



MusicNotes

The Official Newsletter of the Ottawa & Kanata Music Academy

Important Dates

April 3rd

Good Friday - CLOSED

April 6th

Easter Monday – OPEN

April & May

Mini Recitals
Speak to your teacher for specific dates

May 18th

Victoria Day – CLOSED

June 28th

Sounds of Spring Recital



Incredible Instrument: Tuba

- ♪ The bass voice in the orchestra's brass section.
- ♪ Invented in the 1800s, it is considered the most modern brass instrument used in the orchestra.
- ♪ The modern orchestra has 1 or 2 tubas.
- ♪ The sousaphone is a tuba variation used in marching bands because it is easier to carry.
- ♪ International Tuba day is celebrated the first Friday in May. This year it is on May 1st 2015.

♪ Learn more by watching this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzH4XAv9ZCQ>

♪ Watch this tuba trio:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAqNqKVtBpc>

Summer Camps & Summer Programs

Winter is finally fading away. Soon enough, we will be basking in the warm summer sunshine! We have a variety of summer camps and programs to keep you musically fit, while having fun of course!

Summer Camps – Great for beginners and those who want to try a different instrument!

- Talent Quest
- Music Is Fun
- Jammin' Anyone?
- Musical Adventure

Summer Programs – Keep your brain sharp with one of our educational programs!

- Head Start Program
- Summer Theory Classes
- Guzheng – Intro to Chinese Zither/Harp (only at Kanata location)

See our [Summer 2015 Brochure](#) for more info.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Who doesn't love a good Easter Egg Hunt? Visit the administration desk during the month of April and see if you can find the "golden egg" for a special prize!



STUDENT RECITALS

Spring time also means our spring recitals are fast approaching! It takes a lot of work to prepare for recitals so here are some tips:

Prepare ahead of time. Pick your song well in advance of the recital so you have lots of time to practice. The more you practice, the more comfortable you will feel. That will lead to a confident performance!

Pick a song you like. Our teachers will give you some ideas for recital pieces but don't be shy about making some suggestions of your own! You are more likely to work hard on a piece you enjoy to play.

Relax. Take a deep breath and don't overthink your performance! Do the best you can and try to enjoy the moment. Everyone is there to support you!

Don't forget that for each recital you participate in, you will gain points towards a participation medal! Speak to your teacher for more details and for specific mini recital dates and times.

Mini Recitals: April & May (speak to your teacher for specific dates)
Sounds of Spring Big Recital: Sunday June 28th



STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Musicians of the Month

These students have shown excellent dedication and motivation throughout the month of February and March. Keep up the great work!

Nathan Key ▪ Karmi Dhaliwal ▪ William Coté ▪ Justin Wong ▪ Agnus Leung
 Sophia Wood ▪ Lianna Zhang ▪ Lily Guitard ▪ Olivia Houdart ▪ May Weese
 Riley Fisher ▪ Raymond Wu ▪ Thomas McDougall ▪ William Cote ▪ Karen Allen
 Olivia Tworkowski ▪ Neil Chattotadhyay ▪ Shelly Ding ▪ Laura Schneider
 Yash Koomar ▪ Rohan Koomar ▪ Lala Tahir ▪ Justin Wong ▪ Amika Ducharme
 Maria Wang ▪ Bianca Haidon ▪ Sabrina Seto ▪ Isabelle Seto ▪ Charbel Chmouni
 Adam Yassin ▪ Karim Khasawneh ▪ Jasmine Deans ▪ Zara Alves ▪ Laura Idone
 Erika Langner ▪ Elisa Antunes ▪ George Papoutsis ▪ Vishnu Srikumar