



the music education centre

This month we want to extend a very warm welcome to all the new budding young musicians that have chosen to start their musical journey with us this month. Our in-schools programmes are all now in full swing, and even the junior classes at our centre are well into their first term of lessons. We hope you enjoy being a part of the Music Education Centre

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Although the Music Education Centre teaches people of all ages, the majority of our students are children. Music learning has been shown to have a very positive effect on a child's general education, and we also want to see all of our students have the best chance to reach their musical potential. In lessons, our teachers aim to inspire, motivate and of course, educate their students, but in most cases, this is only 30 minutes out of a week. For the other 10050 minutes it is up to the student to remember all that was covered and try to master the new skills taught before the next lesson.

Some parents believe that because they do not play an instrument themselves, they are unable to help their child between lessons. In reality there are a few things you can do to really help your child get the very best out of their music lessons.

1. Always be supportive and encouraging. Be quick with praise, and selective with criticism. There will always be a few wrong notes played when starting out on a new piece.
2. Take time to listen to your child play. Sending a child away to practice can make you appear disinterested.
3. Be realistic in your expectation of progress and practice. Sometimes, motivation can be low, and both progress and practice appear minimal, but mastery of an instrument takes a long time, and the path to success can be filled with valleys as well as peaks.
4. Talk to your child's teacher regularly. Don't be afraid to drop in to the last few minutes of a lesson, so that you can be kept up to date with your child's goals and progress.



SOLO GUITAR COURSE – for Intermediate to Advanced level students

A structured programme to help you refine your skills to make you "STAND OUT" as a solo guitarist.

Led by international recording artist and performer *Gabriele Campani*

Learn how to unleash the true versatility of guitar – integrating **melody, harmony** and **bass-line**.

Learn some of the techniques used by the world's leading guitar soloists such as Tommy Emmanuel and Eric Clapton.

With a focus on finger-style guitar, these techniques can be adapted to virtually any genre of music and can help you stand out as an expert guitarist.

For more details about this great course contact the Music Education Centre – 0800 89 39 39.

What: Finger-style Guitar Course

When: The second Saturday of each Month , 4-6pm

Where: Music Education Centre – 75 Bentley Ave, Glenfield

Eight x 2 hour session with one of the WORLD'S FOREMOST EXPERTS - \$300

LIMITED SPACES – ph 4445654 to enrol

LESSON ACCOUNTS

Our lessons are invoiced on either a monthly, term by term or 10 weekly basis (dependant upon which of our programmes you are enrolled in.) In all situations, our lessons are billed in advance and invoices should be paid in full upon receipt. (Forte students can pay in 3 instalments, - before the 1st, 4th and 8th lesson of each term.) Please make sure you avoid our \$5 per month late fee by ensuring your account is up to date.

The Music Education Centre is a leader is offering a variety of musical education options for students of all ages.

3 and 4 years – Music Is Fun. Part of our leading “Forte School of Music” programmes, this is a great start for young children to start on their musical journey. Incorporating song, movement, percussion and piano, this programme provides an excellent foundation, also introducing the basic skills required for music reading. A small group, 45 minutes, once a week, these lessons are held at our centres and in Ponsonby Intermediate.



4 to 6 years – Junior Keys Course. With a focus on piano skills, we believe that this programme is the VERY BEST way for younger beginners to start learning piano. Small group classes allow lessons to cover a diverse range of musical skills, whilst still encouraging children to have heaps of fun! Specifically designed for this age group, these classes have been shown to provide a much better general musical education than individual lessons when children are young.



7 years to adult – Individual lessons. With specialist teachers on a wide variety of instruments, our personalised tuition allows students to learn at their own pace. Whereas younger students invariably learn more in small groups, from the age of 7, individual lessons can be focussed to specific learning needs, and become the most effective way to develop mastery on an instrument. Whether it be piano or guitar, drums or violin, flute or singing, we can help develop the musician in YOUR family. The range of instruments available at each of our centres varies a little, but give our friendly office team a call on 0800 89 39 39 and we can advise the available times and locations for your to learn the instrument of your choice. Check out the list of instruments on the bottom of the front page to see the full range of options.

PERFORMANCE AFTERNOONS

Each term we host these events to give all of our students a platform to develop performance skills and confidence in front of a supportive audience. Performances are always free of charge and are open to students of any instrument, age, level or musical genre. The first Performance Afternoon for 2014 will be held on:

Sunday April 13th

North Shore: - Takapuna War Memorial Hall – The Strand, Takapuna

West Auckland – Tirimoana School Hall, - Kokiri Street, Te Atatu South.

Watch out for the performance lists getting put up in the centre waiting rooms, or feel free to ask your teacher for more details.

Our website is full of tips, hints, links to musical resources, newsletters and much more. Take a look at www.musiceducation.co.nz and remember to also follow us on Facebook.

Our team of staff are there to try to help you or your child reach their musical potential. In addition to our expert teachers, Mina, Christine, James, Henrietta, and Brittany, can answer most of your questions. Our in-schools manager, Gabrielle Reid is also available to assist students in those programmes. The general manager is Lionel Reekie. You can contact us on 0800 89 39 39