

Happy November Music and Play families!

We hope that you and your child(ren) are enjoying classes this year! As we get ready for our second Calgary winter of the year - and the holiday season - we wanted to take an opportunity to share some information with you to think about re-registration for many of our programs! Please see below for the important dates and information that you need to know!

Fall Class Dates

Music Pups® & Music Cats®: The last day of classes for the Fall term of Music Pups and Music Cats is November 17. Our 'Holiday' mini-session of Music Pups® begins Nov. 19 and ends Dec. 8.

Music Adventures: the last day of classes for the Fall term is Saturday, December 8.

The Safari: the last day for 2018 Safari classes is Wednesday, December 19. Classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Theatre Arts: the last day of classes for the Fall term is Saturday, December 8. Classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Private Lessons: the last day of classes for 2018 Private Lessons Friday, December 21. Classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Winter Class Registration & Dates

Music Pups® & Music Cats®: Registration for the Winter term is now open for current families and opens to the public on November 15. Winter classes begin Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Music Adventures: Registration for the Winter term is now open for current families and opens to the public on November 15. Winter classes begin Monday, January 7, 2019.

Theatre Arts: Please contact the office directly to enquire about joining our Theatre Arts classes.

Private Lessons: Private lesson registration is on-going – please contact the office to arrange a trial lesson.

Recitals

Theatre Arts Winter Showcase: Our Winter showcases will be held in the ArtsLab Studio at Music and Play on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Recital times will be announced shortly.

Private Music Winter Recitals: Our Winter Private Music Recitals will be held in the ArtsLab Studio at Music and Play on Sunday, January 27, 2019. Recital times will be assigned. Please contact the front desk via email (musicandplay@shaw.ca) by Dec. 7 if your child is NOT able to participate.

Group Music (Safari) Winter Recitals: Our Winter Group Music Recitals will be held in the ArtsLab Studio at Music and Play on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Administration Changes

As you know, Music and Play underwent a last-minute change of Registrar/Administrator this fall and, due to unforeseen circumstances, this position will again be undergoing a change in personnel. Our Registrar/Administrator is critical to the success of our Company and represent a delicate balance of administration, business and art. They are the first point of contact for our families and serve as the main conduit between our students and teachers.



We are pleased to announce that stepping into this role, (effective Monday, Nov. 12) is Ms. Annika Saari. We hope that you will join us in making her feel at home as a part of the Music and Play family and we appreciate your support as we complete this transition. To find out more about Ms. Annika, please see the "Our Team" section of our website.

Studio Behaviour

Just a reminder – and we are sorry to have to even have to say this – but respectful behaviour is expected and required at all times in the Studio and when interacting with Studio staff and faculty. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation with this item.

Absences & Makeups

As there have been a number of questions regarding absences and makeups, we wanted to include the information on these Policies again. Makeup classes/lessons may be available for absences when notification has been given PRIOR to the absence, however WE CANNOT AND DO NOT GUARANTEE MAKEUPS for any classes.

Private Lesson Makeups are scheduled on an ongoing basis throughout the year. To ensure that we are able to maximize the time that teachers have committed to our Studio, **makeup lessons may only be booked within 48 hours of the makeup lesson time.** This allows for any open spots due to absences, and other unfilled time in the teacher's schedule, to be best utilized every day.

To schedule a makeup lesson, families may call anytime after 1:00 pm two days before the desired makeup day until 8:00 p.m. the day before the makeup lesson will occur to see if their instructor is available for a makeup lesson.



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Please note that though an absence with required notice is eligible for a makeup, we cannot guarantee that a make up lesson will be available due to teacher and studio scheduling.

These policies allow our families greater flexibility not only to make-up their lessons but also to ensure that they are getting their makeup lessons completed within a schedule that is educationally beneficial (i.e. before exams or performances).

Private Lesson Absence / Makeup Details:

- ★ Absences must be communicated to the Studio by 12:00 pm two-days before the day the absence will occur to be eligible for a makeup lesson. Please schedule ALL of your absences - even if you will not be scheduling a makeup - as this allows another student/family to use that spot for makeup.
- ★ Makeup lessons may only be scheduled during days/times when the instructor is already scheduled to teach at Music and Play.
- ★ Makeup lessons will be scheduled during the 'Makeup Scheduling Period'. The Makeup Scheduling Period begins at 1:00 p.m. two days before the day of the desired makeup lesson and continues until 8:00 p.m. the day before the lesson would occur.
- ★ It is the parent and/or students' responsibility to contact the Studio during the Makeup Scheduling Period to enquire about booking a makeup lesson.
- ★ Contacting the Studio by email is the preferred method to schedule a makeup lesson. The Studio may also be contacted by phone or in person, however email requests will be processed first.
- ★ All makeup lessons are subject to Studio and instructor availability and are not guaranteed. No refunds or credits will be given for missed lessons for any reason.
- ★ A parent/student may enquire about an instructor's availability prior to the Makeup Scheduling Period, however spots cannot be booked or held in advance.
- ★ Makeup lessons are scheduled on a first-come/first-served basis.
- ★ Makeup lessons cannot be scheduled through the Instructor.
- ★ Contact info for Absences/Makeups: (403) 984-4362
musicandplay@shaw.ca

Theory 101

This 16-lesson class will prepare students with the basics required for understanding music theory and, if desired, for their first conservatory theory exam. The 45-minute small group lessons consist of 14 weeks of studies, a practice exam and a review class. Students will be ready to write either their Theory 1 (CC) or gr 5 level (RCM) exams in the spring.

Please note that taking the exam is optional but, if taken, registration and payment for the exam itself are the responsibility of the student. Theory 101 is scheduled for Mondays from 5:15-6:00 beginning January 7, and classes may be added at other times based on student availability. No classes Feb 18 or March 25.

Class costs include materials of \$35, tuition of \$240, and annual registration of \$35. (Note: Students already enrolled at M&P receive a 10% discount on tuition for second classes and have already paid registration.)



It's no secret that there is a shortage of rehearsal and performance space here in Calgary. ArtsLab Studio Theatre is a new rehearsal/performance space comprised of the two largest spaces at Music and Play. ArtsLab is great for rehearsals and converts into a black-box space capable of accommodating over 100 people for cabaret and small performances, readings, lectures, parties, concerts and music-based recitals/events.

Ask us about how we can help meet your space needs!



Pianos for Sale

After our most recent Studio changes, we still have a few Roland digital pianos looking for new homes. If you are in the market for a 'new-to-you' keyboard, please contact the Front Desk for more details.

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