

Musical Notes

Vernon Community Music School
Spring, 2019

Member of the Order of Canada



Everyone at the Music School is thrilled for our very own, Imant Raminsh, who recently received the Order of Canada.

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada is one of our country's highest honours. Presented by the governor general, the Order hon-

ours people whose service shapes our society; whose innovations ignite our imaginations; and whose compassion unites our communities.

Close to 7,000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order of Canada. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and have taken to heart the motto of the Order: DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM ("They desire a better country"). The striking six-point white enamel insignia they wear symbolizes our northern heritage and our diversity, because no two snowflakes are alike.

Appointments are made by the governor general on the recommendation of the Advisory Council for the Order of Canada. Mr. Raminsh receives this honour for his contributions and achievements as a Canadian musician, conductor and composer.

His compositions have been heard across six continents and in world-renowned venues as Carnegie Hall, Tchaikovsky Hall, Westminster Abbey and Notre Dame.

Congratulations, Imant! We are so honoured to have you as a colleague and instructor, here at the Music School. Cheers!



Join us as we celebrate the winning songs and scores from decades of Academy Awards. From Somewhere Over the Rainbow to Skyfall, all of your favourites will be brought to life. Hear the brilliance of iconic composers as we bring to life the musical magic of the movies.

Did you know music students of the school are offered a discount price of \$12 per ticket, plus one companion ticket at \$25 for performances by the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra? The password for music students is "OSOrecital" and companions is "OSOcompanion". Call 250-549-SHOW to get your tickets!

Come Visit The Office!

It's that time of year! Check in with the office to pay for lessons for the remainder of the year or to discuss payment options. We are always happy to see you. 250-545-4977. Don't forget, we are able to take credit card payments over the phone if you are unable to make it to the office.



Congratulations! ★★ ★

Celebrating Canada Music Week 2018

Canada Music Week celebrations were held in November, an event that aims to bring to the attention of the public (through various means) the importance of Canadian music; to emphasize not only Canadian work, but also the significance of music generally; to introduce contemporary music to Canadian students and stimulate a keener appreciation and understanding of this music; to encourage music teachers to widen their knowledge and experience of Canadian works; and to support composers and performers of Canadian music.

Congratulations to all of the winners, specifically the ones from our Music School!

Piano

- **Jim Boyd**
- **Hadley Lanaway with Distinction**
- **Thea Vermeulen**
- **Sophie Joerissen with Distinction**
- **Camille Hanry**
- **Laura Hrabchuk**
- **Craig Matterson with Distinction**
- **Karen Goebel—Advanced Piano Pedagogy**
- **Jaylene Odagiri—ARCT Performer**

Voice

- **Jenny Sunderland (2017 and 2018)**
- **Zaela Thiessen (2018)**

Theory

- **Camille Hanry, Level 6 Theory**
- **Kristen Hardy, Level 8 Theory**
- **Rachel Glessing, Level 9 Theory**
- **Nicholas Phillips, Level 9 Theory**
- **Pieter Barnard, Level 10 Harmony and Counterpoint**
- **Jaylene Odagiri, ARCT Analysis**



Upcoming African Rhythm and Drumming Workshop



Saturday February 23rd, the African Rhythm and Drumming Workshop will be focusing on "No Roots", by Alice Merton. "No Roots" will feature some great guitar parts, as well as Rock-Style drumming on African Drums - in a way that emphasizes a solid foundation with fills and a break-down/buildup style of percussion.

Details:

- Registration and Payment Deadline is Saturday, February 16th, no refunds for cancellations after this date.
- \$40 per student (\$35 for registered VCMS students) age 12 and up.
- Payment via e-transfer to kgsguitarstudio@gmail.com is preferred, or drop off payment envelope to attention of Ken Scott at VCMS office - 9am-5pm Mon-Thurs (closed 1-1:30)

Please contact Ken with any questions at (250) 681-4946 text/cell or kgsguitarstudio@gmail.com.

Lost and Found....Still Lost



If you recognize any of these items, please drop into the office to claim your piece! Included in these orphans is a blue umbrella, 2 scarves, and a yellow rain jacket for toddlers. Anything that isn't claimed at the end of the year will be donated to the thrift shop.

Have you ever heard of...The Rebec?

The rebec was a key instrument in Arab classical music and in Morocco in the 9th century. It also became a favourite instrument in the tea houses of the Ottoman Empire. It arrived in Medieval Europe and was the “parent” of the viol and the violin.

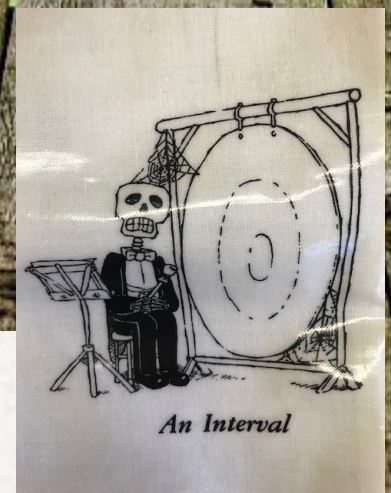
The rebec was carved from a solid piece of wood with a bowl-shaped body. The number of strings could be from 1 to 5, often tuned in fifths, like the violin family instruments. It was originally a treble or high pitched instrument, but later larger versions developed so there were “consorts” of rebecs, like the family of recorders-soprano-alto-tenor-bass, or like violins-violas-cellos and bass.

Henry the VIII had rebecs in his court bands and Shakespeare had a character in Romeo and Juliet names Hugh Rebec, named for the instrument he played. It was mostly used for dancing.

The rebec later was deemed to have too harsh a sound, the “squalling rebec” and was relegated to the street musicians.

Modern groups playing replicas of these old instruments have revived the rebecs and it is played again for Medieval and Renaissance music today.

Check out Carole Ruth’s rebec, shown below!



Q: What did the dragon say when he saw St. George?

A: Oh no! Not more tinned food!

Q: Who invented King Arthur’s round table?

A: Sir Cumference!



"I'm sorry for what I said when I was hangry". There's no longer a reason to be hangry when you're at the Music School!

We've started a pilot project for the month of February called the "Snack Shack" – limited snacks available for those who come to their classes STARVING after school and/or in between rushing from here to there. Keep this in mind for your lessons this week, because we know that a full belly helps us to focus and stay motivated during our weekly lesson. Choose from granola bars (\$1.00 ea)

to fruit cups (\$1.00 ea) to fresh apples (2 for \$1.00).

If the office is not open during your lesson, feel free to ask your teacher.

What if we could raise funds for the Music School, just by doing your grocery shopping? Let me explain...

We are members of Nature's Fare Markets' 3% Club! Every time someone from our school – a teacher, student, or family – shops at Nature's Fare they donate 3% (before tax) of the total back to us as a tax-free donation! That can add up!

Here's how it works...

- Shop at Nature's Fare Markets, save your receipts, put your receipts in our 3% Club box.
- Three times a year (in April, August and December) we total and submit the receipts
- Within one month Nature's Fare sends us a as a tax-free donation. In 2017 alone they've donated over \$44,000 to organizations like ours to show their appreciation for the work we do. By working together we help to keep our community sustainable, healthy, and thriving.

WE WANT YOUR RECEIPTS

We are raising funds by grocery shopping! It's as easy as:

- 1 Shop at Nature's Fare and save your receipts.
- 2 Put your receipts in our 3% Club receipt box.
- 3 Put yourself on the back—our non-profit just benefited from your grocery shop!

Have questions?
Learn more online at naturesfare.com/3percentclub
or talk to:

Thank you so much for support of the 3% Club. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Inspirational Mention

Meet Jadyn Dobernigg, she takes guitar lessons with Ken. Jadyn is now in her 4th year of studying guitar at VCMS, having started as a beginner in 2015, she is now moving into more intermediate areas of study and in last September she joined our new improvisation class. Jadyn is a great example of what determination, patience, and consistent practice can do for ones progress in music. She never gets discouraged, always shows up with a positive attitude, and now she is playing music she couldn't have imagined a couple of years ago! Here she is playing in a recent musical gathering for the VCMS guitarists, and with her new Squier Stratocaster that she saved up to buy! It is a privilege to have Jadyn as a student, and we look forward to more years of hearing her develop as a guitarist and musician (she's a fine singer also!). Way to go Jadyn!!



Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

February 23: African Rhythm and Guitar Workshop, 10am @ The Loft

February 28: Vernon Registered Music Teachers Voice Festival @ All Saints United Church

March 2—5: Vernon Registered Music Teachers Piano Festival @ All Saints United Church

May 11: Vernon Community Music School Scholarship Recital, 1pm @ The Loft

Something for Everyone

Brass and Woodwind

Brass and Woodwind classes are offered here at The Vernon Community Music School on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Lessons are focused around students enjoyment, and catered towards students interests and abilities. We welcome students who may be learning to play an instrument for the first time or looking to excel in their band program at school. Our studio is growing and would love for you to be a part of it.

Children's Ukulele Group

Starting January 30th 2019 the Vernon Community Music School is offering Ukulele classes for children ages 7-11. Group lessons are every Wednesday at 4pm. In this class children will be learning a variety of songs that are accessible to beginners. Children will be learning basic strumming and fingerpicking patterns. Games will be included to enhance the learning process, and songs will be incorporated based on children's ability and interest. This class will give children the opportunity to learn in a fun environment and gain confidence in their musical abilities. Come sign up today by calling (250) 545-4977 or by dropping in and signing up at our main office at the music school.

Adult Ukulele Group

Looking for something different, fun, and creative that feels fulfilling? Ukulele group classes for adults are offered here at The Vernon Community Music School on Wednesdays at 5pm. If you are doing more than you are used to handling and trying to figure out what can be done to slow down, learning the ukulele is a great form of self care. Our group is welcoming and always has fun. Lessons are focused around students enjoyment, and catered towards students interests and abilities. Our studio is growing and would love for you to be a part of it.



Student Piano Recital

January was busy here at the Music School, partly because Karen Rempel's piano students had their term 1 recital! Her duo piano group, made up of Ava Stanley, May Stanley, Josh Mark and Alexanne Lepage put on a wonderful performance as Clumsy Elf, Diva Elf, Sleepy Elf and Happy Elf. Ava and Ella Hawthorne also had a fantastic performance, at their very first piano recital with Karen. Such a great weekend, and well done to everyone who participated! Bravo!



Don't Forget...The Music School Has A New Website!

If you'd like to find out what's going on in our Music School community, don't forget to log on to our new website www.vernoncommunitymusicschool.com. There are some great new features, including:

- a link to sign up directly for our newsletters on the footer of each page, so that you will receive the newsletter to your inbox to read and enjoy while sipping your coffee.
- a mobile link for you to call us directly; and yes, this means our website is now mobile friendly
- a blog page, which will be frequently updated with events, interesting tidbits, and any informative pieces that we highly recommend reading
- the school calendar to know when breaks are happening and the office is closed

We hope this new site answers all of your questions, and of course as always, feel free to phone the office if you think of something that you can't find on the website. Happy surfing!

We are also active on social media, so check out our Facebook or Instagram pages to find out what happens throughout our school.

