



# CW Music & Performing Arts School

*Established in 2002*

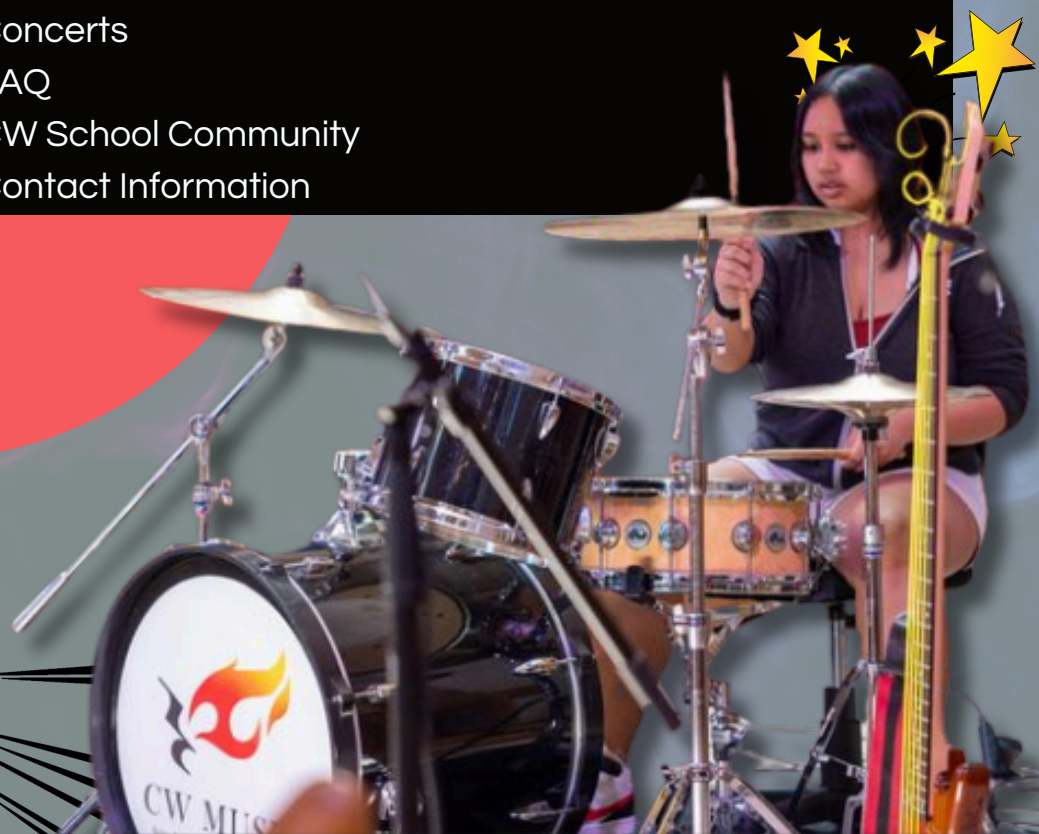


2026-2027 INFORMATION BOOKLET

CW MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL  
INFORMATION BOOKLET

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# Our STORY



Established in 2002, CW School of Music & Performing Arts is dedicated to helping students of all ages reach their goals and find inspiration.

Our skilled instructors provide a unique and tailored approach to learning, encouraging creative individuals to develop a richer appreciation for their studies.

We offer a non-competitive arts education focused on individual excellence, with biannual concerts and other community performances.

Classes are available in various disciplines, including piano, voice, guitar, drums, dance, and more, both in-person and online.

Our unique programs allow for multi-discipline lessons at a savings.

Additionally, we provide **Music Therapy** for all ages, with government funding available for eligible clients, including autism funding through the Ministry of Children & Family Development.

We look forward to sharing the stage with you!

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

*-Plato*



# WELCOME MESSAGE



## Welcome to CW Music & Performing Arts!

We are delighted to welcome you to our community of musicians and lifelong learners. Congratulations on your decision to invest in your or your child's growth through music education, which nurtures confidence, creativity, discipline, and self-expression – skills that enhance both academic and personal development, on and off the stage.

Our aim is to cultivate a **supportive environment where every student can flourish**, whether they are beginning their musical journey or refining their skills. As a valued student, you can look forward to:

- Tailored instruction
- Opportunities to perform
- A friendly & supportive community (*CW Fam is #1!*)
- Programs that encourage musical excellence and confidence
- Years filled with celebration, laughter, and unforgettable moments!

We advocate for consistent lessons, regular practice, and active participation in performances and collaborations. Remember, **progress in music occurs one lesson at a time, and we honor each achievement along the way.**

On behalf of everyone at CW, **thank you for entrusting us** with your or your child's musical education. We eagerly anticipate an exciting year filled with learning and memorable experiences. Welcome aboard—we can't wait to create music together!

**Warm regards,**  
Christine Adela (Director of Music) &  
The CW Music & Performing Arts Team



*Inspiring Creativity. Building Confidence. Creating Lifelong Musicians.*

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# SCHOOL POLICY

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

## ATTENDANCE & MAKE-UPS

**Group Classes:** No make-ups or refunds. Lessons take place regardless of a student's absence.

**Private Lessons:** 48 hours notice required to reschedule. Book an Open Slot via the Student Portal, or your instructor will reach out if no slot is available.

Important Notes:

- Make-ups are offered at the instructor's discretion and are not guaranteed. They are a courtesy and not an obligation for the teacher to accommodate requests outside their regular teaching hours.
- More than two rescheduling requests during the term may be seen as excessive and could be difficult to accommodate due to the instructor's schedule and other commitments.
- No refunds will be issued for absences.

Additional Information:

- An online lesson can be used to make up for an in-person lesson, and vice versa.
- Same-day online lessons may be available in cases of illness.
- Any absences on the instructor's part will be made up or refunded.

## CHANGING INSTRUCTORS

Two weeks written notice required.

## WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS

**Group Classes:** Credit if withdrawing up to two weeks before start. No refund once class begins.

**Private Lesson Withdrawals:**

- Enrollment reserves a weekly lesson slot for the full 10-month Academic Term (Sept-June) or Extended Term (from start date to August).
- Students may transfer their lesson time to another household member, subject to availability.
- Unforeseen withdrawals require a completed Withdrawal Form. A withdrawal fee equal to two months' tuition applies.
- Withdrawal within the first month of the Academic Term requires seven (7) days' notice. Lessons attended are recalculated at the drop-in rate and any balance owing will be paid to the school and/or refunded to the client if applicable.
- No refunds after two (2) months of enrollment. Lesson transfers to another family member or alternative program may be considered case-by-case.
- Instructor or discipline change requests require written notice with a reasonable explanation, minimum two weeks' notice, and approval.



## ADDITIONAL POLICIES

Client Non-Circumvention • Limitation of Liability — full details at [www.cwmusic.ca/school-policy](http://www.cwmusic.ca/school-policy)



# 2026-2027 Music Lesson Fees & Term-Enrollment Discounts

## PROGRAMS:

- Conservatory: Private Lesson + Group Theory
- A Sparks: Group learning, ages 3-5
- B: Sparks: Group learning, ages 6-17
- Performance: Private Lesson + Rockband
- Triple Threat: Private Lesson + Theory + Rockband



## PRACTICAL STUDIES (Private Lessons):

Weekly one-on-one lessons with a dedicated teacher, running the full academic term (35-39 weeks, September to June).

**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 & News

The majority of communication is done via email and our **STUDENT PORTAL**. Teens can be added to the portal so they can view their own lesson calendar and receive their teacher's lesson notes directly.

Follow us on **YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram!**

@CWMusicVancouver



## SCHEDULING:

**Private Lesson** time and fees are based on the total number of weeks and lesson length (30, 45, or 60 min). Clients receive a customized invoice based on the day of the week the lesson falls on.

**Group Classes** run throughout the week. The final class each term falls the week of a concert (December & June). **Please refer to school calendar.**

**Breaks & Holidays:** No lessons or charges during school breaks & stat holidays.

**Late Enrollment:** Students joining in January or later continue through August at a discounted rate (Extended Term).

**Semi-Private:** Available for 2-3 students.

## Group Courses

- Performance Rockband
- Group Guitar, Ukulele, Piano
- RCM Music Theory
- Musical Theatre

GENERAL INFORMATION

# Registration Steps

A

## Fill Up Registration Form

Visit our website and fill up the **online registration form** with your details, contact information, and preferred lesson type. [www.cwmusic.ca/programs/#register](http://www.cwmusic.ca/programs/#register)

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## Choose your Program

**Conservatory:** Private Lesson + Group Theory

**A Sparks:** Group learning, ages 3-5 (includes group piano, group ukulele, mini jamz rockband)

**B: Sparks:** Group learning, ages 6-17 (includes group piano, group ukulele, jr jamz rockband, theatre)

**Performance:** Private Lesson + Rockband

**Triple Threat:** Private Lesson + Theory + Rockband

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## Choose Your Schedule

Private Lessons: **30, 45, 60 minute options**

- Private lessons depend on the availability of instructors. Our booking staff will inform you of available times, which are reserved on a first-come basis.

Group course schedules may vary and will be provided at the time of registration.

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## Complete Payment

Our booking staff will provide a **customized invoice and schedule**. To reserve your weekly lesson time slot, a **non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required and credited to your tuition balance**. The tuition **balance can be paid in full or in pre-authorized installments** (3 monthly or monthly installments), see p.8 "Modes of Payment" for more details. **There is no tax on music lessons.**

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## Receive Confirmation Email & Access Portal

Upon registration confirmation, you will receive a confirmation email, and your lessons will be added to the Student Portal Calendar.

Refer to page 8 for detailed instructions on how to reschedule any classes and review our Lesson Cancellation policy. **You're ready for lessons—see you on stage!**

# TUITION PAYMENT

Payments for the school year can be made in advance via credit card or pre-authorized debit. For shorter activities, full payment is required at least one week prior to participation. Note that credit card payments incur a 3.5% fee from a third-party provider, not the school.

## Method of Payment

### 3 Modes of Payment:



#### Option 1. In Full

- Registration and tuition fees are paid in full.



#### Option 2. Three Installments

- Registration fee is paid in September.
- Tuition fees are scheduled for three equal installments (e.g. September, December, March)



#### 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:

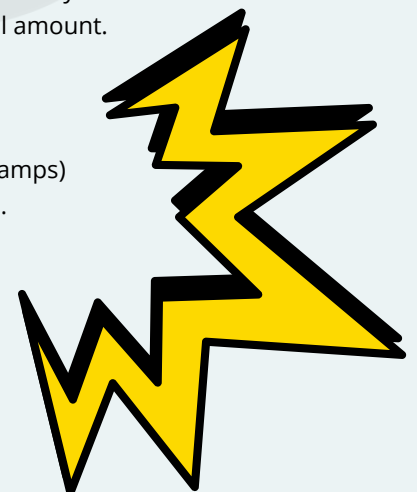
A \$100 non-refundable deposit is paid to secure your spot in a Program and/or Weekly Private Lesson. This deposit goes towards the student's yearly tuition and is deducted from the total amount.

#### Discounts:

- All rates reflect discounted Academic Term rates.
- Siblings receive an additional 10% off group classes (A Sparks, B Sparks, Music Camps)
- Term Program enrollment pupils 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](http://www.cwmusic.ca/programs)



# STUDENT PORTAL



www.cwmusic.ca/student-portal



# 1

## STUDENT PORTAL ACCESS

Log in to your Student Portal to view your:

- Class Schedule
- Re-Schedule a Lesson\*
- Lesson Notes
- Concert News and more!

If your child has an e-mail address and you would like for them to also have access, please inform us!

Student Portal

Login

Email address  
Enter email

Password  
Password

I am using a public or shared computer

Login

Forgot your password?

# GASP!

## NEED TO MISS A LESSON?

You will need to cancel your lesson at least 48 hours in advance in the Student Portal. The system will then give you a 'Makeup Credit' that you can use any time before the end of the Term to schedule a 'Makeup' Lesson.' Text message, voice mail & email will NOT suffice for 48 hours notice.

[\\*www.cwmusic.ca/school-policy](http://www.cwmusic.ca/school-policy)



# 2

## CANCEL A LESSON

1. Navigate to "Calendar" from the main menu of the left.
2. Click on the lesson/event you wish to cancel.
3. Select "Cancel Attendance" from the event pop-up.
4. Read the cancellation policy text and click "Yes" to confirm the cancellation.

If you wish, there is an option to add a "Note to Teacher" while cancelling the lesson

Thursday June 01, 2023

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Christine Adela

Online

1 Attendee

Your name

Cancel Lesson

# 3

## USE 'MAKE-UP' CREDIT

- Navigate to "Calendar"
- Click on a teacher's Open slot which is marked by three arrows.
- 'Register' and 'Use Make Up' credit.

Thursday May 25, 2023

Make-Up Credit Required

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Christine Adela

Online

0/1 Spots Taken

Register



*Our*

# LESSON FORMAT

## In-Person Lessons

- Please wait in the lobby for your teacher; lessons start at the scheduled time.
- Late students will not receive extra time.
- Weekly lesson times are reserved, and teachers are compensated regardless of attendance.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged not to attend classes; concerts will provide observation opportunities.
- No gum or sugary drinks near instruments.
- Bring your own writing utensils and notebook.
- Do not attend class if you have cold or flu symptoms; Online session can be arranged at the same lesson time.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before class.



## Etiquette

- No food, gum, or sugary drinks allowed; water bottles ok!
- Please do not throw food-waste in our bins as we do not generate food waste as per our license agreement.
- Use respectful language towards staff and peers.
- Notify via the Student Portal at least 48 hours in advance for Private Lesson cancellations via the Student Portal.
- Teachers can be contacted through email; personal numbers are private and not provided by the school.
- Limit rescheduling requests to two per term; excessive cancellations are difficult for teachers to arrange and can lead to burn out.
- Make-up classes are not guaranteed without prior notice; emergencies may be exceptions with a doctor's note.
- We acknowledge the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the X<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and Selílw itulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations where we live, work, and play.



**CW MUSIC**  
 School of Music and Performing Arts

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

# PROGRAM *Tuition*

## A: SPARKS

September - June  
Ages 3-5

Ukulele Kids / Piano  
Rainbow Stars  
Mini Jamz



**\$71 / mo.**  
sibling 10% off

## B: SPARKS

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

Group Ukulele & Class Piano  
Musical Theatre  
Junior Jamz



**\$129 / mo.**  
sibling 10% off

## CONSERVATORY

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson  
Weekly RCM Group Theory  
Solo Performances  
Group Performances



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

## TRIPLE-THREAT

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson  
Weekly Group Program:  
Rockband or B Sparks  
Weekly RCM Group Theory  
Solo Performances  
Group Performances



**~\$260 - \$350 / mo.\***

## PERFORMANCE

September - June

Weekly Private Lesson  
Weekly Rock Band Rehearsal  
Group Performances  
Solo Performances



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



\*Monthly rates are estimates and may vary based on:

- The length of the private lesson (30, 45, or 60 minutes)
- The day of the week the private lesson occurs (e.g. 35-39 sessions, excluding Holidays).

## DISCOUNT

## DETAILS

<b>Academic Term Tuition</b>	Full-year students receive discounted rates vs. drop-in lessons.
<b>Conservatory Program</b>	5% off RCM Group Theory when enrolled in private lessons.
<b>Performance Program</b>	5% off Rockband tuition when enrolled in private lessons.
<b>Sibling Discount</b>	10% off A Sparks, B Sparks, and Summer Camp classes.
<b>Concert Fee</b>	One fee per household, regardless of number of students.
<b>Late Enrollment</b>	Jan 2027+ students continue through Summer at term rate.
<b>Tax Exempt</b>	Music lessons in BC are tax exempt.
<b>Registration Fee</b>	\$25/student/term — covers admin and portal access.

## 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.

### PIANO LESONS at CW:

Please refer to p. 22 Piano Curriculum for integrated Theory lessons, otherwise Group Theory Lessons are available.

### Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program

Levels 1 - 4 (Beginner)

Levels 5 - 8 (Intermediate)

Levels 9, 10, ARCT (Advanced)

**Practical:** These are 1:1 Private Lessons and may consist of performance repertoire, etudes or vocalises, technical tests, aural skills, sight reading/singing.

**Theory, Harmony, History:** These subject 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.

For more information refer to p.18 Conservatory Program



	Academic Term Discounted Rate	~Monthly (Approx.)	Drop-in/Trial (No term)
30 minutes:	\$39 per session	~\$139 / mo.	\$45 per session
45 minutes:	\$58 per session	~\$208 / mo.	\$65 per session
60 minutes:	\$75 per session	~\$270 / mo.	\$85 per session



**The Royal Conservatory**<sup>®</sup>

The finest instrument is the mind.

## ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC THEORY COURSE

### 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

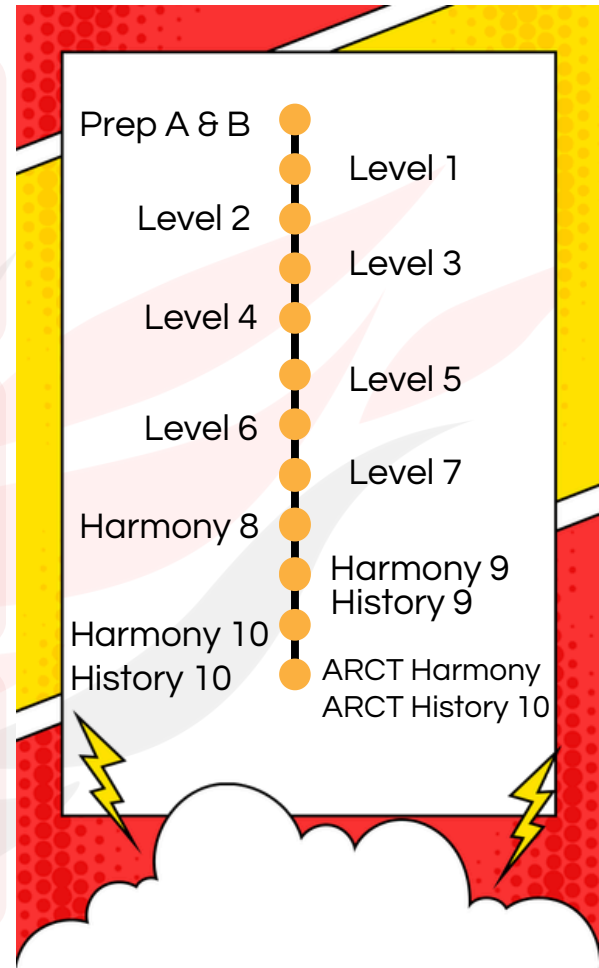
### Theory Level 5 - 8 (Group)

- **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

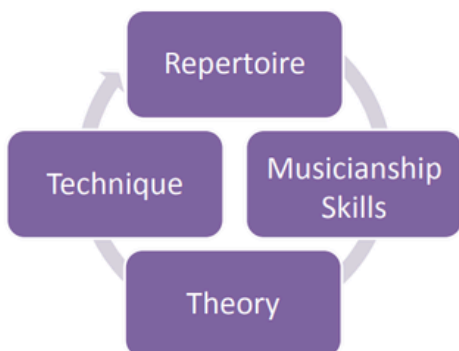
### Theory Level 9 & 10 (Group)

- **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



## Theory is Foundational



The components of the RCM Certificate Program are all interrelated.

Music literacy (theory) bolsters music learning in private lessons and gives students a deeper understanding of musical concepts.

The Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) requires successful completion of Theory Exams for certification beyond Level 5 in Practical Music Exams, highlighting music theory's importance in musical development. **It is advisable to start RCM Music Theory studies early to build a solid foundation, aiding progression through higher levels without gaps in knowledge.** Our school offers the RCM Theory Certificate Group Class as part of the CW Conservatory Program.



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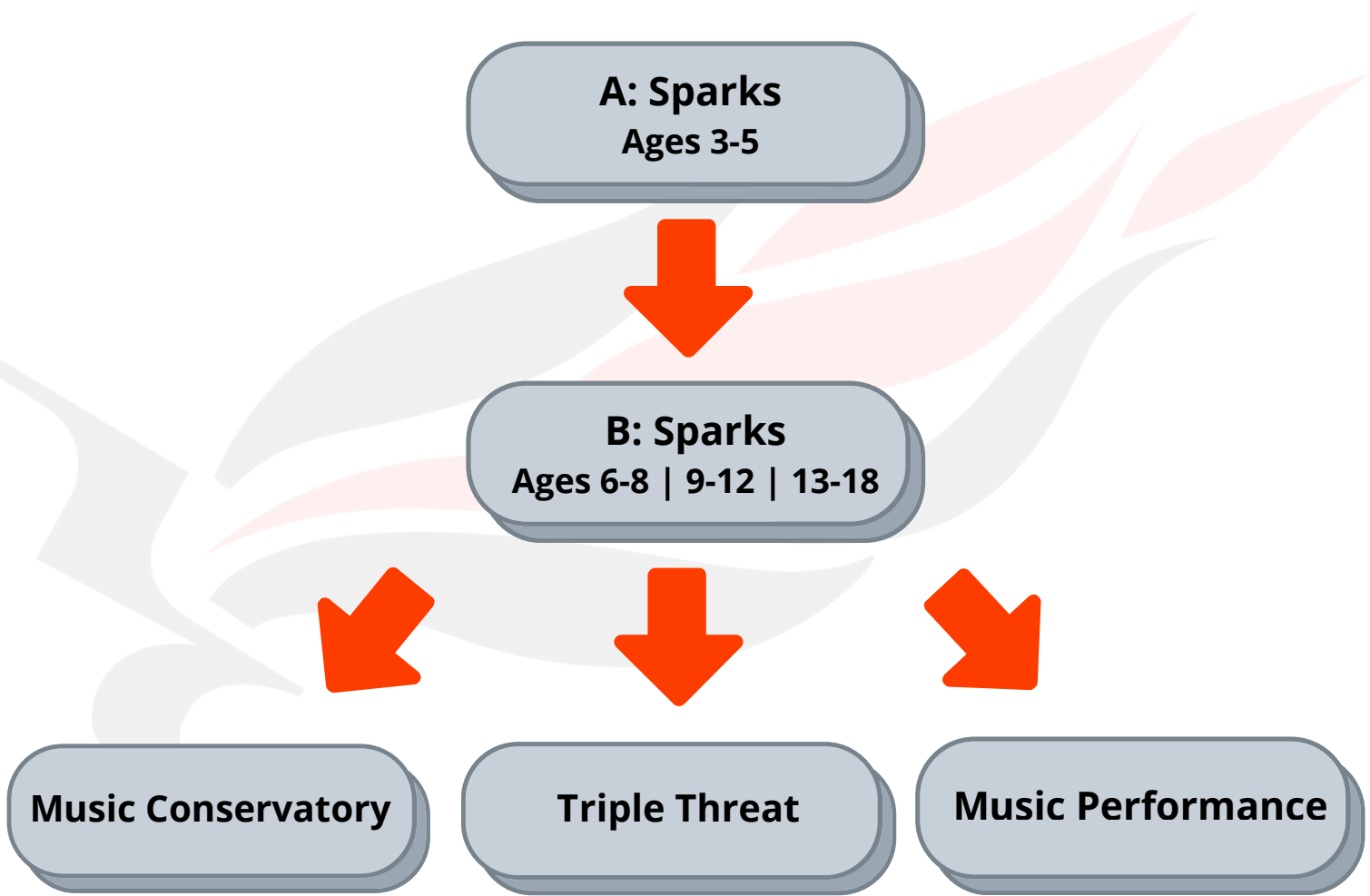
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- Holiday. No Class.
- No Class. Spring Break Camp only.
- Concert
- No group classes. Last days of private lessons.

# *Program* **ROADMAP**



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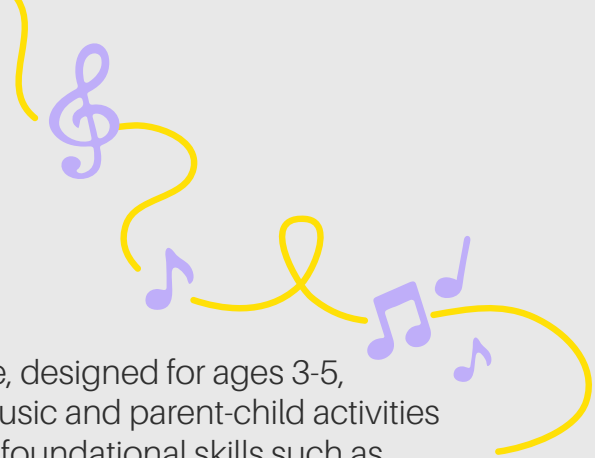
## *Our Mission*

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

# A: SPARKS

ages 3-5

Music classes help young children develop listening and coordination skills that are essential for their growth and future learning.



This course, designed for ages 3-5, includes music and parent-child activities to develop foundational skills such as rhythm, melody, and teamwork. Students progress to Mini Jamz Rockband, culminating in a performances in December and June.

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## COURSES

Ukulele Kids  
(parent + child)

Concerts in  
December and  
June

Group Piano

Mini Jamz  
Rockband

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## 2026-2027 SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 11:30 - 12:00 or THURSDAYS 4:30 - 5:00

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

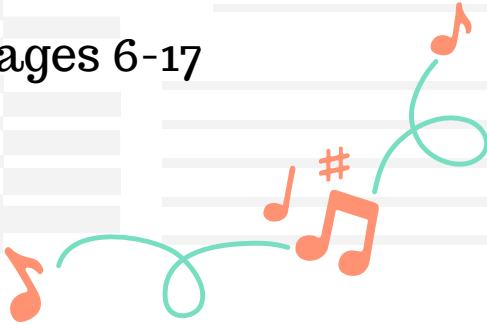
- 1 Weekly Group Class
- 2 Performance Opportunities
- Develop a sense of rhythm
- Explore different sounds and instruments through play.
- Practice keeping time with basic percussion instruments.
- Learn to perform as a group on stage.

[www.cwmusic.ca](http://www.cwmusic.ca)



# B: SPARKS

ages 6-17



Group music lessons for older beginners foster social learning and the exploration of various instruments, helping individuals discover which instrument sparks their interest.



B Sparks provides weekly lessons for beginners, from ages 6-17, focusing on music fundamentals and various instruments. Students engage in courses to enhance stage presence, teamwork, and coordination. They have the opportunity to explore different instruments to determine which instrument they gravitate to, before selecting further study in Private Lessons in the future.

## COURSES

Group Piano

Group Ukulele

Group Singing

Jr Jamz Rockband

## 2026-2027 SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 1:00 - 2:00 or THURSDAYS 5:15 - 6:15

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Weekly Group Class
- 2 Performance Opportunities (Dec & June)
- Learn to read and understand basic music notation.
- Explore various music instruments
- Engage in group activities to enhance teamwork and collaboration through music.
- Improve performance skills through regular practice and recitals.



[www.cwmusic.ca](http://www.cwmusic.ca)

# CONSERVATORY

The Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) Certificate Program is a comprehensive, internationally recognized system of music education.

**The Royal Conservatory**<sup>®</sup>  
The finest instrument is the mind.



The CW Music Conservatory Program emphasizes musical training, literacy, and enthusiasm for music. Students participate in December and June recitals, learn instrument techniques, and cultivate healthy practice habits. The program includes a structured Music Theory curriculum from Preparatory to level 10, with Certificates of Achievement awarded for completing Royal Conservatory of Music exams at a national standard.

## COURSES

### RCM THEORY:

Elementary: Levels 1-4  
Intermediate: Levels 5-8  
Advance: Levels 9 & 10

### RCM HISTORY:

Advance: Levels 9 & 10

### RCM Exams:

**THEORY**  
RCM Elementary levels are not subject to testing.

**Levels 5-10: At this stage, Theory Exams become a RCM Level Completion requirement.**

**Practical Music**  
Levels 1-10  
(e.g., Piano Exam)

### PRACTICAL STUDIES: Private Lesson Series for Piano, Voice, Guitar, Drums, or Violin

Repertoire, Etudes, Ear  
Training & Sight  
Reading, Technical

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Weekly Private Lesson
- 1 Weekly Group Theory session
- Improve and bolster music literacy
- Celebrate Achievement: students complete a formal RCM exam to earn their official Certificate of Standing. Awards presented at our June concert.
- Receive High school credit for exam completion (Levels 6-10)

<https://www.rcmusic.com/learning/examinations/high-school-credits-canada>

[www.cwmusic.ca](http://www.cwmusic.ca)

# PERFORMANCE

The face of the studio at public events.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Weekly Private Lesson
- 1 Weekly Group Rehearsal
- Develop an understanding of music and its application in both band settings and private practice.
- Enhance performance skills through focused practice and collaborative sessions.
- Performance-driven Rehearsals
- Build confidence in solo and group performances by integrating private lesson techniques with band experiences.

This program offers a comprehensive rock band experience, complete with instruments and performance chances. As a fast-paced, **performance-oriented** class, it requires students to practice both at home and during private lessons. Students must either be enrolled in private lessons for their designated instrument or have the instructor's approval. Weekly rehearsals last for one hour, and additional performance opportunities may be available. If a performance coincides with a rehearsal weekend, the concert will take the place of the rehearsal for that week.

## COURSES

**PRACTICAL STUDIES:**  
Private Lesson Series for Piano, Voice, Guitar, Drums, Violin, or Bass

**ROCKBAND:**  
Weekly Rehearsal

**PERFORMANCES:**  
December, June, and more



# Triple-Threat Musician



The all-rounded Musician

## Music Program Overview

Students will delve into music, theory, and ensemble collaboration as they gear up for performances. They enhance their skills through both private and group classes tailored to their proficiency levels, while also participating in rehearsals to bolster their confidence and stage presence. The program features a mix of a Rockband setting alongside a formal curriculum from the Royal Conservatory of Music.

## Who This Program Is For

This program is designed for musicians aiming to maximize their music education and pursue a career in the industry.

Many previous students have successfully transitioned into professional music careers and pursued post-secondary music education.

## COURSES

### Practical Studies:

Private Lesson Series for Piano, Voice, Guitar, Drums, Violin, or Bass

**Theory:** Levels 1 - 10

**Rockband:** Weekly Rehearsals

**Performances:** December, June, and more

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- All of the Conservatory Program goals
- All of the Performance Program goals
- Become a music professional



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# 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: \$270 / week

Siblings: 10% off



# MUSIC THERAPY

**The Canadian Association for Music Therapy** defines music therapy as the skilled use of music by accredited therapists to promote overall health. It aims to reduce stress and improve mood through activities like listening, singing, or playing instruments.

## FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

**Autism Funding from the BC Ministry of Children & Family Development** helps pay for eligible services that promote skill development for children living with autism.

### HOW TO APPLY (4 STEPS)

1. Manage your funding online with My Family Services
2. Get a diagnostic assessment
3. Meet with a Children & Youth with Special Needs Worker
4. Sign the funding agreement and hire **CW Music Ltd.**

### FUNDING AMOUNT

For children aged 6 to 18, up to **\$6,000 per year** per child can be used for Music Therapy or Behaviour Intervention. To choose CW Music Ltd. as your provider, complete a Request to Pay (RTP) form. We invoice the Ministry directly each month.

### OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS

- Funding available for children with autism via the **Ministry of Children and Family Development** (ages 6-19)
- Music therapy is generally not covered by health insurance, with exceptions like WorkSafe BC and ICBC
- ICBC funding may apply for individuals with head injuries who had prior musical involvement
- Additional support through adoption services, Variety Club, and CKNW

**Learn more:** [www.cwmusic.ca/music-therapy](http://www.cwmusic.ca/music-therapy)



# PIANO CURRICULUM



## RECOMMENDED START

Take at least 1-2 years of Piano Method Book study before starting any Curriculum studies.

## LEVEL DIFFERENCE

There is roughly a 2-year learning gap between Method Book levels and Royal Conservatory levels. See the equivalency chart on the next page.

Method Books = Piano Adventures (Faber) | Curriculum = Royal Conservatory of Music

## PIANO LESSONS 30 minute lesson 45 minute lesson 60 minute lesson

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

## IMPORTANT NOTE

To support later levels of RCM, it's essential to begin Music Theory studies in Year 1 alongside Method Books. This approach builds a strong theoretical foundation, easing the transition to higher levels and preventing knowledge gaps. Completing the RCM Theory exam is mandatory beyond level 5 as per the RCM syllabus.



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**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.**



## 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.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What if I register after September?

The Academic Term struts from September through June. Newcomers signing up post-September will enjoy private lessons straight through August while basking in the glory of the Academic Term's 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! Term discounted rates automatically apply. See p. 11 for the full list.

## Do I have to take Music Theory Classes?

The answer is no; however, for future music exams, the Royal Conservatory of Music requires level completion as a co-requisite. It is highly recommended to supplement music lessons with music theory, included in our Music Conservatory Program. Certificates are awarded for successfully completing each theory exam 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?

If you are well enough, you have the option to have your class **online** with your instructor at the scheduled lesson time. Please reach out to your instructor via email for further communication or log in to your Student Portal for additional information.

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

Absolutely! Our programs are like a buffet for the curious, perfect for students who want to juggle a few disciplines (think weekly private lessons plus rocking out with a band). The best part? You get a sweet tuition discount for mixing it up! Plus, siblings score a cool 10% off group classes, and private lesson students snag an extra 5% off group studies!



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, Metrotown Mall, 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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