



Arbutus Music Academy



October-November Newsletter

October informal recital and play-in

Our next informal recital will be held on Sunday October 30th at 3 pm. The solo slots for this concert are already full, but we encourage our young students to come *in costume* and play in a special spooky play-in at the end of the recital. We will play some Suzuki group repertoire, pieces with a Halloween twist, and then serve refreshments and treats afterwards. Please sign up for the play-in on the violin board in the studio. We would like to ask families to bring a plate of goodies to share with other students.

Recital rescheduled

The recital originally scheduled for 3 pm Sunday November 20th must be rescheduled due to a booking conflict. We will be contacting students who have signed up for this date to ask if they will be available for recitals on the following Sunday, **November 27th at 1 pm and 2 pm**. These are earlier than usual to allow our football fans to be on time for the Gray Cup! Please let us know if there is any problem with this change.

All of our students are encouraged to play in and attend the informal recitals throughout the year. They are great opportunities to gain experience performing in front of an audience, and to prepare for examinations or even for other upcoming recitals.

Adult Wine and Cheese

Our adult students are invited to sign up for the next wine and cheese recital, to be held on November 20th at 5:30 pm. The sign up sheet is posted in the studio; please let us know what piece you will be playing so that we can inform the accompanist .

Group lesson calendars

Group lessons are well under way for this term, including our intermediate chamber ensemble on Monday evenings, and the Arbutus Orchestra on Friday afternoons. There are 15 group lessons each term, and 18 weeks of private instruction, which means that on weeks with statutory holidays we often have no group lessons scheduled. Please check the calendar on our website for these dates when no group is scheduled; the next one will be the week of Remembrance Day. Teachers will update the group calendar if groups must be rescheduled to accommodate playing commitments. This year we will post teacher illnesses on the Arbutus home page.

RCM Examination Deadline

The deadline for application for the Winter Session of the RCM examinations is November 1st. Students who plan to take the practical exam in January must sign up online at



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www.rcmexaminations.org . The examination centre is **Vancouver West** and the studio number is **62542**.

Instruments for Sale

We have a number of students who are in the process of switching to a larger sized instrument, and who will have their old instrument available for sale. We would like to keep a list of these instruments posted at the school, with contact information available from the office. Please let us know if you would rather have a telephone number or an e-mail address as a contact, and then e-mail the office info@arbutusmusicacademy.com with a brief description of the instrument, its size and the price you would like to ask. If you are unsure of any of these details, please consult your teacher.

“The Music I Play” Art Expo

Can you describe the music you play with images instead of notes? All of our budding artists are encouraged to let their imaginations fly, and submit art pieces based on a musical work, a study, a scale that they are playing or even would like to play! Submissions should include a title and the name of the piece and composer you choose, and the name of each student; they should be brought to the studio by November 20th. They will be displayed throughout the studio and gallery.

December Recitals

This year the December recitals will be held on **Saturday December 10th** at **West Point Grey United Church**. Piano run-throughs for Intermediate and senior students will be held at the studio on **Sunday December 4th from 1-3 pm**; a full group rehearsal for the Junior String recital will be held at the same time in the gallery. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

