



MusicNotes

The Official Newsletter of the Ottawa and Kanata Music Academy

Important Dates

November 1st

Ottawa Music Academy
25th Anniversary

November 4th

RCM Winter Session
Registration Deadline

November 20th

RCM Workshop
7:00 to 9:00 pm - KMA

November 30th

Autumn Symphony
Fundraiser
3:30 to 5:30 pm – 91 Pike St.

December 7th

Winter Wonderland
Student Recital



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online!

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Ottawa Music Academy Turns 25!

Message from the Director: Daisy Tang

“Music is the most beautiful thing in the world. It brings joy and happiness. Teachers have secrets to help students overcome the difficult techniques and play beautiful music. The goal is to see students improve, learn how to appreciate music, become confident performers and of course, discover the enjoyment of music.

My years of teaching music inspired a business. I’ve always wanted to run my own business and a music school was a perfect idea!

25 years is a long time, but for me it feels like just yesterday. The Ottawa Music Academy opened on November 1st, 1989. We started with 70 students and now have grown to 200 students. In 1993, Kanata Music Academy opened in west Ottawa. Now we have around 500 students altogether.

It is amazing to teach a student as a beginner and see them become a professional. Over the years I have met many students. I enjoyed teaching every single one and I have loved watching them expand their music knowledge.

At the Ottawa Music Academy, Doug Martin and Rick Brandon have been teaching since 1994. Some of our former students have become teachers: Anna-Maria Allen, Nina Hazimustafic, Tiffany Kwan, Laura Le, Michelle Le, Kaitlyn Quinlan and Danielle Vannieuwenhuizen.

I’d like to thank all my staff: teachers and administrators. Without you, the academy would not be a success. All of your devotion to teaching and doing your best work is reflected through the attitudes and progress of the students.

To the students, thank you for your continuous commitment and motivation to learn music. I hope that you will always keep music as a part of your life. Also thank you to the parents for supporting our students and the academy through encouragement and participation in our recitals and events.

We will continue to do our best and bring the best teachers and music services to you and our communities.”

In the Spotlight

Featuring Kayla Peckham

This month we feature an interview with Kayla Peckham, a student at the Kanata Music Academy.

Which instrument are you currently learning?
Violin Level 3

How long have you been taking lessons?
One year

Do you participate in any music related activities outside of lessons?
Intermediate Strings with Ottawa Youth Orchestra Academy

If you could learn another musical instrument, what would it be?
Flute

Who is your favourite composer?
Vivaldi

What is your favourite book?
Divergent by Veronica Roth

What are some of your music related achievements?
Auditioned for Intermediate Strings at the Ottawa Youth Orchestra Academy.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself.
I really like pandas.

Featuring Gwendolyne Seto



Gwendolyne Seto is a piano student at the Ottawa Music Academy.

In October, she attended her aunt's wedding but was more than just a guest! Gwendolyne was also part of the entertainment. She played "Canon in D" on piano and arranged a piano and voice duet of "All of Me" that she performed with her cousin. Well done!



STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Musicians of the Month

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

Amika Ducharme ▪ Annie Thottan ▪ Joelle Lewis
Cameron Gonsalves ▪ Sarah Fry ▪ Ryan Xu
Mathieu Gauthier ▪ Diogo Antunes ▪ Isabelle Seto
Lillian Ayoubzadeh ▪ Saheli Savard ▪ Zara Salim Bargouth
Mya Hutchings ▪ Hong Biao Guo ▪ Jasmine Deans
Layli Tanara ▪ Emilie Snider ▪ Elisa Antunes ▪ Aashi Verma

The Ottawa Academy Student History

To celebrate the 25th anniversary, we looked in to our history records to find how long the OMA students have been taking lessons.

Young Performer Students:

These students have been with the academy for 1 – 5 years.

• Aashi Verma • Abhijit Sinha • Adam Yassin • Adonis Mansour • Aldrin Delacruz • Anna Zhang • Ariel Liu • Bronwyn Serroul • Caitlyn Jenkins • Charbel Chmouni • Charlie Richards • Christopher Stafford • David Carriere • David Clarabut • Elisa Antunes • Fares Sleiman • Gabriella Carriere • George Papoutsis • Hong Biao Guo • Isabelle Cayer • Isabelle Seto • Isabelle Snider • Jack Richards • Jackie Sayegh • Jamie Quinlan • John Papoutsis • Joseph Makhoul • Joyce Sayegh • Julienne Hu • Justin Schwartz • Justin Sung • Kadeem Pryce • Keshav Ramaswami • Kira Sun • Lamita Abou Assali • Layli Tanara • Maria Chmouni • Maya Horning • Maya Zurub • Melissa Trinh • Mya Hutchings • Nadia Hamoui • Noura Zurub • Raghav Ramaswami • Reem Al Ameri • Ridoy Utpal • Rilla Serroul • Sabrina Seto • Sam Boulanger • Sebastien Sell • Shareef Akbari • Simrun Kaushal • Sophia Dimitrova • Stanislav Sitichko • Timothy Seto • Torrey Liu • Vanessa Wrighte • Xavier Jankielsztajn • Zara Salim Bargouth •

Young Professional Students:

These students have been with the academy for more than 5 years.

• Adoni Vassilyadi • Alex Coucopoulos • Amanda Cen • Amy Cen • Ayanna Mawani • Christopher Trinh • Claudette Simoneau • Edward Benhin • Elizabeth Benhin • Emilie Snider • Emily Cen • Eric Wasiewicz • Gwendolyne Seto • Hanaya Akbari • Lillian Ayoubzadeh • Maya Dagher • Mikias Ermias • Monisah Mazumder • Peter Quinlan • Reem Moazin • Robel Ermias • Ryan Mak • Samantha Yee • Tanushree Verma • Therry Deeb • Zachary Bradley •

Gold Young Professional Students:

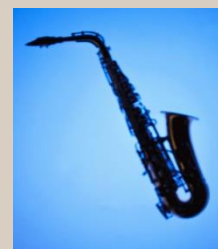
These students have been taking lessons for more than 10 years.

• Nina Hadzimustafic • Suzanne Hewitt • Teresa Rose Kattackal • Kaitlyn Quinlan •

Incredible Instrument:

Saxophone

- Invented by Adolph Sax who patented the instrument in 1849.
- There are 8 kinds. Most common are the alto sax and tenor sax.
- Largest: contrabass sax at 1.9 metres tall. Smallest: soprillo sax at 12 inches.
- Uses a reed so it is a woodwind. However it is not a regular instrument used in the orchestra ensemble.



“All a musician can do is to get closer to the sources of nature, and so feel that he is in communion with the natural laws.”

- John Coltrane

American Saxophonist

Since OMA is celebrating its birthday this month its zodiac star sign would be Scorpio.



What is your zodiac sign?

Check one of our star charts if you're not sure.

Visit the administration desk and fill out a form and your answer may be featured in our next newsletter!



We Want To Know...

Last month's question was:

“What is your favourite past Halloween costume?”

“My favourite costume was a ladybug.”

- Isabelle S.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in this year's costume contest. If you would like a copy of your contest picture, please email the academy and we will be happy to send you the photo!

OMA WINNERS



- 1st OSTRICH RIDER**
- 2nd SUSHI**
- 3rd SPIDER COUNTESS**

KMA WINNERS



- 1st DEADPOOL**
- 2nd CREEPER – MINECRAFT**
- 3rd OLD GHOST**

Event: RCM Workshop

Date: Thursday November 20th

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: Kanata Music Academy

Come learn about Royal Conservatory Examinations with RCM representative Peteris Zarins. Get tips on examination preparation and insight on 2015 Piano Syllabus. Open to all teachers, parents and students. Door prize!

Please speak administration staff to RSVP and for more information.

Event: Autumn Symphony Fundraiser for CHEO

This is a recital that will feature performances by our students, staff and guest performers. There will also be a bake sale, music book and accessory sale and draw prizes.

This event is open to the community and admission is free but bring some change to participate to enjoy some baked goods and take advantage of the sales. Drop by and join in on the fun! All proceeds go towards our CHEO telethon donation!

Date: Sunday November 30th
Time: 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Where: Gloucester Presbyterian Church
 91 Pike St (across from Roberta Bondar School)

We are looking for bakers and raffle prize donations! If you would like to bake something or make a donation, please notify the administration staff.