



MUSIC TALK

"If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music" – *Gustav Mahler*

MUSIC MAKES THE WORLD GO AROUND

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There is an age-old saying – Music is the international language. At the heart of this is the principle of music being a form of communication. Traditional music from around the world has always featured as an integral part of celebration and culture, and indeed, for many people their music helps them identify themselves within a community.

In the age of "YouTube", and "Facebook", music continues to cross borders and languages even more than ever before. Turn on the radio on the other side of the world, and it will still be Lady Gaga topping the charts. Concert Halls will be featuring the music of the Bach, Mozart and even Gershwin. This universal understanding of music helps create a point of common interest, and allows people to connect on an emotional level.

Because music is a language, it stands to reason that those with the greatest vocabulary have the best opportunity to communicate music effectively. Students so often want to specialise in one particular area of music learning, however ultimately this leads to having a far more limited skill base to utilise later on.

A healthy musical diet needs to include a balance. Technique, interpretation, and musical theory all come together to develop a musician's playing ability. An understanding of structure, form, and varied styles create a well-rounded musician. To help with this area **Gabrielle Reid** is holding **Royal Schools of Music Theory Classes** at our "Glenfield Centre". For further information on class details please contact her on **444-5654**.

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DID YOU KNOW???

The Music Education Centre has been providing quality musical instruction since 1981?

The Music Education Centre has specialist teachers for 15 different instruments

We teach students from as young as 3 years, through to adults of retirement age (and everything in between!)

The Music Education Centre's website features news, photos and lesson information at www.musiceducation.co.nz

The Music Education Centre runs an annual teacher training course for its tutors.



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QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY.

The Music Education Centre office will be closed on:

MONDAY – 7th June

(Lessons run as normal over the rest of the Queens Birthday Weekend)

NEW LOOK ACCOUNTS

Over the coming months, students will start to see a new-look invoice/statement from the Music Education Centre. Our new lesson timetabling and billing software has taken some time to develop, and we are excited to finally start using this.

The new invoices show the dates of lessons charged more clearly, and also the software will allow us to show any lesson overpayments that can be allocated towards future lessons. (Previously overpayments were not able to be entered into our accounting system until after invoices were created).

While ultimately this new system should make information clearer and easier for students, we are aware that there is a possibility (as with any new software) that there may be a few teething problems. To ensure the accuracy during the changeover, we are going through a gradual process of billing selected students over a period of time.

MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE

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GOOD LUCK!!

Many of the Music Education Centre's accordion students will be competing at the upcoming New Zealand Accordion Association's New Zealand and South Pacific Accordion Championships at Queens Birthday Weekend.

In previous years, our students have achieved great success at this annual event, and we would like to wish all our competitors the very best of luck for the 2010 festival.



More information about the New Zealand Accordion Association and the competitions can be found online at:

www.accordion.co.nz

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