



the music education centre

## MAKING YOUR MUSIC MATTER

The Music Education Centre teachers believe in the tremendous value that performance brings to a student's overall musical education. There are a few simple things to remember when giving a performance, that can ensure both an enjoyable and successful outcome.

**NERVES.** For many first-time performers (and sometime even those that have been on stage many times) nerves are one of the greatest challenges to overcome. Those pre-stage jitters are not really a problem, and indeed can provide that little extra adrenalin to help make sure you have an edge in your performance. Remember that your audience is there to enjoy your performance, so even before your first note – they are on your side. Take a few deep breaths before you go on stage to get that oxygen to your brain, and take your time before you start.

**THINK POSITIVE.** It is very easy to focus on negative thoughts when you are on stage. Focussing on the negatives or potential problems often becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Instead focus on all the things you are good at. – Listen to the beautiful parts of your performance, and think about all the places you do well. Your audience will enjoy your playing much more if you are enjoying what you are doing.

**PREPARATION.** Nothing beats simply putting in the time and effort at home to master your new piece. Many play at home until they don't make mistakes – instead play until you CAN'T make mistakes. Also run through how you are going to announce yourself, and how to bow before you get on the stage. The better prepared you are, the more confident you will be of your ability to do a good job.

**JUST DO IT!** Take advantage of every opportunity to play for others. Mini-concerts for friends and family at home, class concerts at school, or Performance Afternoons run by our centre. The more you do something, the more you get used to it and the more comfortable you will be. The only way to improve is to actually do something. Celebrate your achievements, and be proud to show others how far you have already come.



## CARPARKING AT OUR HENDERSON CENTRE

The Music Education Centre enjoys a positive working relationship with our neighbouring business.

As students and parents are aware, there are times when car-parking is at a premium around our studios. Even so, we need to ensure that our neighbours have un-hindered access to their properties.

### STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE ASKED PLEASE TO PARK EITHER:

- In the marked spaces directly in front of our centre,
- In the parks to the right of the Kordia building (between the building and the road)

### PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME:

- In front of the gated and fenced area at the rear of the driveway (from the left hand side of "Kordia")
- In front of "Handy Crew" – (Unit D)
- In front of any of the Garage door entrances to Kordia.

The owners of these properties do sometimes require access and deliveries outside of normal business hours. If these are not kept clear, it is possible that your **vehicle will be towed**. We appreciate your co-operation and understanding, and we are sure you appreciate the needs of these other businesses to have unrestricted access to their own property.

There are a number of parking spaces also available for your use on the west side of RAILSIDE AVENUE, directly opposite our driveway, and also additional road parking further down on our side of the road. Thank you for continuing to respect the needs of our neighbours, and allowing us to maintain positive relationships in our community.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY LESSONS

The Music Education Centre office is open for telephone enquiries as normal over the school holiday period, and most centre teachers continue with lessons as normal. If you are going away, or wish to reschedule your lesson in the holiday period, please take directly with your teacher.

There are no lessons for our "Forte School of Music" classes or in-schools lessons in the school holidays.

## Payment Methods:

All Music Education Centre lessons are invoiced and **payable in advance**.

For your convenience, we accept **Eftpos, Credit Card, Cash, Cheque** or **Direct Credit payments**.

Please make sure your account is **paid in full upon receipt** so that we can maintain the continuity of your lessons.



## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN APRIL.**

THE MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON **FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup>** (Good Friday) **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** (Easter Monday) and **Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** (Anzac Day).

Please note that this has already been taken into account on your lesson invoice.



## **Performance Afternoons.**

Our first Performance Afternoons for 2014 are scheduled for **SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** April. The performances are open to students of all ages, levels, instruments and musical styles. This is a great way to develop confidence and presentation skills in a fun afternoon designed to encourage beginner students and to allow some of our more advanced players to develop and refine their performance technique.

Performance lists are up at each of the centres, so please mark your name down. Remember, to allow one line for each minute of your performance.

**WHERE:** Takapuna War Memorial Hall – The Strand AND Tirimoana School Hall – Kokiri Street

**WHEN:** **SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** April 2pm & 3pm (Takapuna) and 1pm (Tirimoana)



## **SOLO GUITAR COURSE**

Hurry!! We still have a few places left for this great opportunity to learn **ADVANCED FINGER-STYLE** technique. Designed for intermediate to advance level students as an **ENHANCEMENT** to their regular lessons, this course – 2 hours each month for 8 sessions is the **ideal way** to learn some of the skills used by the world's leading guitar superstars.

**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**

## **DON'T FORGET TO "LIKE" US ON**

**FACEBOOK.** Together with our website, this is a great way to stay abreast on the latest events and general news about how to get the best out of your musical education.

## **HOW TO GIVE YOUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN THE VERY BEST START IN MUSIC:**

Our very special "Forte School of Music" classes are designed for young children between the ages of 3 -7 a **FUN** and technically sound introduction to instrumental playing. New Trial classes will be offered after the holidays, so call us today on **0800 89 39 39** to reserve your place!