



the music education centre

" the joy of learning music is alive! "

Your destination for Music Education!

November signals exam season for many students – both at school and for their music.

With so many students tied up preparing for NCEA exams, practice can be hard to fit in - THIS IS WHY KEEPING YOUR LESSONS GOING IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT!

OUR TIPS!

Taking half an hour or so, to enjoy making music helps provide a positive use of leisure time and is a welcome distraction from having your head stuck in your books.

Above all - an opportunity to at least maintain the musical skills learnt throughout the year, so that once exams are over, you are well placed to continue on the road of musical progress!

LESSON ACCOUNTS

With the end of the year fast approaching, please make sure that you give your lesson invoice your prompt attention. For those students learning in our 'in-schools' programmes, your term invoice is now overdue. Remember, your teacher relies on your lesson payment for their income, and when you make payment late, it has a real effect on their income. Make sure you do your part to ensure that your teacher can enjoy a happy festive season, without having to worry about chasing lesson accounts at what should be a merry time of year.

Lesson fees will be adjusted for inflation at the start of 2013, with an increase of just \$1 per lesson (\$2 for one hour lessons).



Chat about music

on social.musiceducation.co.nz

" Do you listen to old stuff...or new stuff more...or a combination of both? Join in. "

PERFORMANCE AFTERNOONS

Have you got the 9th December marked in your diary yet? This is the last Performance Afternoon for 2012 – a great opportunity to celebrate your musical successes over the last 12 months.

Performance Lists are being put up at the end of November so you can book your performance times, at either the Takapuna War Memorial Hall, or the Tirimoana School Hall in Te Atatu. These afternoons are for students of any age, any instrument and any level!

It doesn't matter if you are only a beginner – what better way to start building self-confidence than doing so in front of a friendly and supportive audience.

Talk to your teacher to confirm which piece you would like to play and make sure that they book you in, as soon as the lists are up.





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EARLY CHILDHOOD

CLASSES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

We still have a few spaces in a couple of our introductory classes for 3-7 year olds! These great fun lessons focus on developing sound piano/keyboard skills. A great way to start developing the young musician in your family.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to come along for a trial lesson and get started before the end of the year.

Call the centre on 0800 89 39 39 and see whether we still have a suitable time slot for your child.

EXAM RESULTS

Although most students sitting external music examinations will not receive results until next month, we are pleased to acknowledge the following students successes.

Megan Wilkie - Grade 4 piano with merit – (Teacher: Kate Ellis)

Vanessa Xiong - Grade 2 piano with merit – (Teacher: Sandy Lin)

Keep an eye out in the December newsletter for many more exam results!



MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

MEC offers the internationally acclaimed "Forte School of Music" introductory classes for 3 to 7 year olds.

This programme is offered in dedicated Forte Schools across Australia and the UK as well as through our centre in NZ.

At the Forte School of Music conference held in Sydney last month, MEC received the award for encouraging the greatest number of young students to start benefitting from music through Forte's "Junior Keys" programme.

Forte's director, Gillian Erskine (the co-author of Alfred Publishing's ezi-learn series of tutor books and co-creator of the Forte School of Music courses) presented the award to Music Education Centre's Elena Reekie. It is great to see MEC acknowledged as a leader in music education!

ONLINE ACTIVITY AT MEC!

SOCIAL PAGE

Have checked out our social pages online yet? Why not scan this QR code with your phone and sign up to be a part of our special MEC community.

You can also follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/musiceducation.co.nz Help us reach 2000 'likes' we're not far off!

Also keep an eye out for our exciting new mobile site coming soon.

No matter where you are, the Music Education Centre will be there, where the "joy of learning music is alive!"



TEACHER RECRUITMENT

It is the time of year when we are looking at recruiting teachers to join our team for 2013. This is an invitation to all of our advanced level students, who may wish to look at gaining teaching experience to contact us.

If you have a formal examination qualification above Grade 8 level, or a tertiary degree or diploma in music, then you are already half way there! After an initial interview, you would be auditioned before selections are made for our teacher training course.

In previous years, MEC students often do a great job in their auditions – after all, they have had lessons from great teachers themselves!

Our teacher training course in January, is provided to potential teachers free of charge, to make sure that the standard of lessons given at our centres and through our in-schools programmes are of the highest possible quality. Part-time positions are available for most instruments. To find out more, or to book an interview time, call Lionel on (09) 444-5654.