



FALL 2018 – WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Welcome everyone to a new academic year at Guelph School of Music (GSM).

Making Contact

Location: Guelph Youth Music Centre, 75 Cardigan Street, Guelph, N1H 3Z7.

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Facebook

We invite you to check out our Facebook Page. If the school is closed due to inclement weather, we will post this on our page. We also post information about our School Events and include items of interest such as music education and music videos.

Performance Classes

Performance classes are held for private voice and instrumental students once each Session. The goal of these classes is to help students become more comfortable performing in front of others so that they will be able to share their talents with confidence. Teachers will inform parents and students of exact dates and times.

Communication

1. In our effort to 'go green', invoices, receipts and newsletters will be sent via email. Please add officeadministrator@guelphschoolofmusic.ca AND tracey@guelphschoolofmusic.ca to your contact list in order that our communications do not end up in your spam folder. If you require paper copies, please email the office administrator officeadministrator@guelphschoolofmusic.ca or call the office at 519-763-4181.
2. Please notify us of any change in your contact information such as mailing address, email address and phone number.

Scent-Free Studios

Many people are extremely sensitive to perfumes, hairspray, colognes, aftershave and other scented products. Please refrain from wearing them in our teaching studios.

Flu Prevention Measures

The following are some very simple steps we can all take to help keep everyone at GSM healthy.

1. Wash your hands thoroughly before entering the music studio
2. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve rather than into your hands
3. Wash your hands after blowing your nose.
4. Do not come to lessons if you are ill or if you were too ill to go to school/work on this day.

Inclement Weather Policy

When the Guelph Youth Music Centre building is closed due to inclement weather, Guelph School of Music is closed and lessons will not be made up. Your teacher will inform you if your lessons are cancelled due to building closure and you can also check our Guelph School of Music Facebook Page.

Music Lessons during School Hours

"A child is excused from attendance at school if, the child is absent from school for the purpose of receiving instruction in music and the period of absence does not exceed one-half day in any week" — Ontario Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER E.2, Part II, ss.21(2)(e)

Recital Dates

Winter Recitals: Saturday January 26 & Sunday January 27, 2019

Spring Recitals: Saturday June 8 & Sunday June 9, 2019

GSM Holidays: There are no lessons or classes scheduled on the following dates:

Thanksgiving Weekend: Saturday October 6 – Monday October 8/18

Halloween: Wednesday October 31/18.

Christmas Break: Sunday December 22/18 to Sunday January 6/19

Family Day Weekend: Saturday February 16 – Monday February 18/19

March Break: Monday March 11 – Sunday March 17/19

Easter Weekend: Friday April 19 – Monday April 22/19

Victoria Day Weekend: Saturday May 18 – Monday May 20/19

Some teachers may have schedule variances. Your teacher will inform you of any changes.

GYMC and GSM

The Guelph Youth Music Centre rents out studio space to many schools and organizations including our school, as well as the Guelph Youth Choir, the Suzuki String School of Guelph, and Music Together etc. They also run their own programmes such as Kids Chorus, Do Re Mi and the Guelph Youth Music Centre Orchestra.

Guelph School of Music rents studio space by the hour from the Guelph Youth Music Centre in a yearly contract. TheGYMC office oversees the running of the building but GSM is a separate entity that is housed in the building.