

Musical Notes

Wrapping Up the School Year

Vernon Community Music School
Winter, 2022

As we wind down another calendar year, we want to take a moment to pause and say thank you to all of you for continuing to support and love the Music School, and the arts and culture scene in our community. We love seeing you every week and look forward to the new year ahead. To hear the sounds of music throughout the hallways again is such a magical feeling, and we can't wait to see what happens next year! We hope you have a wonderful holiday season full of good food, giant laughter, and musical adventures. See you in 2023!



Congratulations, Jadyn!

Meet Jadyn Dobernigg; since 2015 she has been taking lessons from Ken Scott and is currently an intermediate student who is participating in the mentorship program here at the school; this means she is continuing with her private lessons which include theory, and she has taken on teaching some beginner guitar students as a way to further her career aspirations – all under the guidance of her instructor. Jadyn has aspirations of continuing with her musical education to become a music instructor and help children discover their passion and love for music as she has.

Local company **A&D Asphalt Solutions** has recently decided to sponsor Jadyn in her studies and further her musical education, financially contributing to her lessons for the remainder of the school year.

Jadyn has met the qualifications that A&D Asphalt Solutions was looking for of a student who shows incredible potential, is wanting to further her intermediate studies, as well as continues to represent the school in a positive and encouraging way.

On February 17th, Jadyn is co-opening for the NOCCA concert with Marc Atkinson Trio at the Performing Arts Centre. Tickets can be purchased at ticketseller.ca.

Congratulations to Jadyn for a well-deserved honour, and a huge thank-you to A&D Asphalt Solutions. We are so very grateful that they have chosen the Music School as a charity to support, and by doing so they are supporting the very important arts and culture sector in our community.

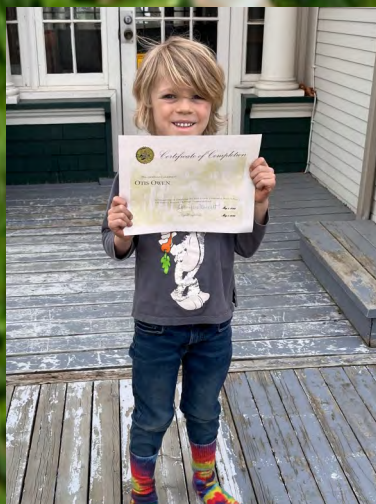


The 100 Days of Practice

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Challenge...IS BACK!

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Whoop whoop! The 100 Days of Practice Challenge...IS BACK! Last year was a great success with 54 students finishing their 100 Days of Practice earning fantastic prizes! So we've decided to do it again this year, because achieving the 100-day goal is a commitment worth celebrating. Just a little bit of good change on a daily basis will take you so far. The choice to take lessons is the choice to make a lifestyle change. Being a part of this challenge is a great way to build strong daily habits and for students to prove to themselves that they're capable of that commitment.

Guidelines for the Challenge

- Challenge will run from Monday, January 9th—April 21st.
- Participants are asked to practice their instrument for 100 days in a row. No skipping days!
- Lessons can count as practice for the day.
- Fill in the practice chart every day. Missed days "break the chain". If this happens, the participant becomes disqualified! Progress will be tracked in the studio as well as at home.
- Completed practice charts must be signed by both the teacher and the parent or adult student, and sent into the office.
- Prizes will be handed out to students who complete the challenge, and they will receive recognition in the newsletter and on our website!
- Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

Ask your teacher for a list of tips and ideas to help you succeed!

Hallowe'en in the Smith House

Students of Kim Clarke's piano studio performed Hallowe'en-themed pieces which they have been working on in addition to their regular repertoire. There were titles such as, All Alone On Halloween, Old MacDonald's Ghost, Costume Party, Halloween Carnival, Glowing Pumpkins, Haunted House, Goblins Dance, Black Cat Ballad, Two Kind Witches, etc. Kim offers a piano group in addition to private lessons, and while the focus of piano group is to provide an opportunity to share pieces, the secondary focus is to provide encouragement and kudos from students to students. This particular group class included lots of cheering after each performance followed by informal chit-chat about the musical qualities that contributed to creating spooky sounds. Two of the groups also had time for piano bingo, with yummy snacks served at the end. Fantastic!

For the next piano group, students will be using the class as a performance workshop for their December 17th Christmas recital.



Successful Carols and Cookies!



It has been three years since the Carriage House Orchestra all played together. On Saturday, December 3, nearly 60 cello and violin students had the chance to play together again at the Cookies and Carols concert.

The venue was packed and it was standing room only for those who came to enjoy seeing beginner students as young as 4 playing along with older students in their teens. Each violin and cello group class performed with their classes and then everyone combined together for a sing along. The excitement in the air was felt by all from the start of the first note of Wintertime in Whitehorse to the very last chorus and resounding 'Hey' in Jingle Bells. Audience members and teachers Ardeth, Bev, Morna and Natalie were thrilled with the event.

A special thank you to all the families and the students for a job well done. Here's looking forward to many more concerts together in the future!





NOCCA
NORTH OKANAGAN COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION

MEAGAN & AMY

Masterclass Opportunity with Meagan & Amy

The Vernon Community Music School is proud to present the Meagan & Amy Masterclass, on **Thursday April 20th from 9am-12pm**. Cost is \$30 per student participant.

Learn from the professionals: bring the piano or violin

piece you've been working on, and Meagan & Amy will work with you and share their expertise to enhance your piece!

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. Contact the Music School to reserve your spot!

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MARC ATKINSON TRIO

NOCCA Presents -

The North Okanagan Community Concert Association is proud to present The Marc Atkinson Trio with Cam Wilson (Joe Trio, Van Django) at the Performing Art Centre on Friday, February 17, 2023, for a different kind of evening for NOCCA. Marc is a Juno nominated performer, an award winning composer and one extremely talented guitarist in any genre.

Brett Martens plays rhythm guitar and Scott White is on stand-up bass presenting solid back-up and solo performances as well.

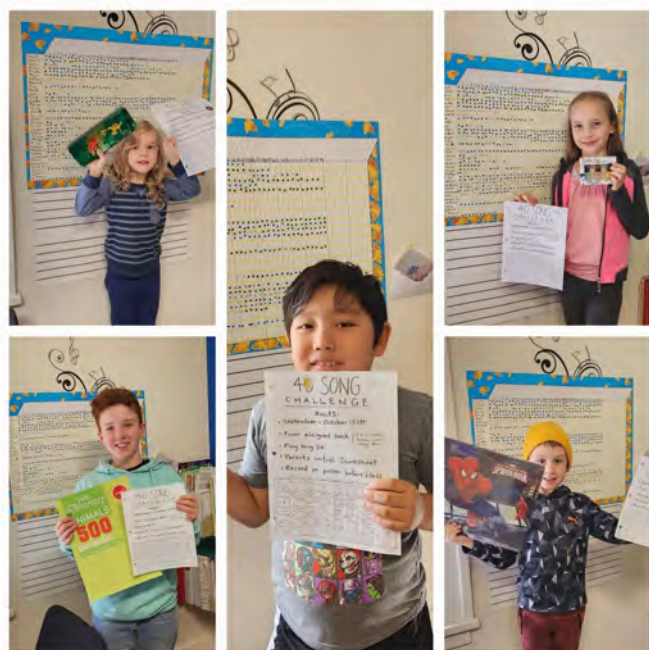
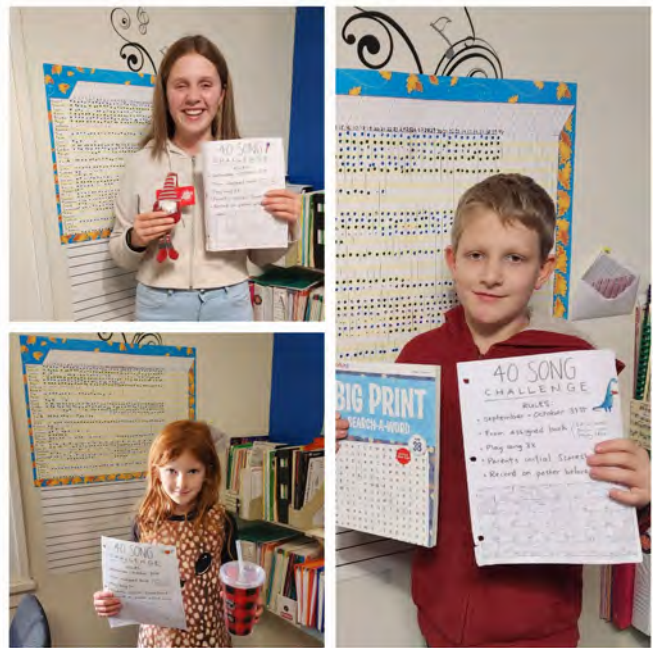
Cam Wilson, who performed here in Vernon in May 2022 with Joe Trio, rounds out this quartet with his contribution of virtuosic violin and compositions that have been heard throughout North America and the United Kingdom.

If you enjoy being entertained, this is one show not to be missed. Tickets can be purchased through ticketseller.ca or by phoning 250-549-SHOW.

Congratulations to the students of Daisy's Piano Studio who completed a 40 Song Challenge this Fall!

*Missing from photos are Cole, Alina and Vika.

Completing the 40 Song Challenge improves sight reading as students will be reading more repertoire, different genres of music and types of piano playing are explored, student's balance easier, short term pieces with long term pieces at a higher level, and it's an amazing motivator to practice. Well done, everyone!



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**COMFORT
& JOY**
KEN LAVIGNE* | TENOR

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra

The OSO proudly presents Comfort & Joy for the 2022 Christmas season. Bring the whole family to celebrate the festive season where the consummate entertainer, Ken Lavigne will charm his way into your hearts with his lyric tenor voice, bringing warmth and life to favourite seasonal selections. Augmented by special appearances by local childrens' choirs, this will be the perfect way to enjoy the holiday season. Tickets can be purchased at ticketseller.ca or by calling 250-549-SHOW

Modern Music Masterclass with Ken Scott

In late November the Vernon Community Music School guitar department hosted its first “Modern Music Masterclass” of Fall 2022 - “Guitars/Rhythm/Drumming” featuring the funky song “No Roots” by Alice Merton.



Many thanks to percussionist Sari Cox for leading the rhythm portion and teaching us all some great Djembe and DunDun rhythms!

Well done to the VCMS guitarists for holding down the groove and to Milla and Mayah for great Vocals! More to come in 2023.



Canada Music Week Recital

Piano Students of Karen perform in the Canada Music Week Recital, November 20th.

This Recital celebrates the music of Canadian composers.

Back Left to Right: Amy Milne, Hadley Lanaway

Front Left to Right: Anna-Maria Zebroff, Leon Zebroff, Amelia Der-ochie

Missing from photo: Julianne Der-ochie, Max Henschel



Karen Rempel's Piano Groups

Everyone wore hoodies! Why you ask? We are working to become strong performers. So, it's like you have "hoodie focus". It's just you, the piano and the music.

Karen Rempel & students
Piano Groups A, B & C Nov 19th



Families Work Together

Titus and his dad, Richard Allen, have been taking music lessons at the Music School for several years; Titus takes trumpet lessons, and Richard takes trombone lessons. Last year they completed the 100 Days of Practice Challenge together, and their teacher would like to recognize them for their hard work and dedication to their instruments.

Congratulations, Titus and Richard! Keep up the great work!

