



the music education centre

EXCITING NEWS – A Great New Music School is opening up in Howick!

Since the late 1990's the Music Education Centre has been proud to offer the course of the international "Forte School of Music" through our centres and THIS MONTH we are opening a brand new "FORTE" school to offer the special benefits of our music teaching programmes to students of all ages in the Eastern Suburbs.

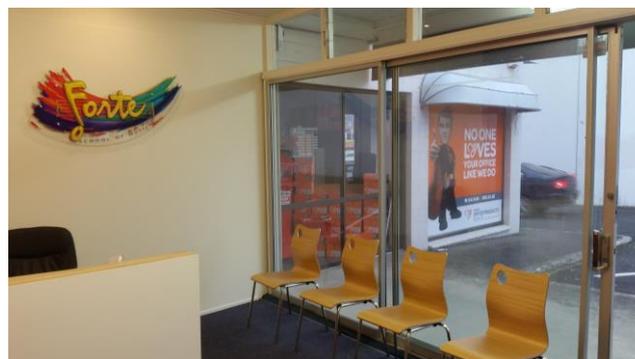
Founded in Brisbane over 21 years ago - the Forte School of Music introduced a new and exciting way to teach music to younger children. Using multi-sensory techniques and integrating technology into the group lesson environment, the Music Education Centre was very keen to start teaching these courses in New Zealand to add an extra dimension to the tuition we already provided.

Since that time, the centre has seen literally hundreds of young musicians get a great start in music, both with instrumental skills, and overall musicianship. Now we are very pleased to be opening our new centre under the Forte School of Music brand. The school will offer the same great introductory piano courses we offer at our other centres (Junior Keys and Music is Fun), together with individual tuition for older students. Particularly exciting for us though is the welcome return of "Jungle Music" a wonderful musical appreciation programme for children between 6 months and 3 years of age.

Although we only had Jungle Music at our Music Education Centres for a relatively short time, we have always believed in the wonderful foundation and appreciation for musical understanding that it provides to young children. Indeed one of the children who started in Jungle Music as a preschooler has continued learning with us and just sat her Grade 4 piano exam.

We hope you will help spread the word among your friends and family. Within 15 minutes drive of Panmure, Mt Wellington, Penrose, Manukau, and of course the closer suburbs of Pakuranga, Highland Park, Botany and Bucklands Beach, we look forward to seeing the Forte School of Music in Howick become a real hub of music making for the Eastern Suburbs.

For more information contact the Forte School directly on 534 2223, email howick@fortemusic.com or check out the website at www.fortemusic.co.nz.



Performance Afternoon

This term's performances are scheduled for
SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

These fun events are held each term to give students of all levels an opportunity to gain valuable on-stage experience, and this is all provided by the Music Education Centre free of charge. Why not get a group of friends and family together to come and support the budding musician in your family?

To book your performance talk to your teacher, or book directly onto the lists at each of our centre's receptions.

North Shore Performances will be held at the Takapuna War Memorial Hall at 2pm and 3pm, whilst the West Auckland performances will be at the Tirimoana School Hall at 1pm

HAVE YOUR STATEMENT EMAILED EACH MONTH

Thank you to those students who have requested delivery of their lesson invoice/statement by email. If you would like yours also delivered electronically each month, please let us know by emailing lessons@musiceducation.co.nz giving your student name and we will set this up for you. If you prefer to continue receiving your statement by post, you don't need to do anything.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The Music Education Centre is pleased to be able to offer students external examinations with some of the world's leading international music syllabuses. Congratulations to the following students who have recently had success in examinations over recent months.

ROCKSCHOOL (LONDON) EXAMINATIONS

Nathan Lee Brown	drums	Grade 1	86	<i>Teacher: Thomas Stein</i>
Jessica Warren	drums	Grade 1	94	<i>Teacher: AJ MacFarlane</i>
Luke Anthony Williams	guitar	Grade 1	86	<i>Teacher: Chris Chui</i>
Trixie Andrew	drums	Grade 2	90	<i>Teacher: John Rattle</i>
Alice K. Cawley	guitar	Grade 2	90	<i>Teacher: Chenny Chen</i>
Ian Gong	drums	Grade 2	80	<i>Teacher: AJ MacFarlane</i>
Caitlin Anne Grobler	guitar	Grade 2	90	<i>Teacher: Chenny Chen</i>
Rajin Ajay Morar	drums	Grade 2	84	<i>Teacher: John Rattle</i>
Nick Tait	guitar	Grade 2	87	<i>Teacher: Chris Chui</i>
Leo Chen	drums	Grade 3	82	<i>Teacher: Jared De Marigny</i>
Karam Matti	bass	Grade 3	84	<i>Teacher: Frank Yang</i>
Kyle Medemblik	drums	Grade 3	86	<i>Teacher: AJ MacFarlane</i>
Blake Morris	drums	Grade 3	82	<i>Teacher: Jared De Marigny</i>
Jordan Blake Smith	drums	Grade 3	81	<i>Teacher: AJ MacFarlane</i>
David Brian Carr	drums	Grade 4	82	<i>Teacher: John Rattle</i>
Joseph Mackay	guitar	Grade 4	78	<i>Teacher: Frank Yang</i>
Jordan Lim	guitar	Grade 6	90	<i>Teacher: Frank Yang</i>
Michael Adams	bass	Grade 8	95	<i>Teacher: Chenny Chen</i>
Matthew Ryland	guitar	Grade 8	90	<i>Teacher: Chenny Chen</i>
Matthew Ryland	drums	Grade 8	85	<i>Teacher: Shaun Malyon</i>

ACCORDION EXAMINATION BOARD OF NZ

Serena Hendry accordion Grade 5 (hons) *Teacher: Lionel Reekie*

2015 FORTE FESTIVAL

Yes it is that time of year again! Each September our youngest students take to the stage in an afternoon of music and merriment to show just how much FUN learning in our great "Forte" courses can be.

Entries for performers have now closed, however tickets to the festival are still available at each of our centre receptions.

Confirmation of the different session times will be sent to each of the performers within the next week or so, however the family pass ticket provides you and up to 8 people access to all sessions. Purchase yours as an "Earlybird" and receive a 33% over the regular price at the door!

The Brian Gerrard Theatre in Birkenhead is a perfect venue with a large auditorium, great lighting, and state of the art AV equipment. This is an exciting time for all of our students to perform in this type of venue, and of course all our participants receive their very own "gold" medallion to recognise all of the hard work and effort that goes in to give a great performance.



Lesson Accounts

As many of you probably already know, all the teachers rely directly on your payment for their income. Lesson fees for all of our tutors are banked temporarily into a teachers' trust account, and then the money is dispersed to them after your payment has cleared. This means that when your account is not paid on time, your teacher is missing out on the income they deserve.

Please make sure you give your lesson account your urgent attention as soon as you receive your invoice.

JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY

In the coming weeks, students should be receiving an email from us, inviting them to join our newsletter mailing list. This invitation will allow you to subscribe so you can stay up to date with the latest information, special offers, and helpful tips so you can get the very best out of your time learning music with us.

If we don't have your email address already, or you don't receive the invitation – don't worry.

Simply visit

www.musiceducationcentre.co.nz (note this is a different web address to our regular site) and you can join up there.

See you on-line soon!!!

