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Specializing in Online Group lessons.

Introducing the all new Group Online Lessons. I have gathered with a few of Calgary's top musicians/music teachers to offer several summer courses on many different instruments. All of our teachers are extremely experienced at teaching group workshops and are some of **the most in demand teachers visiting numerous schools every year**. Each course will meet twice a week for one hour to focus on improving skills and having fun with music. Due to the nature of internet connections, these lessons will be set up as webinars through the Zoom platform where the student will get to play and interact with their teacher in the course of your choice. During each lesson there will also be some one on one check ups with the teacher to make sure each student is progressing with the group. We will be putting together videos from each students' participation that they can share with friends and family at the end of the workshop.

The cost of these lessons has been set at **\$12.50/lesson per student**. Each course will run for 8 weeks starting the first week of July and the **total cost is \$200 for the course**. There is a minimum of six students per course and a maximum of ten students. At the time of registration a 50% deposit is needed to reserve your place. If the minimum number isn't met there will be a full refund. Once the minimum enrollment is met, we will confirm the course and require the balance of the course fees to be paid and no more refunds will be issued. Some courses will require students to purchase music or play along tracks in addition to music provided by the instructor.

We are in the process of adding additional courses and instructors. If you have a request for a program, please contact us at the email below too. Currently we have courses for Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone/Low Brass, Bass and Drums/Percussion.

To register send an email to grouplessons@keithorourke.ca

Class listings

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Beginner Saxophone Ensemble - Geared towards students with 1-3 years of playing experience. In this course we will learn arrangements for a small sax ensemble in many styles from jazz-classical and if time permits taking students choices for music selections. **Classes are Monday and Thursday from 11am-noon**

Intermediate Sax Ensemble - This is similar to the beginner ensemble, but with a greater degree of difficulty. For this class 4-6 years of experience is advised, but exceptions will be made for advanced students with less experience. **Classes are Monday and Thursday from 1-2pm**

Jazz Improvisation for woodwind players - This course is a basic introduction to jazz and jazz improvisation. Students for this course should have at least 2 years on their instrument. The instructor plays sax, flute and clarinet, but all woodwinds are welcome. Please note for oboe and bassoon, the instructor will not be able to help with fingerings, embouchure or tone so you must be confident playing at least a chromatic scale over two octaves. **Classes are Monday and Thursday from 3-4pm**

Adult Jazz Improvisation - This is similar to the jazz improvisation for woodwind players, but it's at a later time in the evening to accommodate work schedules. **Classes are Monday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30pm**

Clarinet skills level 1 - In this class you will learn all sorts of clarinet skills, tips and tricks to get better at the clarinet! We will work on tone, tonguing, finger speed, squeak prevention, crossing the break and more while playing new songs, exercises and studies. This course is geared towards students that have been playing for 1-2 years. **Classes are Tuesday and Friday 11am-noon**

Clarinet skills level 2 - Similar to level 1, but more advanced, in this class you will learn more advanced clarinet skills, tips and tricks to get better at the clarinet! Improve your range (high notes), finger speed, alternate fingerings and how to cross the break(s) smoothly all while playing brand new songs, exercises and studies. This course is geared towards students that have been playing for 3 or more years. **Classes are Tuesday and Friday 1-2pm**

Flute technique and chamber music level 1 - Geared towards students that have completed grades 7-9, this class will give students the opportunity to improve their skills while also focusing on chamber pieces. **Classes are Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30-10:30am**

Flute technique and chamber music level 2 - Geared towards students that have completed grades 10-12, this class will give students the opportunity to improve their skills while also focusing on chamber pieces. **Classes are Tuesdays and Fridays at 11am-noon**

Trumpet Masterclass (Junior High) - This eight week course for students that have 1-3 years of experience will cover trumpet fundamentals, breathing, rhythm, tuning etc... Participants will also work on repertoire that will be presented at the end of the course. **Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 1-2pm**

Trumpet Masterclass (High School) - This eight week course for students that have 4-6 years of experience will cover trumpet fundamentals, breathing, rhythm, tuning etc... Participants will also work on repertoire that will be presented at the end of the course. **Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 3-4pm**

Jazz Improvisation for brass instrumentalists - We will cover the basics of jazz improvisation in this course. Participants will be able to work on concepts learned in the course with the assistance of backing tracks. Students will be asked to submit weekly recordings of themselves improvising over selected songs, culminating in a compilation video at the end of the course. **Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm**

Trombone & Low Brass Masterclass (Junior High) - This eight week course for students that have 1-3 years of experience will explore proper techniques, breathing, rhythm, tuning while preparing a variety of low brass specific repertoire. At the end of the course we will be putting together a video for the students to present their music to friends and family. **Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 2-3pm**

Trombone & Low Brass Masterclass (High School) - This eight week course for students that have 4-6 years of experience will explore proper techniques, breathing, rhythm, tuning while preparing a variety of low brass specific repertoire. At the end of the course we will be putting together a video for the students to present their music to friends and family. **Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm**

Percussion and Drum Set Fundamentals for Junior High - Over eight weeks students will learn a series of drumming, percussion and rhythm fundamentals to help them excel in their school music program. At the end of the course students will film themselves to contribute to some collaborative videos with other workshop groups as well as possibly percussion ensemble repertoire, depending on the instrumentation that the group has. **Classes are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-11am**

Percussion and Drum Set Fundamentals for High School- Over eight weeks students will learn a series of drumming, percussion and rhythm fundamentals to help them excel in their school music program. At the end of the course students will film themselves to contribute to some collaborative videos with other workshop groups as well as possibly percussion ensemble repertoire, depending on the instrumentation that the group has. **Classes are Tuesdays and Fridays from 2-3pm**

Bass Masterclass - Join award winning upright and electric bassist Kodi Hutchinson for an eight week masterclass series aimed at Junior High and High School bassists primarily involved in band programs. Kodi will take students through technique, reading, learning how to move freely on the bass and performing. The program will end with students performing an online recital via Zoom for their family and peers in the final week. **Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-3pm**



Rachael Flatt

Flute Masterclass

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Flute Technique & Chamber Music level 1

Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30-10:30am

Flute Technique & Chamber Music level 2

Tuesdays & Fridays 11am-noon

Based in Calgary, Rachael Flatt's range of performing experience encompasses genres ranging from orchestral and chamber music, to jazz, pop, and world music. She is regularly called upon to tour and perform in Alberta's prestigious venues including the Banff Centre as the principal flautist of the and the Bow Valley Chorus Orchestra and the Rocky Mountain Symphony Orchestra, and has performed to Spain and France for solo and chamber music engagements.

Beyond her Studio Teaching studies during her undergraduate degree at the University of Calgary, Rachael furthered her education through masterclass programmes including In Search Of Inspiration and the Aria Summer Music Academy. Her critically acclaimed private and clinical teaching skills have fostered the education of thousands of students across Western Canada over the course of her 23 year career.



Cedric Blary

Clarinet Masterclasses

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Clarinet Skills Level 1

Tuesdays and Fridays 11am-noon

Clarinet Skills Level 2

Tuesdays and Fridays 1-2pm

Cédric Blary is a seasoned music educator and performer based in Calgary, Alberta. He has taught thousands of clarinet and bass clarinet clinics in and around Calgary over the past 20 years well as private students of all ages and levels. In recent years, he has also found much joy directing high school clarinet choirs and running full woodwind sectionals. Select performance credits include the CPO, RDSO, Theatre Calgary, Tim Williams, Steve Pineo, Heather Blush, Diana Krall, not to mention over 20 years singing bass with The Heebie-jeebes a cappella group. In 2019, Cédric was featured in the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show performing alongside the Polyjesters He has completed a BMUS (UofC) and a diploma (MRU) in classical clarinet performance. As a music teacher, Cédric strives to share the tips and tricks he's discovered and developed over the years to make clarinet playing less difficult and more fun, with the occasional bad pun for good measure.



Keith O'Rourke

Saxophone & Improvisation Masterclasses

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Beginner Saxophone Ensemble

Mondays & Thursdays 11am-noon

Intermediate Sax Ensemble

Mondays & Thursdays 1-2pm

Jazz Improvisation for woodwinds

Mondays & Thursdays 3-4pm

Adult Jazz Improvisation

Mondays & Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm

Explore the saxophone and jazz improvisation with Keith O'Rourke. These programs will address fundamental aspects to the saxophone while either learning to play jazz and improvise, or play saxophone trio or quartet repertoire. Students will record themselves on a video over the course of the 8 week course and we'll produce a group video by putting together all our individual parts.

Keith O'Rourke is an experienced saxophonist and educator. Since moving back to Calgary in 2008, he has taught thousands of clinics to students of all ages. Keith's 2019 recording "Baritone Madness" spent three consecutive months at #1 on the Canadian jazz charts.



André Wickenheiser

Trumpet & Jazz Improvisation Masterclasses

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Junior High Trumpet Masterclass

Mondays & Thursdays 1-2pm

High School Trumpet Masterclass

Mondays & Thursdays 3-4pm

Jazz Improvisation for Brass instrumentalists

Mondays & Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm

Calgary based trumpeter André Wickenheiser began his musical studies at Mount Royal University where he completed an Artist Diploma in jazz performance. From there, he went on to finish both a Bachelors Degree, and Masters Degree in jazz performance at McGill University in Montreal.

André is an active freelance teacher and has taught hundreds of clinics, masterclasses, and private lessons. He is a member of the music faculty at Ambrose University, as well as the Mount Royal Conservatory.



Kodi Hutchinson

Bass Masterclass

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

**Bass fundamentals for Junior High and High School Players
for Upright & Electric Bass**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2-3pm

Join award-winning upright and electric bassist Kodi Hutchinson for an eight-week masterclass series aimed at Junior High and High School bassists primarily involved in band programs. Kodi will take students through technique, reading, learning how to move more freely on the bass and performing. Bassist for the Calgary Philharmonic (Pops Orchestra), Calgary Jazz Orchestra and touring artist with a variety of musicians, Kodi is classically trained with a career spanning a wide range of musical styles. He brings a fun approach to the bass to keep students engaged while guiding young players through the variety of techniques required for them to succeed in any type of ensemble. The program will end with students performing an online recital via zoom for their family and peers in the final week.



Paul Toutant

Trombone & Low Brass Masterclass

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Junior High Low Brass Masterclass

Mondays & Thursdays 2-3pm

High School Low Brass Masterclass

Mondays & Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm

Develop your trombone, euphonium and tuba skills in a relaxed atmosphere with Paul Toutant. Proper techniques and breathing are a mainstay of any brass performance which will be explored with a variety of low brass specific repertoire. Experience low brass in all its glory!

Paul Toutant has more than 30 years experience as both a performer and educator. He is sought after as a clinician and teacher throughout Western Canada. Originally from the West Coast, he has performed in countless ensembles of all variety. He currently offers instruction on trombone as well as euphonium & tuba.



Celene Yohemas

Percussion & Drum Set Masterclasses

All Classes 8 Weeks – 2 sessions per week

Percussion and Drum Set Fundamentals for Junior High
Tuesdays & Fridays 10-11am

Percussion and Drum Set Fundamentals for High School
Tuesdays & Fridays 2-3pm

Join Betty Award winning composer, percussionist, drummer and educator Celene Yohemas for an eight-week series of drumming, percussion and rhythm fundamentals to help you excel at Junior High and High School band. Celene Yohemas has been teaching beginners through advanced students for 20+ years. She has toured with bands such as bluesmyth, Y Brothers, and violinist Sophie Armstrong, internationally with orchestras, wind bands and small ensembles, and continues to play a wide selection of styles on drum set and percussion. Her classical percussion performance degree through the University of Calgary has given her many tools to help with developing school band education programs. Students will learn a variety of exercises, pieces, and techniques to suit what instrumentation each group has. Rhythm is the foundation, technique is the mortar, and music is the result.

Fall Classes to be announced soon

Although we are primarily focusing on our summer offerings at the moment, we will also be teaching courses in the fall. There will be different versions of many of our summer courses. For the fall these classes will be once a week for 90 minutes. Much like our summer courses, we will be doing video projects for the students. They will be required to record on their own and submit a video to the teacher who will put the video together and send it to the group. Students will be able to share the videos with friends and families. These classes will be \$20/student for each class. The start of classes is TBA. In order to maintain the highest quality we will be limiting each class to 10 participants, but once each class is full we will schedule an additional one. We are also adding introduction courses for all the instruments. For these beginning instrumental classes, we will be structuring the first few lessons differently. We will be announcing the details later this summer, but please contact us to enquire about reserving a spot.

Contact grouplessons@keithorourke.ca for registration and inquiries.