



MUSIC TALK

"Christmas is the day that holds all time together" – Alexander Smith

'Tis the season!!!

DECEMBER 09

For many music students, the goals and plans for learning are often set around the term breaks, and the routine of an annual calendar of events. End of year concerts, performances, and exams represent important goals to work towards over the year, but what should expectations be over the summer months?

Continuity of lessons is important. As music learning is a long term project that requires the setting of both short and long term goals, there is no real "stop" to learning. Even though the Music Education Centre does close between Christmas and the New Year, students should be encouraged to already have an idea in mind as to what their next goal is, and be working on the path towards it.

Naturally the change in routine over the summer holidays makes it more of a challenge to keep to the regular practice habit that you might aim for. Remember though that music is a long term learning process, and if you unintentionally end up taking a short break from practice is not going to spell the end of your musical abilities. Certainly, maintaining the practice routine is the ideal, but it is more important to keep music fun and achievable.

Above all, the summer break is a time to enjoy the time to share music with friends and family. Make this Christmas a musical one!!!

"PERFORMER OF THE DAY" AWARDS

Congratulations to all the students that played wonderfully at the final Performance Afternoons for 2009. The audiences on both the North Shore and in West Auckland were treated to a fantastic variety of music. "Performer of the Day" Awards were presented to:

Natasha & Nikita Welch

Sang-Woo Kim

Patricia Salcedo

Charles Law

Callum Jacobi

Aram Vales

Congratulations!!!!

HOLIDAY ROCK PROGRAMME

18th – 23rd January 2010

Play in a real rock band! Specialist Tutors! Rock Performance! (and Lunches provided!)

Held at: *Dr Music, 56b Barrys Point Road, Takapuna.*

Limited Spaces

Contact Petia on **0272748223** for more details.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Most students will find an end of year report included with your statement. This is designed to provide constructive feedback about progress over the course of the year.

For some students, it can be more appropriate to discuss progress in person with your teacher directly. Please feel free to contact them through our centre - 0800 89 39 39

**On Behalf of all the Teachers
and Staff of the Music
Education Centre, we would
like to thank you for choosing
us to help you achieve your
musical goals over 2009.
We look forward to continuing
to see all our students succeed
in 2010.**

**In the meantime, have a
happy and safe festive season
and a prosperous New Year!**

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CENTRE**

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The Music Education Centre is proud to be closely associated with the North Shore Accordion Orchestra. Many of our students are involved with this organisation.

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!

The orchestra (NSAO) has just released a CD featuring a wide variety of music, from popular hits like "Flashdance" and Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours" to more serious works by the likes of Handel and Bach. This CD has something for everyone. All for just \$25.



These CDS are available through the Music Education Centre's North Shore Office. Call Lionel on 444-5654.

School Holidays

Most lessons at the Music Education Centre will continue though until SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER. Students that will be going away before this date should let their teacher know as soon as possible, or call our centre on : 0800 89 39 39

**Our office will reopen in 2010 from
Tuesday 5th January
Make sure you check your first
lesson date directly with your
teacher.**

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