



**CW Music &
Performing Arts School**

Established in 2002



2025-2026 INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Our STORY



Founded in 2002, CW School of Music & Performing Arts is committed to guiding students of all ages and skill levels to meet their **goals** and find **inspiration** while doing so.

CW instructors are qualified in their **discipline**, providing a **unique** and **highly personalized method of learning**. We are **passionate** about creating an environment to nurture, educate and encourage creative individuals to achieve a deeper appreciation of their studies.

Our school approaches arts education in a non-competitive light, yet we strive for the excellence of each individual's artistic ability and potential.

Students prepare for concerts twice a year and may be asked to perform in fundraisers benefiting local charity.

We offer in-person & online classes in piano, voice, guitar, drums, ukulele, violin, viola, bass, dance, rock band, music theory, music history, musical theatre, runway, acting, Royal Conservatory of Music practical and theory exam preparation.

Because we are a Performing Arts School, we are able to offer an opportunity for students to explore multiple disciplines under one roof.

Our unique Programs offer 'multi-discipline lessons' with tuition savings. A student can choose to learn two instruments in one sitting; or study an instrument one day and dance another; or perhaps join multiple group classes from hip hop to runway to acting!

We are also very pleased to offer **Music Therapy** to students/clients of all ages, gender, cultural background, and conditions. Families may qualify for government funding. CW Music is a registered organization for autism funding with the Ministry of Children & Family Development.

At CW, we look forward to guiding you in your journey for creative pursuit -- spread your wings and ignite your passion!



"Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education."
-Plato



GENERAL INFORMATION



2025-2026 Music Lesson Fees & Term-Enrollment Discounts

CW Music & Performing Arts is pleased to present its schedule of music lesson fees for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. The following outlines the pricing structure and enrollment discounts applicable to our range of programs.

Private Lessons

- **How it Works:** Private lessons consist of one-on-one instruction with a dedicated teacher for the duration of the academic term (35-39 weeks, September to June).
- The student's weekly lesson schedule and invoice will be determined by the total number of classes, based on the school calendar and the length of each lesson (30, 45, or 60 minutes).
- **School Breaks & Holidays:** No lessons (or fees) on holidays and school breaks.
- **Late Enrollment:** Students enrolling in January 2026 or later will be accommodated within an extended academic term, continuing through August, at the discounted rate.
- **Semi-Private Instruction:** Lessons for 2-3 students are available.

Group Courses

- **Payment:** Charged per course.
- **Discount:** A 5% discount is applicable to group lessons for students concurrently enrolled in 1:1 private lessons.

Discounts for Families

- **Concert Fee:** Only one concert fee per household.
- **Sibling Discount:** 10% off our "A" or "B" Sparks group classes for siblings.

Registration Fee

- **Fee:** \$25 per student, per Academic Term
- **Purpose:** This fee contributes to administrative costs and provides access to the Student Portal.
- **Returning Families:** The fee is waived if you pre-register between May 1-18!

Academic Term: September - June

Extended Term: Start Date - August

Spring Break Camp: March

Summer Break Camp: July or August

Winter Recital: December

Term-End Recital: June

Announcements and News

Important updates regarding upcoming recitals/concerts, events other activities are provided in our monthly newsletters. Newsletters are sent via email. If you have a teen, you are welcome to add their e-mail to our newsletter list.

Follow us on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram to stay informed about news, giveaways/contests, promotions, behind-the-scenes and new merchandise.

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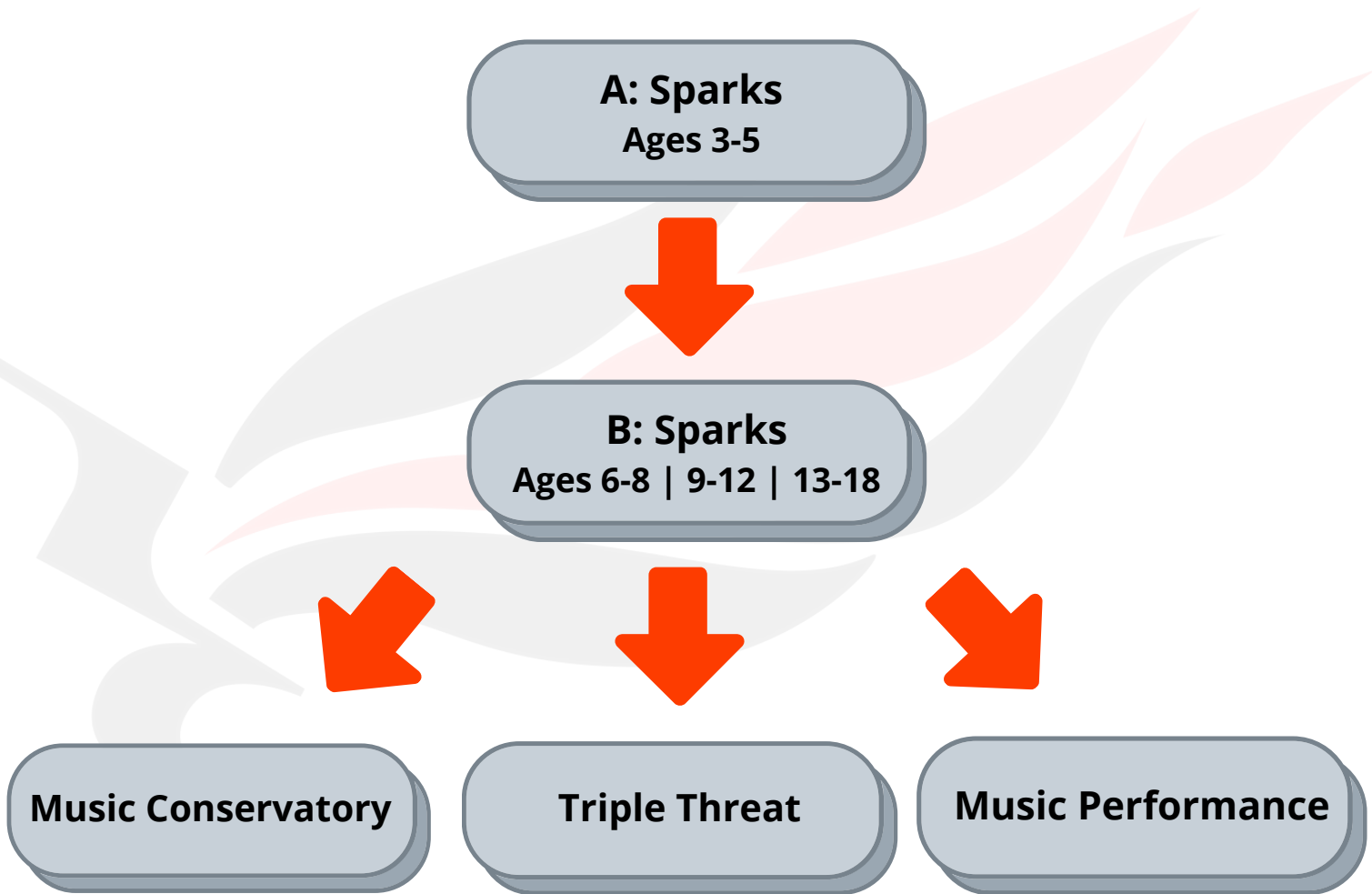
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 Holiday. No Class.

 No Class. Spring Break Camp only.

 Concert.

Program ROADMAP



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Our Mission

To assist and guide a student to achieve their goals, while providing a supportive, non-competitive environment for creative learning through our arts programs.

Our PROGRAMS



CW Music Programs are carefully designed to guide students towards their goals in music, dance and arts education from their formative years to teen years and beyond!

-  All rates reflect discounted Academic Term rates.
-  Siblings receive an additional 10% off group classes.
-  Multi-discipline private lesson study receive an additional 5% off any group classes.
-  Semi-private lessons (2:1 private) available for a reduced tuition rate.
-  Late enrollment is available for most programs.
-  **There is no tax on music lessons.**



A: Sparks (ages 3-5)

- 1 weekly group class
- 2 performance opportunities

Designed for toddlers and preschoolers, it includes music, dance, and parent-child activities that build foundational skills like rhythm, melody, and teamwork. Skills are further developed in the Spring class, Miniature Jamz Rockband, leading to a unique performance in June. After completion, students can join Group B: CW Music Sparks.

September

Music Orientation

October - December or January - March

Ukulele Kids (parent & child)

January - March or October - December

Rainbow Stars (singing)

April - June

Mini Jamz Rockband

Concerts: December & June

A: SPARKS

\$71/ mo.

sibling 10% off



B: Sparks (ages 6-8 | 9-12 | 13-17)

- 1 weekly group class
- 2 performance opportunities

Group B of Music Sparks offers weekly lessons for students with little to no music experience, covering music fundamentals and various instruments. Students participate in musical theatre and hip hop courses to develop stage presence, choreography, teamwork, and coordination. They can explore multiple instruments before choosing which to pursue in the next steps of the Program Road Map: CW Conservatory, CW Performance, or CW Performing Arts.

September

Music Orientation

October - December or January - March

Musical Theatre

January - March or October - December

Class Piano or Group Guitar

April - June

Jr Jamz Rockband

Concerts: December & June

B: SPARKS

\$129 / mo.

sibling 10% off



Our PROGRAMS

*Monthly rates vary depending on:

- Duration of private lesson (30, 45 or 60 minutes)
- Day of the week the Private Lesson falls on



CW Music Conservatory Program

- 1 weekly Private Lesson class
- 1 weekly Theory Group class
- 2 Performance opportunities

The CW Music Conservatory Program focuses on musical training, literacy, and fostering enthusiasm for music. Students can perform at December and June recitals, learn instrument techniques, and develop good practice habits. The program also features a structured Music Theory curriculum from Preparatory to level 10, with Certificates of Achievement available upon passing Royal Conservatory practical exams.

CONSERVATORY

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson

Weekly RCM Group Theory:

Certificate Program

Solo Performances

Group Performances



~\$225 - \$390 / mo.*

TRIPLE-THREAT

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson

Weekly Group Program:

Musical Theatre

Hip Hop

Runway or Acting

'Triple-Threat' (Sing-Dance-Act)



~\$208 - \$310 / mo.*

CW Triple-Threat

- 1 weekly Private Lesson Class
- 1 weekly Group class
- 2 Performance opportunities

Students explore music, dance, and theatre, preparing for stage performances by refining skills in singing, dancing, and acting. Grouped by age, they attend rehearsals to build confidence and stage presence. In April, all students prepare for a production, performing in December and June concerts, including solo performances from their private lessons.



What is the RCM Theory Group Certificate Program?

The Certificate Program's academic subjects support students in acquiring the theoretical and historical knowledge necessary for **music literacy**. See p. 14 for more details.

CW Music Performance Program

- 1 weekly Private Lesson Class
- 1 weekly Group Rehearsal
- 3+ Performance opportunities



Provides a complete rock band experience, including instruments and performance opportunities. This fast-paced, performance-driven class requires students to practice at home and in private lessons. Students must either be concurrently enrolled in private lessons for their assigned instrument or have instructor permission. Weekly rehearsals are 1 hour, and additional performance opportunities may arise.

If an extra performance falls on the same weekend as a rehearsal, the concert replaces the rehearsal for that week.

- **Co-requisite: 1:1 Private Lessons**
- **Discount: 5% off when taken with 1:1 Private Lessons**

PERFORMANCE

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson

Weekly Rock Band Rehearsal

Group Performances

Solo Performances



~\$239 - \$390 / mo.*

PROGRAM *Tuition*

A: SPARKS

September - June
Ages 3-5

Hip Hop
Ukulele Kids
Rainbow Stars
Mini Jamz



\$71 / mo.
sibling 10% off

B: SPARKS

September - June
Ages 6-8 | 8-12 | 13-17

Hip Hop
Group Guitar or Class Piano
Musical Theatre
Junior / Senior Jamz



\$129 / mo.
sibling 10% off

CONSERVATORY

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson
Weekly RCM Group Theory:
Certificate Program
Solo Performances
Group Performances



~\$225 - \$390 / mo.*

TRIPLE-THREAT

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson
Weekly Group Program:
Musical Theatre
Hip Hop
Runway or Acting
'Triple-Threat' (Sing-Dance-Act)



~\$208 - \$310 / mo.*

PERFORMANCE




September - June




Weekly Private Lesson
Weekly Rock Band Rehearsal
Group Performances
Solo Performances



~\$239 - \$390 / mo.*

All Monthly Program rates reflect:

-  Discounted Academic Term rates for Private & Group Lessons
-  December & June Concert fees. No ticket purchase. Unlimited guests.
-  Annual Administration Fee (\$25)

- Additional Tuition Savings:
-  10% off Group Courses for siblings.
 -  5% off Group Classes when enrolled in Private Lessons
 -  Family Discount - 1 Concert fee per household

Late enrollment is available for most programs.

There is no tax on music lessons.

*Monthly rates vary depending on:

- Duration of private lesson (30, 45 or 60 minutes)
- Day of the week the Private Lesson falls on

PRIVATE LESSONS

	Drop-in/Trial (No term)	Academic Term Discounted Rate	~Monthly (Approx.)	+RCM Group Theory (5% Discount Theory Conservatory Program)
30 minutes:	\$45 per session	\$39 per session	~\$139 / mo.	~\$225 / mo.
45 minutes:	\$65 per session	\$58 per session	~\$208 / mo.	~\$298 / mo.
60 minutes:	\$85 per session	\$75 per session	~\$270 / mo.	~\$360.25 / mo.



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Theory Levels Prep - 4 (Group)

- **Duration:** 45 minutes + 1 Mock Exam
- **Cost:** \$950 (September - June)
- **Monthly Payment:** \$95 per month
- **Discount:** 5% off when registered with 1:1 Private Lessons

Theory Level 5 - 8 (Group)

- **Duration:** 45 minutes + 1 Mock Exam
- **Cost:** \$1025 (September - June)
- **Monthly Payment:** \$102.50 per month
- **Discount:** 5% off when registered with 1:1 Private Lessons

Theory Level 9 & 10 (Group)

- **Duration:** 1 hour + 1 Mock Exam
- **Cost:** \$1195 (September - June)
- **Monthly Payment:** \$119.50 per month

Discount: 5% off when registered with 1:1 Private Lessons



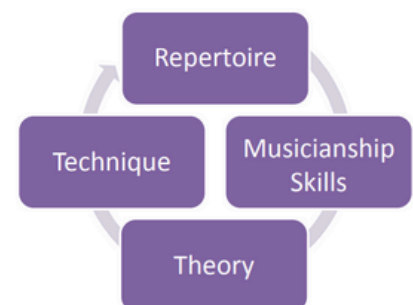
Music Theory Certification at Every Level

The RCM curriculum is designed to enrich practical studies concurrently by level therefore supporting the study of music theory at every stage of a student's musical development. It encompasses **rudiments, harmony, counterpoint, analysis, and music history**, and has been carefully written to enhance the skills of **aural awareness, analytical thinking, and creativity**.

Upon successful completion of each **RCM Theory Exam Level**, a student will be recognized with a **Certificate from the Royal Conservatory of Music**.

Our school offers the RCM Theory Certificate Group Class as a course or as part of our CW Conservatory Program See p. 8 for details

Theory is Foundational



The components of the RCM Certificate Program are all interrelated.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Piano, Drums, Guitar, Violin, Viola, Voice, Ukulele, Bass, Theory

30 minutes

Recommended for the young beginner, typically under the age of 9.

45 minutes

Recommended for the intermediate and/or older beginner.

60 minutes

Recommended for students with an eagerness to learn. For any age with the attention and focus.

Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program

Levels 1 - 4 (Beginner)

Levels 5 - 8 (Intermediate)

Levels 9, 10, ARCT (Advanced)

Practical: These examinations evaluate the performance of repertoire, etudes or vocalises, technical tests, aural skills, sight reading/singing. Prepared in private lessons.

Theory, Harmony, History: These examinations evaluate the understanding of building blocks of music, from the basics of notation at the Elementary levels to structural and harmonic analysis at the Advanced levels. Prepared in Group Theory RCM classes.

GROUP MUSIC CLASSES

Rock Band, Mini/Junior/Senior Jamz

Our popular, award-winning Rock Band program is a fun, performance-based class that meets once a week studying pop to rock repertoire. Students play instruments corresponding to their own private-lesson practice and/or experience and collaborate with other musicians. Rock Bands perform in recitals, concerts and events in the lower mainland.

Group Guitar, Group Ukulele, Class Piano

Meeting once a week, students will learn the fundamentals of playing the guitar, ukulele or piano in a group setting. Other than piano students, participants should bring their own practice instrument

RCM Theory Certificate Group: Prep A & B - Level 10 / Theory, Harmony, History

A highly recommended course for all students. Students wishing to deepen their music understanding or needing to write a co'requisite Theory or History Exam for the Royal Conservatory of Music can join our group classes.

Class times vary. Each level corresponds with the RCM Exam Dates. This class is automatically a part of our "CW Conservatory Program"

Musical Theatre (7-17)

Sing, Dance & Act! Our Musical Theatre class teaches choreography, solo singing and group harmonies while emphasizing technique and performance artistry. Students learn repertoire of ensemble pieces through storytelling, while building confidence. Students will prepare sing-dance-and-act performances for family showcases and/or our annual Winter & June recitals!



MUSIC GROUPS AGES 3-6

Ukulele Kids (parent & child duo) is a program that introduces the ukulele and basic theory in a fun, learning environment with both the children and their guardian. The class runs for 30 minutes.



Rainbow Stars (group singing)

This program was named by its own students! Rainbow Stars is a 10 session program that introduces the principles of music through singing songs, playing music games and rhythm. This program is a stepping stone towards private lessons. Parent participation during the session is required. The class runs for 30 minutes.

DANCE

Hip Hop (ages 4-6 | 7 - 10 | 11 - 17)

Dance students will meet once a week in a group setting to learn routines with teachers. Performances will be held in the Winter & June recitals and performance crews will perform in the Rock Band & Performance-Student Concert.

Tiny Bubbles (ages 3-6)

Tiny Bubbles is a group dance program designed to create a fun environment of movement and expression, introduced with basic fundamentals of movement, coordination, musicality and group interaction skills. The students will use self-expression and imagination.

RUNWAY

Learn catwalk and pageant walks, or simply learn to walk confidently in those high-heels!

ACTING

Workshop sessions are seasonal. Students work with a local actor who provides group demonstrations on character building and tips and information on what to expect at casting auditions, film sets and more.

SPRING BREAK & SUMMER CAMPS

Music performance-based camp where students learn in a supportive, fun environment lead by a professional musician. Students perform together as a group on the last day of camp! If you play an instrument, bring it to camp!

OTHER SERVICES

Recording/Mixing with Professional Sound Engineer

Musician bookings for Events (rates & availability upon request)





Spring & Summer MUSIC CAMP



Music Camp is fun, exciting and performance-based.

Students learn to play instruments in a supportive environment lead by a professional musician.

- Students perform together as a group on the last day of camp!
- No previous music lesson experience needed.
- If you play an instrument, bring it to camp!

Ages 6-10 | 11-17

Half Day: \$295 / week

Siblings: 10% off



MUSIC THERAPY

The Canadian Association for Music Therapy (CAMT) defines Music therapy as “the skillful use of music and musical elements by an accredited music therapist to promote, maintain, and restore mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health.” (www.musictherapy.ca).

Music therapy is the clinical use of music to accomplish individualized goals such as reducing stress, improving mood and self-expression. It is an evidence-based therapy well-established in the health community. Music therapy experiences may include listening, singing, playing instruments, composing music, or a specialized method by an accredited Music Therapist.

ARE THERE WAYS TO COVER THE COST OF MUSIC THERAPY SESSIONS?

Music therapy is not usually covered by health care and extended health care plans. There are some exceptions, such as Worksafe BC, ICBC and funding for autism.

MTABC is part of the Task Group for Counsellor Regulation in BC. This group is lobbying the BC government for music therapists and other counselors and therapists to be regulated under the Health Professions Act. Once this is approved, it is anticipated that music therapy services will be approved under private insurance plans.

FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

The Ministry of Children and Family Development will give block funding to parents/guardians which can cover music therapy for children ages six to nineteen years. Music therapy is called an Autism Related Intervention. The family can choose to have the money placed in their account and then pay the therapist directly, or, have the therapist contact the Ministry and send them invoices. At this time, this service ends when the child reaches the age of nineteen years. For further questions, people can contact the Autism Funds Processing Unit at 1-877-777-3530.

FUNDING FOR HEAD INJURY

Some individuals with a head injury can apply for funding through ICBC if they can show pre-morbidity musical involvement.

OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDING

Some special needs children may apply for funding through adoption services, and Variety Club and CKNW have been known to fund music therapy, as well. Clients and families usually complete these applications.

Please read more on our website:

<https://www.cwmusic.ca/music-therapy>

Examples Of Music Therapy Goals:

- Because music is fun, music is effective in motivating and engaging individuals with special needs to meet academic, social, and/or physical goals in fun and positive way.
- The examples of music therapy goals include, but are not limited to:
- To provide a safe environment for self-expression and choice-making
- To provide opportunities to release stress physically and emotionally through singing, drumming and the use of other instruments
- To facilitate communication
- To develop/improve social skills
- To help acquire/retain academic information
- To increase attention span
- To improve fine and gross motor skills through the use of musical instruments
- To encourage relaxation and calming
- To reduce feelings of isolation

*It's important to note that music therapy is NOT the same as musical instruction. If the main goal is to build vocal or instrumental skills, you'll need to find an instructor instead of or in addition to a music therapist.



Royal Conservatory of Music


CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



What is The RCM Certificate Program?

The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program (The Certificate Program) provides a recognized **national standard** and sequenced program for people studying music privately, from beginner through advanced levels.

(source: RCM Syllabus, 2016)

The RCM Certificate Program is a comprehensive and effectively sequenced program of music study and assessment, beginning with the Preparatory level(s), followed by levels 1 to 10, and concluding with the Associate Diploma of The Royal Conservatory of Music (ARCT). A Licentiate Diploma of The Royal Conservatory of Music (LRCM) is available for piano. At each level, a Certificate of Achievement can be earned by successfully completing a Royal Conservatory practical or theory examination.

At CW Music, our Group Theory class follows the RCM Certificate Program curriculum as part of our Conservatory Program. See p. 8 for information on our Conservatory Program.



Do I have to follow the RCM Stream?

For Practical (Music) Lessons, our beginner students (Levels 1-4) usually begin with Method Books (no exam).

The Piano Adventures Stream is the most preferred option for beginner piano students. Once a piano student completes Level 4 or 5 of the Piano Adventures stream, they are automatically placed into the RCM stream. See our Piano Curriculum on page and Piano Adventures & RCM Level equivalency on p for more details.

Other instruments use method books and selections by their teacher, however students are welcome to include the RCM curriculum at any time. Students can study a blend of contemporary music and material from the RCM curriculum.

When a student is ready to begin the RCM curriculum, Theory becomes a co-requisite for level certificate completion. It is therefore strongly advisable to start Theory lessons as soon as one takes up private music lessons. This is the mandatory requirement of the RCM for levels 5 and above. The RCM administer the exam, and all exam fees are payable to the RCM.



Who can earn RCM Certification?

All our students can! There are two subjects of certification: Practical & Theory.

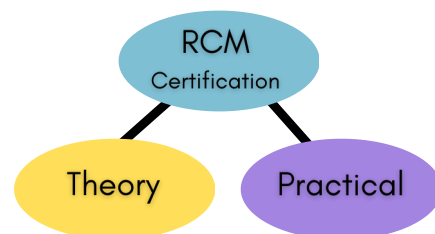
Practical: These examinations evaluate the performance of repertoire, etudes or vocalises, technical tests, aural skills, sight reading/singing.

Theory: These examinations evaluate the understanding of building blocks of music, from the basics of notation at the Elementary levels to structural and harmonic analysis at the Advanced levels. Students enrolled in our "Conservatory Program" will be able to prepare for Music Theory Certificate exams.

Practical Exams are prepared for in Private Music Lessons. Theory Exams are prepared for in our Group Theory Classes as part of our "Conservatory Program" (p. 8). Private Lesson and Group Theory Class material are independent of each other and therefore separate courses/exam recognition.



Completion of the Intermediate RCM Certificate Program's examinations can be used for high school credits.












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CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

What are the benefits of The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program?

Students achieve a deeper understanding and appreciation of music, allowing for independence and creativity. Students who study music theory become fluent in the language of music. The more fluent, the easier it will be to grasp musical concepts.

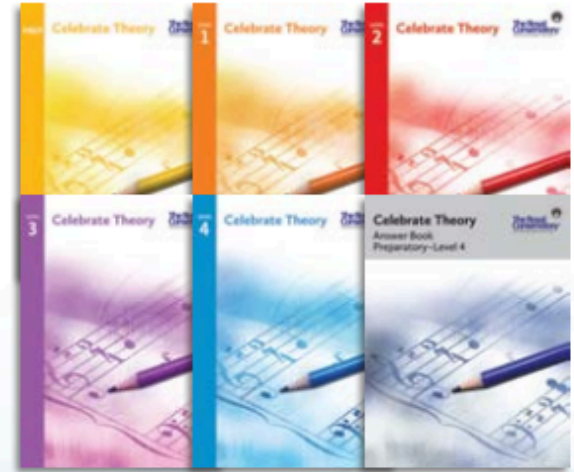
-  **High quality:** The Royal Conservatory offers a national standard of music education
-  **Comprehensive:** The RCM Certificate Program includes repertoire, etudes, technique, sight-reading, ear training, musicianship, and theory.
-  **Well-rounded Structure:** The program provides a consistent clear path for well-rounded musical training, and meaningful structure for rewarding excellence.
-  **Recognition of Achievement:** Student achievement is recognized at each level through examinations. Students can celebrate their accomplishments and track their progress.
-  **Accredited Assessments:** An accredited examiner from the RCM's College of Examiners provides objective feedback and comments which can be valuable in developing the student's skills.
-  **High School Credit:** Many high schools recognize RCM Certificate Program examinations for credit toward graduation.
-  **College Application (extracurricular):** An impressive addition to any resume – demonstrates musical accomplishments, creativity, a willingness to learn, and the ability to achieve goals.
-  Students who participate in RCM examinations tend to become **more dedicated** to their instrument and **practice more often**.
-  Achievement in RCM Certificate Program examinations is an impressive addition to any **resume**. More than just sharing individual's musical accomplishments, it is indicative of their creativity, a willingness to learn, an ability to set both short and long-term goals, and a commitment to achieving difficult tasks.

Certificate Studies Curriculum MUSIC THEORY

Elementary (Preparatory–Level 4)

Elementary students begin their musical journey using these five progressive volumes. Introduction to music notation and fundamental concepts are presented and explored through engaging practical activities and written exercises. Selections from The Royal Conservatory repertoire and etudes books invite students to hear and play a piece while discovering how theory concepts come alive. One *Answer Book* is conveniently available for these levels.

Perfect for students of all instruments, these age-appropriate books introduce the building blocks of the musical language.



Intermediate (Levels 5–8)

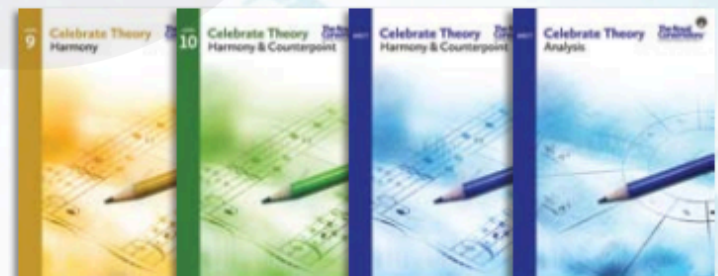
Students continue their musical journey with these intermediate volumes that reinforce theoretical concepts from previous levels and continue to expand musical literacy and build analytical skills. Each student's learning is enriched through interactivity with creative composition, analysis, and music appreciation. Integration of guided listening activities allow for a shared experience between the student and teacher, or student and parents. As with earlier volumes, Royal Conservatory repertoire and etudes are included throughout to help theory concepts come alive and build a strong foundation for well-rounded musical training. One *Answer Book* is conveniently available for these levels.



Advanced (Levels 9–ARCT)

Harmony & Counterpoint and Analysis

Using an interactive approach that builds on the knowledge of basic elements acquired in earlier levels of theory, these books guide students to a deeper understanding of musical vocabulary, syntax, and structure. Three clear and concise volumes that integrate harmony & counterpoint are complemented by a single volume of analysis that synthesizes and connects the study of theory directly to the practical experience.



History

Updated to reflect the requirements in the *Theory Syllabus, 2016 Edition*, these three volumes are essential resources for providing an introduction to and overview of the study of Western music. Through an exploration of styles, genres, and composers and their masterworks from the Middle Ages to the Modern Era, students will cultivate a lifelong appreciation and engagement with music.





CW Music PIANO CURRICULUM



It is recommended to take at least 1 or 2 years of Piano Method Book study before starting any Curriculum studies.



There is approximately a 2 year learning difference between method book levels and Royal Conservatory levels. See the level-equivalency chart on the next page.

PIANO LESSONS	30 minute lesson	45 minute lesson	60 minute lesson
<p>Beginners: Year 1 & 2 Primer, Level 1, Level 2A</p> <p>Piano Adventures Method Books & <u>optional</u> RCM Theory</p> 	<p>Method Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Artistry & Technique <p>and (optional) RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Class, Certificate Program 	<p>Method Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Artistry & Technique Performance <p>and (optional) RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Class, Certificate Program 	<p>Method Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Artistry & Technique Performance or Gold Star Theory (non-RCM) <p>and / or (optional) RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Class, Certificate Program
<p>Beginners: Year 2 and upward Level 2B - Level 3B</p> <p>Piano Adventures Method Books & <u>recommended</u> RCM Theory</p>	<p>Method Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Artistry & Technique <p>and (recommended) RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Class, Certificate Program 	<p>Method Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Artistry & Technique Performance <p>and (recommended) RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Class, Certificate Program 	<p>Method Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson Artistry & Technique Performance or Gold Star Theory (non-RCM) <p>and / or (recommended) RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory Class, Certificate Program
<p>Intermediate</p> <p>Level 4 & 5 Method Books and <u>mandatory</u> RCM Theory or RCM Level 3 and beyond and <u>mandatory</u> RCM Theory</p>	<p>Same as above for Levels 4 & 5 Method Book</p> <p>or begin RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repertoire Etudes Technical Sight Reading & Ear Training Theory 	<p>Same as above for Levels 4 & 5 Method Book</p> <p>or begin RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repertoire Etudes Technical Sight Reading & Ear Training Theory 	<p>Same as above for Levels 4 & 5 Method Book</p> <p>or begin RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repertoire Etudes Technical Sight Reading & Ear Training Theory
<p>Intermediate & Advance</p> <p>RCM Levels 5 - ARCT</p> 	<p>Not an option (insufficient time)</p>	<p>RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repertoire Etudes Technical Sight Reading & Ear Training Theory 	<p>RCM Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repertoire Etudes Technical Sight Reading & Ear Training Theory



Royal Conservatory of Music

PIANO CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

A teacher may recommend to switch from Piano Method Books to the RCM Curriculum earlier than suggested if a student demonstrates a readiness for exam preparation.

Faber Piano Adventures (Piano Method Books)	Conservatory Curriculum Royal Conservatory of Music Celebration Series (These are NOT Method Books)
Primer	
Level 1	
Level 2A	
Level 2B	Prep A & Prep B
Level 3A	Level 1
Level 3B	Level 2
Level 4	Level 3
Level 5	Level 4
	Level 5*
	Level 6
	Level 7
	Level 8
	Level 9
	Level 10
	Associate, A.R.C.T.
	Licentiate, L.R.C.M.



***Beginning at Level 5 RCM, students will need to take an equivalent Theory Test to receive a completion certificate at every level – a requirement of the RCM.**

TUITION PAYMENT

Payment for the school year may be made in advance by credit card or pre-authorized debit. When enrolling in a shorter activity, payment must be made in full at least one week before participation begins. Tuition paid by credit card will include a 3.5% fee charged by a 3rd party provider, and not by the school.

Method of Payment

3 Modes of Payment:



Option 1. In Full

- Registration and tuition fees are paid in full, by September.



Option 2. Three Installments

- Registration fee is paid in September.
- Tuition fees are scheduled for three equal installments on September 1st, December 1st and March 1st.



Option 3. Equalized Monthly Installments

- Registration fee is paid in September.
- Tuition fees are scheduled in equalized monthly installments for the 1st of every month registered in the Term.
- There is a 3% service fee monthly charge for this option.

\$50 – NSF Charge for any declined payment.

There is no tax on music lessons.

Deposit:

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is paid to secure your spot in a Program and/or Weekly Private Lesson. This deposit goes towards the student's yearly tuition and is deducted from the total amount.

Discounts:

- All rates reflect discounted Academic Term rates.
- Siblings receive an additional 10% off group classes.
- Multi-discipline private lesson study receive an additional 5% off group class tuition.
- Semi-private lessons (2:1 private) available for a reduced tuition rate.



Register online:
www.cwmusic.ca/programs

SCHOOL POLICY

MISSED LESSONS & CANCELLATIONS

Registration implies agreement to the CW Music Ltd. School Policy as follows:

CW Music Ltd. School Policy

Attendance & Missed Lessons

- **Group Classes: No make-ups or refunds**
- **Private Lessons:** Makeup lessons are offered at the discretion and availability of the instructor. Rescheduling lessons is a courtesy, not an obligation, offered by the instructor. **Booking staff do not manage makeup classes. Students are responsible for notifying the instructor of needed makeup lessons 48 hours in advance via the Student Portal.**
- No refunds for absences
- Online Lesson option if In-Person make-up is not possible
- Online lessons possible with short notice for illness
- Instructor absences will be made up or refunded

Changing Instructors

- Two weeks written notice required

Withdrawals, Credits and Refunds

- **Group Classes:** Credit if withdrawing up to two weeks before start. No refund once class begins.
- **Private Lessons:** A \$50 administration fee is applied to all withdrawal requests. Students withdrawing within the first month of a term must provide 7 days' written notice and will be refunded minus fees and attended lessons (charged at drop-in rate). No refunds after 2 months, but transfers may be possible. Teacher/discipline changes require fair reason and 2 weeks' written notice for a full refund before the term starts.

Additional Policies found at www.cwmusic.ca/school-policy

- Client Non-Circumvention
- Limitation of Liability
- Client/Teacher Disputes
- Photographs
- Emergency Contact Information

NEUROSCIENTISTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED that learning to play an instrument or sing leads to changes in a child's brain that make it more likely they will reach their full cognitive and academic potential.



MUSIC
EDUCATION
CONTRIBUTES
TO COGNITIVE
DEVELOPMENT

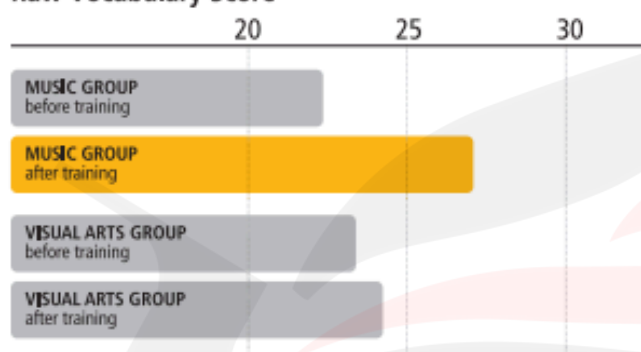


- STRONGER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BRAIN REGIONS
- MORE GREY MATTER
- IMPROVED BRAIN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION
- BETTER MEMORY AND ATTENTION
- HIGHER IQ

SPEECH AND READING

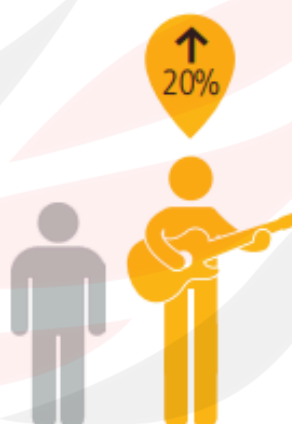
Young children taking music lessons showed dramatic improvement in their verbal intelligence after only four weeks of music training.¹

Raw Vocabulary Score



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The quality of a child's music education is linked to their academic achievement.²



Elementary school students in higher quality music education programs had **20% improvement** in standardized tests of English and math.²

COGNITIVE BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION

WORKING MEMORY

Individuals who are musically trained show better working memory abilities than those who are not. Working memory allows us to remember things and is crucial to mental arithmetic and reading comprehension.⁴

CREATIVITY

Scientists found a marked difference in communication between the right and left sides of the brain, which foster creativity, in individuals with musical training than in those without.⁵

IQ

In a study conducted through the University of Toronto, researchers showed greater increases in full-scale IQ scores among children in music lessons versus children in drama lessons or no extra lessons at all.³



“The theory of relativity occurred to me by intuition, and music is the driving force behind this intuition. My parents had me study the violin from the time I was six. My new discovery is the result of musical perception.” **Albert Einstein**



To download “The Benefits of Music Education” scan here or visit rcmusic.ca/resources

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I register after September?

The Academic Term runs from September - June. New students who register after September will have private lessons scheduled until August and will be honoured the Academic Term discounted rate.

Are there lessons on holidays?

There are no lessons on statutory holidays, spring break and winter break. Lessons that fall on holidays are not included in your invoice. Please refer to the School Calendar.

Is there tax on music lessons?

No.

Are there discounts?

Yes!

5% off Group Class tuition for any multi-discipline registration (e.g. theory + private lesson)

Siblings receive 10% off all group classes.

Do I have to take Music Theory Classes?

The short answer is no.

But, it is highly recommended to complement your music lesson with music theory as part of our Music Conservatory Program (see p.8). Certificates are awarded after completing each theory exam administered by The Royal Conservatory of Music.

What if I exhibit flu/cold symptoms the day of my class but feel well enough to have a lesson?

You are strongly recommended to still have your class, **but online** with your teacher at your regular lesson time. Contact your instructor via email for their correspondence or log in to your Student Portal.

Is there a discount if I study a lot of subjects?

Yes!

Our Programs are tailored to students who wish to study multiple disciplines (e.g. weekly private lesson + rock band) and therefore there is tuition savings for multiple-discipline studies.

Additionally, siblings get 10% off group classes.

Private Lesson students also get 5% off group studies!



Our

LESSON FORMAT

In-Person Lessons

- Please wait in the lobby for your teacher. Your lesson will begin at the scheduled lesson time.
- There is no extension of time if a student is late for class.
- Parents/Guardians are advised not to sit in on their children's classes; concerts will give opportunity to watch.
- No gum or sugary beverages near the instruments.
- Please bring your own writing utensils and notebook.
- If you develop cold or flu symptoms the day of your class, please do not attend; instead, we will arrange to have your class on Zoom the day-of.



Etiquette

- No food, gum or sugary drinks in class. Water breaks will be permitted.
- Dance students, please wear comfortable attire and supportive shoes.
- No foul language.
- If you must miss a Private Lesson, please log in to your Student Portal and make arrangements with 48 hour notice:
www.cwmusic.ca/student-portal
- Our teachers can be reached via their school email. In respect of their privacy, they will not give out their number.
- Teachers can burn out. If you must miss a class and wish to reschedule, please give us the courtesy of 48 hour notice via our student portal where you can choose your make-up-lesson time from your teacher's availability.
- Please do not expect your teacher to make up your class if you do not show up for class and/or are unable to give 48 hours notice via the Reschedule Form. Exceptions may include emergencies and medical reasons accompanied by a doctor's note.
- **We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.**

**CW MUSIC**

School of Music and Performing Arts

*Our school, our staff,
our students, our
community, our
Safe Place.*

CONCERTS

Our students are at the heart of everything we do.

Concerts

CW Performing Arts offers the opportunity for students to perform in a professional setting in front of a supportive audience of friends and family.

Concerts take place in December and June. Certificates and Special Awards are given to students at the end of each concert.

The concert stage is a place for students to gain confidence and share music, dance or other subjects that they have been studying during the Term.

Teachers will encourage performances at a CW Concert, but never force. A teacher has been in the shoes of their students and recognizes how stressful it can be to perform in front of an audience, yet the teacher also knows how important performances are in shaping their own music ability (and career) which is experience they pass on to their students. If a student opts out of performing in a concert, it would be beneficial for the student and the parent to at least be in attendance to be a part of the warmth that comes from watching performances in a welcoming environment.

No Ticket Purchase Necessary

Concert Fees are included in your invoice for both December and June concerts (if applicable). No ticket purchase necessary. This includes unlimited guests and there is no additional charge per student within the same family household.

Concert Fees help our school cover costs to host concerts and concert productions, awards and administrative work.



Our students are our inspiration. We are so grateful to have stories of students starting lessons in their elementary years and later going on to study music in university; becoming teachers themselves; sharing music in their communities for a charitable cause; becoming musicians in their church; and so on...

For all these stories and more, we are so proud to be a part of your journey.

Students including those in our award-winning CW Music Rock Band program have performed on CTV, Vancouver Television, with Kean Cipriano Tour at Massey Theatre, with Sheryn Regis (Crystal Voice of Asia) at Aria Convention Centre, Canada Day Parade, Minion Tour (promotion of Despicable Me 2, Universal Pictures) at Playland, and internationally in the Philippines for a benefit concert to support at-risk children.

Our school recognizes the importance of giving back to our community and prepare students for opportunities to share their talent for a cause.

CW Music has raised over \$20,000.00 for the BC Cancer Foundation, Tour de Cure, and has performed locally and internationally to benefit charity.





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