaway—Level 6
- Amy Milne & Aimee Glasser—Level 6 Duet—Intermediate Duet Award

Well done, everyone! Congratulations on your accomplishments, keep up the great work!

Mark Your Calendars—Saturday, October 29th NOCCA is bringing The Mirror Visions Ensemble (MVE) to the Performing Arts Centre. Soprano Mireille Asselin, Tenor Scott Murphree, Baritone Jesse Blumberg with Grant Wenaus accompanying on piano, are passionate about storytelling through art song, laced with humor. "Charm is a quality that this ensemble of three engaging singers has in spades", also praised for “memorable music making”, this is sure to be intriguing and delightful evening. MVE will sing their way to far-flung destinations, real and imaginary, with travel songs by Barber, Berlioz, Blangini, Duparc, Haydn, Poulenc and Hugo Wolf along with MVE commissions by Tom Cipullo and Scott Wheeler, as well as Gilda Lyons' "Great Barrier Reef." The poetry of Baudelaire, Joyce and Metastasio is featured, as well as the correspondence of Paul Bourget, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Edna St. Vincent Millay. Come share the ride! Tickets can be purchased at ticketseller.ca or by calling 250-549-SHOW.

Coming from the OSO

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, October 23 at 7:00pm the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra presents renowned pianist Angela Cheng as she celebrates Clara Schumann, a musical prodigy from an era when women were rarely allowed public success. We also connect music and the mind with Robert Schumann whose music was shaped by his mental illness, and Amanda Todd's emotional and vulnerable plea to the world, brought to life in Morlock's Juno Award-winning composition. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketseller.ca or by calling 250-549-SHOW.

Annual General Meeting

The Music School AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th, at 7:00pm. We invite you to come out and hear about all of the great initiatives that make up the school year!

Are you wondering what to do with all of your Natures Fare receipts you've collected over the summer? Bring them by the Music School! As part of the 3% Club, 3% of the total money calculated on the receipts comes back to the Music School, and in turn goes into our programs. It's a win-win situation, thank-you so much to everyone who has brought their receipts in!

To date, we have raised $5,315.34 to go towards programs throughout the school. Wahoo!

BC CULTURE DAYS

Friday, September 23rd was the kickoff to BC Culture Days in Polson Park. The Arts Council of the North Okanagan in partnership with Tourism Vernon and the Society to Bridge Arts and Community hosted a one day community arts and culture festival. This one-day festival style event hosted an artisan fare and a full day schedule of live performances by local talent. Included in the festival event were opportunities for interactive arts activities for the whole family, demonstrations, displays and exhibitions. The schedule of activities was designed to attract young families, youth and adults and included indigenous artists and a culturally diverse mix of arts reflecting our community. It was so great to see everyone come out, Vernon is full of culture and needs to be celebrated!

Fall 2022 Modern Music Masterclass - “Rhythm/Drumming + Guitars”

Date: Saturday October 29, 2022, 10am-4pm in the Carriage House Loft.

Cost: $35 per person (payable to Ken Scott)

Who can Attend: All VCMS Guitar students encouraged, plus any other VCMS participants for drumming - 12 years old and up. We also need a couple of pianists and singers from VCMS! Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, of students are welcome.

Registration and Payment deadline Saturday October 22, 2022

For more info or to register, please contact Ken Scott at kgsguitarstudio@gmail.com

DURING THIS MASTERCLASS ...

- We will be doing the Funky Riff song "No Roots" by Alice Merton, coupled with great funky rhythms we will learn on various drums ! Great guitar parts, great vocal parts + great beats!

In the first half of the workshop, we will learn rhythms on percussion instrument such as Djembe, Dundun, Congas . We all use rhythms as the central pulse when playing our instruments, and even for non drummers learning some percussion is an incredibly fun, useful skill.

In the 2nd half of the workshop, guitarists will play along with the percussionists on the song we will learn. I will teach VCMS guitar students the guitar parts during your lessons prior to the workshop.

Why attend?

- Playing drums such as the Djembe is a blast, and the whole workshop is energetic and FUN!

- No previous percussion experience necessary

- As guitarists (as well as other instrumentalists), we need to develop our sense of rhythm, and the ability to interact with others especially in a rhythmic way. Learning other rhythmic skills is transferable to what we do on the guitar or any other instrument

- As many students have found, being able to "feel the beat" as well as various complex rhythms is essential to handling complicated rhythmic/ strumming or solo patterns. Learning some percussion is very helpful - and has made a huge difference in my own playing.

ACTING SINGING DANCE

The Carriage House Performance Troupe Presents

PERFORMING ARTS & IMAGINATIVE PLAY

for Homeschoolers

Ages 4 - 8

Start January 9th, 2023
Mondays 10:00am – 11:30am
At the Vernon Community Music School
In the Loft of the Carriage House, 1705 32 Ave, Vernon BC

REGISTER NOW FOR JANUARY START!

ACTIVATE YOUR IMAGINATION!

This fun and inspiring 8 week series of performing arts classes is designed to teach homeschoolers basic skills in Acting, Singing, Dancing and Improvisation. All participants work together to create a supportive team environment that encourages self-discovery and self-expression. Homeschoolers will learn how to collaborate with peers, practice relaxation, build body awareness and gain confidence. Come join us for a joyful journey and experience the creative magic for yourself!

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We've Been Nominated!

The Music School has been nominated for a Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Excellence Award in the non-profit category. This award is presented to the organization that: exemplifies excellence and innovation in their programs, projects, and partnerships; their commitment to growth and expanded programs, as well as service, community involvement, sustainable practices and/or job creation/development; and demonstrates a dedicated focus on achieving their vision and mandate.

As a nominee, we are also an option for the People's Choice Award sponsored by Total Restoration Services. From Sept. 20 to Oct. 11, members of the public can vote for their favourite among the businesses and non-profits nominated as part of the Greater Vernon Chamber's Business Excellence Awards.

This year marks our 40th anniversary of bringing music to life in this old heritage building, also known as the Smith House. Chances are, you, your family, neighbours or friends know someone who has taken lessons at the Vernon Community Music School. We know that music is an essential aspect of any society and has the power to emotionally, morally, and culturally affect communities. We try to engage Vernon and our surrounding communities by being a central hub and gateway to introduce and remind people of the power of music. Learning to play music and playing music with others are important in times of conflict when other forms of communication are malfunctioning. Music has the ability to help in the healing process, and dismantle walls and boundaries. We are passionate about using music as a vehicle for social change and bringing our communities together - so to that end, we would love it if you could vote for us. Vote often! The winner will be announced at the Gala Awards ceremony, November 3rd. Thank you!

Wall of Fame

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students of Karen Rempel who successfully competed Royal Conservatory of Music exams in 2022

- Max Henschel—Level 4 Piano, First Class Honours—VRMTA Award
- Hadley Lanaway—Level 6 Piano, First Class Honours with Distinction—VRMTA Award
- Amy Milne—Level 6 Piano, First Class Honours with Distinction
- Amy Milne—Level 6 Theory, First Class Honours with Distinction—VRMTA Award
- Hadley Lanaway—Level 6 Theory, First Class Honours with Distinction

Congratulations to all of you and the hard work you've done! Thank you so much for representing the Music School so beautifully, you have all done a terrific job. Keep up the great work!

Masterclass Opportunity with Mirror Visions Ensemble

We are proud to present the Mirror Visions Vocal Ensemble Masterclass, on Sunday October 30th from 1pm-4pm. Mirror Visions Ensemble will delve into their love of story-telling and showcasing pieces by composers such as Barber, Berlioz, Blangini, Duparc, Haydn, Poulenc and Hugo Wolf with words from historical figures. During the masterclass they will elaborate on the creative process that goes into this journey, and discuss how important it is to show passion and expression – as well as the amount of dedication required - during their performances.

The Mirror Visions Ensemble is passionate about storytelling through art song, laced with humor. "Charm is a quality that this ensemble of three engaging singers has in spades", also praised for "memorable music making", this is sure to be intriguing and delightful afternoon!

The cost to attend is $30, please let the office know if you would like to join. Thank you!

Vernon Community Music School Comprehensive Guide for Charitable Giving

Maintaining Our Buildings

As you can imagine, the cost of maintaining a heritage building can be overwhelming. If you would like to support the school through a donation please consider donating with an Endowment Fund, maintained through Community Foundation North Okanagan. We currently have Endowment Funds which support both our Scholarship program as well as operational costs for maintaining our heritage buildings.
The Smith House was built in 1908, and as such needs constant love and attention, and our school often has ongoing projects that require funds to maintain our programs and classes year after year. With your help, we will be able to continue supporting musicians in our community for generations to come. Help Love Our School!

We work closely with the Community Foundation of the North Okanagan; they offer a myriad of resources for Professional Advisors looking to assist their clients with philanthropic giving. They make giving easy!

The Community Foundation is a neutral public foundation that exists to connect donors who care with causes that matter. The beauty of working with a community foundation is that they are 'donor centered' and work with clients to help them choose the charitable causes that matter most to them.

The Music School gratefully acknowledges all Endowment Funds gifted to our organization. A named fund can be created with a gift of $10,000 (or $1,000 to start-up). This fund can be customized to meet your personal charitable giving objectives, which may include:

* Memorializing a loved one, or encouraging a family tradition of charitable giving
* Creating a lasting legacy, or providing community support in the short-term

The Community Foundation of the North Okanagan has the infrastructure in place to accept gifts of appreciated securities, life insurance products, bequests and will gifts, as well as memorial and cash gifts.

They look forward to working with accountants, lawyers, investment advisors and other allied professionals to introduce the idea of 'giving back to the community' in a simple yet effective way.

Supporting our community through charitable giving since 1975, Community Foundation of the North Okanagan is your partner in making philanthropy a rewarding experience!

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