



yamaha music school

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GET READY! GET EXCITED!

Dust off those keys, tune those strings, and brace yourselves for an exciting year of **listening, singing, playing, and creating at Music for Life - Yamaha Music School!**

Our school year begins on **Tuesday, September 8** but we encourage you to drop by the school to make tuition payments and pick up materials between **September 1 to 4, 5 to 7PM.**

In this package, you will find all the information you need to get ready for your music lessons: your lesson times and fees, the school calendar and policies, and handy tips for home.

Thank you for choosing Yamaha!

vanessa tran to perform original composition in british columbia

Advanced Yamaha student Vanessa Tran has been selected to perform her original composition entitled "Stepping to the Beats" in the National Junior Original Concert, to be held in British Columbia, this fall.

The piece, which was inspired by disco/dance music, will feature Vanessa on grand piano, accompanied by her instructor, Mr. Andrew, on Electone, and Yamaha Course Supervisor Mr. Tom Duffin, on rhythm guitar.

This year's audience is said to include dignitaries from Japan.

"I have learned that composition can be very fun... I'm excited but also very nervous," she admits.

Vanessa began her studies at Yamaha Music School in the Junior Music Course. She has since won numerous awards for her solo and ensemble performances, and even received a medal for her achievements in the RCM Grade 6 exam, which she completed this past spring.

When it comes to home practice, Vanessa says, "I practice about 1 to 2 hours every day, except for a few lazy days!"

The showcase will feature original compositions by Yamaha students, all under the age of 16 years old, and will take place on November 8 at the Gateway Theatre in Richmond, BC.

All Yamaha students are welcome to submit their compositions to the Junior Original Concert. Talk to our administrative staff for more information!

introducing... tunes for twos!

We are excited to add a course for the tiniest musician in your home!

Each weekly session will introduce your two year-old to various aspects of music and movement.

Don't delay! Classes start in October! Visit www.musicforlife.ca for more.

start the year on the right "note"!

Music classes might not be in session yet, but that doesn't mean you can't get a head start!

We recommend that students (and their parents) practice the following pieces over the next week. They won't be covered in class, but they are great for review.

PRIM1: Honeybee March, Hush-a-Bye, Mole Does the Housework

PRIM2: Let's Explore (on fa and

sol), Exercises (on do, fa, sol, re, la)

EXT1: Carnival of Venice, Lovely Kittens, Finger Exercises

EXT2: My Favourites, Exam Pieces, Two-Hand Cadences

JAC1: From "Sweet Cakes" & Christopher Norton pieces

YMC1: Chinese Buns, Soda Pop, Popcorn

YMC2: African Dance, Cosmic Dance, Polly Wolly Doodle

Students in private lesson programs should review scales, exercises, and their favourite pieces from the year.

lesson checklist

- textbooks & workbooks
- dictation book
- a binder for handouts
- a pencil & eraser

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yamaha students to raise money for children's hospital

Yamaha Music School will work with Children's Health Foundation this year to raise money for Children's Hospital in London.

Since Yamaha Music School is an organization that deals primarily with children, we are excited to encourage our students to make a difference in the lives of other children in the community.

Fundraising will take place through various activities in the school year.

Donation boxes will be set up at our front desk year-round, and also at our concerts in December and June.

Special theme days will help to raise money and awareness, and a portion of all DVD sales will also go toward this cause.

We hope to present a substantial donation in the spring.

To learn more about Children's Health Foundation, visit www.childhealth.ca

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tips to remember for concert day

There are a million possible reasons that we musicians have to be nervous for a performance. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. Take care of the little details beforehand. Where am I performing? How early do I need to be there? What should I wear? When in doubt, ask your instructor and school staff.

2. Understand your audience expectations. The audience is there to support you, and is made up of friends and loved ones who want to see you succeed. It is not a demolition derby... it is a musical performance!

3. Know your performance expectations. Don't worry about looking silly or sounding bad:

music is a form of expression! A performance is about art, not necessarily about you. Just be proud that you did your best!

4. Treat every practice like the real performance. A musical performance is not just about sounds, it is the whole presentation. Get used to moving with the music, and performing from memory. Know what to expect when you do the real thing.

5. One wrong note is not the end of the world! If you make one wrong note out of 100, that is still 99 right notes. The audience will not have copies of the music in front of them. What do you think is more important?

6. Practice from different starting points, not just from

beginning to end. If you are comfortable picking up your performance from any point in the piece, you'll be better prepared to deal with anything that might happen on concert day.

7. Breathe. When we get nervous or excited our breathing speeds up, which causes our muscles to fatigue and go rigid. Deep breathing relaxes those muscles and eases the tension. Several deep breaths before performing and not holding your breath while performing will help you stay focused.

8. Play in a mini-concert for people you trust. You'll be so ready for concert day, you could do it with your eyes closed! (But please, don't!)

important dates

Tue Sep 8: Classes start
Tue Oct 6: Last day to join group classes (fall term)
Mon Oct 12: Thanksgiving (no classes)
Sat Oct 31: Halloween Party
Sun Dec 13: December Concerts

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS... as JONAS BROTHERS?

Campers at this year's Yamaha Superstar Camp produced an original short film entitled "The Three Piggy Brothers".

The story revolves around three pig rockstars who decide to retire from the entertainment business... only to be hounded by one

determined paparazzi wolf!

Campers had a great time learning about the filmmaking process, led by camp counsellors Miss Ali and Mr. Andrew.

To view the film, visit www.musicforlife.ca/superstar

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