

100 Days of Practice Challenge—Congratulations!

In January the 100 Days of Practice Challenge started, a commitment for students to practice their instrument every day for 100 days in a row. Being a part of this challenge was a great way to build strong daily habits and for students to prove to themselves that they're capable of that commitment. The challenge ran from January 9th—April 21st, and participants had to fill in their practice chart every day. Missed days broke the chain, and if that happened, the participant became disqualified! This was especially tough during Spring Break and the Easter long weekend. Progress was tracked in the studio as well as at home, and these students were able to complete the challenge. Completed practice charts were signed by both the teacher and the parent or adult student, and sent into the office. This year we had over 80 students who completed the challenge!

Winners received a prize and certificate, showcasing the hard work that goes into practising everyday—even when they maybe didn't feel like it. **A HUGE congratulations to everyone who finished, we are so proud of you and your accomplishment! Celebrate yourself!**

For those wishing to continue, or to just get started, make sure you celebrate the milestones along the way. Decide how to celebrate each one! Little rewards along the way can keep us going. The difference in motivation is HUGE for those who celebrate practice milestones.

Thank you to everyone who participated, we hope you had fun and are keen to continue practising. We will be starting this challenge again next year, so keep your eyes peeled for more information!



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Ava Backous



Austin Nadeau



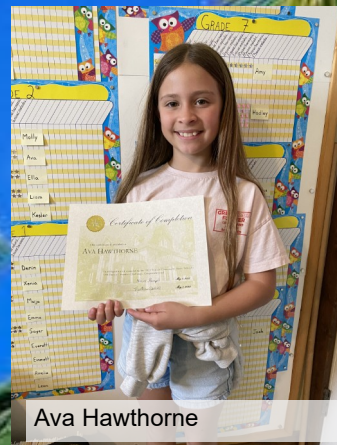
Arden de Bella



Anna-Maria Zebroff



Anna Edgar



Ava Hawthorne



Derin Temel



Zeke, Coby and Brody Martyn



Chloe Butler



Cassie Holder



Bridget Perry-Gore



Amelia Derochie



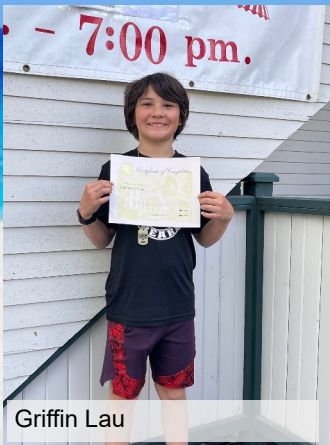
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Sari Cox



Joah Roux



Griffin Lau



Shelley Larkin



Kara Roux



Bobbi Himelson



Bennett Ranger



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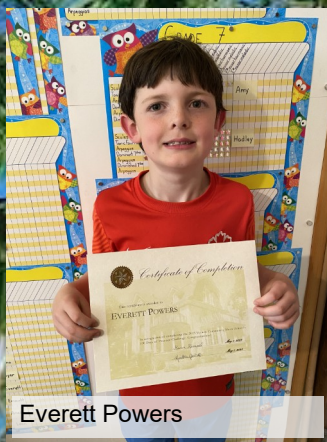
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Grace Langer



Liam McBride



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Faith Koscielny



Emmett McCoubrey



Lainey Olsen



Emma Visscher



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Jasper Mirsky Silver



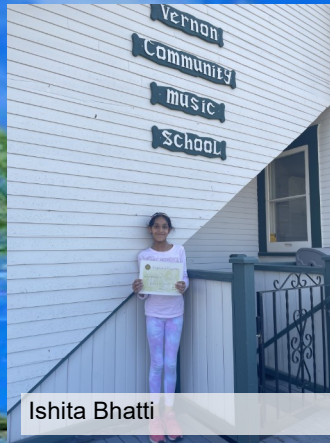
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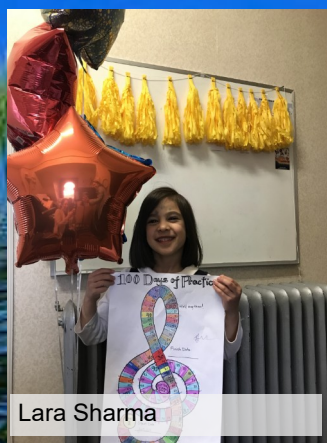
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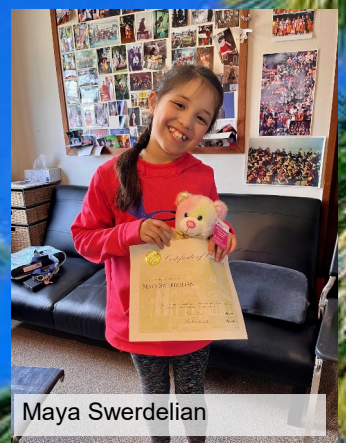
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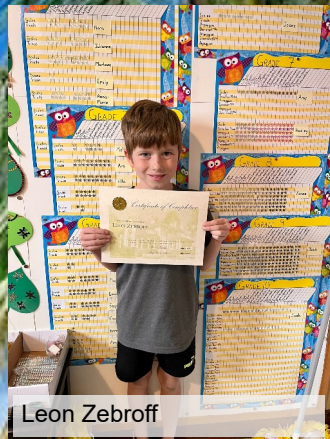
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Maya Swerdelian



Maria Langer



Leon Zebroff



Luca Russell



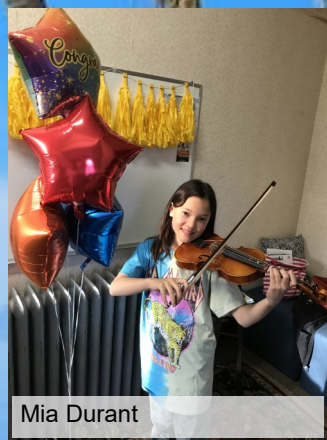
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Lucas Kisser



Rachel Seminutin



Mia Durant



Levi Koscielnny



Mila Hayduk



Mike Zerebeski



Savannah Brisdon



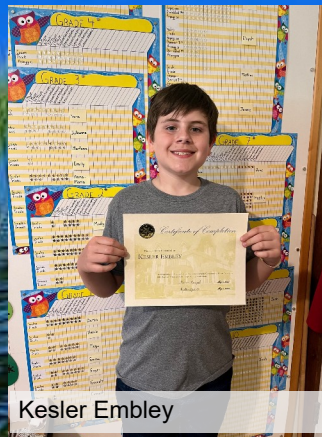
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Payton Orr



Oliver Wu



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Patricia Ellis



Thomas Wu



Kinley Ainslie



Kyrie Reyes



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Emily Reinboldt



Thomas Pretorius



Solana Campos



Ivy McDonald



Maija Embley



Jadyn Dobernigg



Evelynn Kuo

Vernon Community Music School Piano Camps Summer 2023



Session 1: July 10 - 14
Session 2: July 17 - 21
Session 3: August 21 - 25
Register soon - limited spots available!

Monday to Friday 10am - Noon
\$295 + \$25 (materials)

- 6 - 8 year olds
- Led by teachers Jennifer Fawcett & Kim Clarke
- 1 group class & 1 private lesson everyday
- Small class sizes (maximum 6 students per camp)
- Innovative, fun & friendly week long camp for piano students who have already started piano lessons or completed a VCMS group class such as Music Explorers
- Revisit & refine piano foundations through a mix of theory activities, games and one-on-one time at the piano.
- Concepts included will be technique, keyboard geography, rhythm, note reading, musical literacy & musicianship

Contact to Register: 250-545-4977

For more information: kimclarkepianostudio@gmail.com

Registration & Payment Deadline: June 28



Kaden and Logan Tishenko



Damien Guse

Registration is Open!

Registration is now open for children's programming in September! Children are born eager to learn and innately reach out to interact with other people and the world around them. Music kindles all areas of child development and helps the body and mind work together. Skills for school readiness, including intellectual, social-emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy are developed on the musical journey. With programs from 1 month - 7 years old, we are certain there is something for every child. Check in with the office regarding programs, schedules and registration. We look forward to seeing you in September!



Country Fair is Back - June 2

Come out and join us for the school year-end wind up - Country Fair. This year's theme is....ANIMALS! Happening Friday, June 2 from 4:00-7:00pm, you can participate in the

- cake walk
- sponge toss
- mystery jars
- root beer toss

student recitals and more...



Would you like to help? We're looking for mystery jars, cupcakes for the cake walk, and pies for the pie tent!

Bring three mystery jars, get one ticket for free—bring the family, we'll see you there!

Voice Student Success!

Congratulations to voice student Alex Thiessen, who at the Shuswap Music Festival, won the "Best of the Fest" - the Mary Fowler Memorial Scholarship for excellence in voice and a gala invitation. She was also asked to compete in the Provincial Music Festival in the senior classical voice category.

At the Kelowna Kiwanis Music Festival, Alex won for voice overall and received a gala invitation and another provincial nomination. Congratulations, Alex!



Photo credit: Shuswap Music Festival



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At Shuswap Music Festival the VCMS Vocal Ensemble, consisting of Ulyana Doerksen, Alex Thiessen and Julia Atkins, won a scholarship and a gala invitation. Congratulations, everyone! Thank you so much for representing our school!

Piano Duets

The Vernon Registered Music Teachers has their annual music festival at the end of April, and Karen Rempel had three duet entries whose performances were absolutely spectacular. Congratulations, Amelia Derochie, Leon Zebbroff, Ava and Ella Hawthorne, and Kesler and Maija Embley! The Music School is so proud of your efforts!



Nature's Fare Community Give Back Program

Thank you so much to everyone who has been handing in their Nature's Fare receipts! 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, so keep dropping them off either in the office or in the donation box! To date, we have raised \$6,168.13 to go towards programs throughout the school. Wahoo!

Masterclass 101 with Meagan & Amy

In April we were so proud to present the Meagan & Amy Masterclass, aimed at providing tips and suggestions on ways to enhance pieces for some of our violin and piano students heading to festivals and recitals.

Meagan & Amy are a vibrant Canadian duo consisting of violinist Amy Hillis and pianist Meagan Milatz; they share an intense passion for innovative programming and fearless music-making. Their individual strengths – Meagan's interest in the fortepiano and Amy's in contemporary music combine in their wide range of repertoire. During the masterclass both Meagan & Amy focused on the importance of bringing emotion and playing from your soul to tell a story in your piece—no matter who the composer is. Understanding the societal times of when a piece was composed can make it easier to visualize emotions behind the notes on the page, thus engaging the audience in a way that makes them want more as they are leaving. Music is about making that connection and stirring the passion, joy or despair within us.

Thank you to all of the students who participated, it felt like a truly special morning; the rooms were full of energy, enthusiasm and knowledge!



Vernon Community Music School Piano Festival

The Vernon Community Music School celebrated our first annual piano festival at the end of April. Adjudicators Malinda and Jenny Sunderland offered their expertise providing advice for students in a wide variety of styles in the non-competitive and competitive categories of the festival. There were over 50 students sharing their talents over three days. Plans are already in the works for next year! Congratulations to the following winners:

Luca Russell, Prep A

Zeke Martyn, Prep B

Ritish Jakhu, Level 1

Liam McBride, Level 2

Anna-Maria Zebroff, Level 3

Coby Martyn, Level 5

Elijah Jones, Level 6

Hadley Lanaway, Level 7

Dionne Martyn, ARCT

Thank you to everyone who participated, and for representing the Music School so beautifully!



Emma Visscher, Anna-Maria Zebroff, Leon Zebroff, Ava Hawthorne, Ella Hawthorne, Sayer Minifie



Brock Haftner, Jim Boyd, Lori Johnson, Malinda Sunderland, Jenny Sunderland



Congratulations, Rachel!

Rachel Scuka has completed her A.R.C.T. in Piano Pedagogy under the guidance of Geoffrey Barker. A long time student of the Vernon Community Music School, Rachel also studied violin with Bev Martens and piano with Lucy Feldman. Rachel is currently teaching piano in her home in Kelowna. Everyone at VCMS is so proud of Rachel's many accomplishments, and wish her great success in all her endeavours. Congratulations Rachel!