



SPRING – SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

The Guelph School of Music

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Returning Student Registration

Registration packages for the 2019-20 academic year will be distributed beginning Mar 29. There is an option to register online from our website: <http://guelphschoolofmusic.ca/returning-student-registration-form/>

Students who register on or before April 20 can take advantage of the Early Bird School Fee of \$185 versus the Regular School Fee of \$215. The School Fee can be paid by current date cheque, cash or e-transfer. E-transfer payments can be sent to tracey@guelphschoolofmusic.ca. Upon receipt of your Registration Form and School Fee, an invoice for lesson/class fees will be emailed out from our office administrator Linda McConnell by May 1st, via the address you provide on your form. Details of payment method, fee amounts and payment dates will be included on the invoice. Our receipt of lesson fees by May 25 will reserve lesson time in your teacher's schedule.

Faculty News

Tracey Clarke-Rankine: After over 40 years of teaching piano lessons to students of all ages and levels, Tracey Clarke-Rankine will be retiring from regular teaching in June 2019. She is thankful to have had a career where she could share her passion for music and the piano with her students. She will continue as director and substitute teacher.

Kelly Williamson: Kelly Williamson will not be returning to teach at Guelph School of Music in September. We wish her all the very best in the future and thank her for her wonderful teaching.

Guelph Youth Music Centre Scent-Free Policy

The Guelph Youth Music Centre has implemented a Scent Free Building Policy. Many people are extremely sensitive to perfumes, hairspray, colognes, aftershave and other scented products. Please refrain from wearing them in the building.

Spring Recitals: June 8 and June 9

Please mark your calendar and invite your friends and family to attend our Spring Student Recitals at the Guelph Youth Music Centre Recital Hall. Students may perform one solo and one chamber piece.

These events are formal occasions with regard to dress code. Performance dress consists of dress pants/skirt, shirt/blouse/sweater, dresses, shoes that are easy to walk and pedal in. Please Note: stilettos, flip flops, shorts, t-shirts, jeans, or yoga wear are not acceptable dress.

Please bring a refreshment item to share at the post recital reception such as baked goods, fruit plate, juice or cheese and crackers. Please avoid nuts and nut products. Admission is free, but donations to the Leslie Wyber Music Scholarship Fund are most welcome. Exact day/time tba by your teacher.

Leslie Wyber Music Scholarships- Application Deadline May 1.

These scholarships were established in honour of Leslie Wyber who founded The Guelph School of Music in 1997 and are awarded to students studying at the school. The scholarships will be presented at the annual Guelph School of Music Spring Recital. Applications can be downloaded from our website:

<http://guelphschoolofmusic.ca/scholarship/>

1. *Community Connection Scholarship*: This scholarship will go to the student that shows the most achievement with her/his music in areas of community involvement. Participation in community groups, faith groups, festivals and competitions are all ways that students can reach out to the community and showcase and share their musical talents.

2. *Artistic Advancement Scholarship*: The Artistic Advancement Scholarship will be given in recognition of a student who has shown determined, consistent dedication to improvement of their musical skills, through disciplined practice routines.

3. *Excellence Scholarship*: The Excellence Scholarship will be awarded to the student that has shown exceptional musicianship and accelerated improvement in their musical skills through the year.

Please note: Scholarships are funded exclusively from donations received at GSM Recitals

School Holidays:

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

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

Last Regularly Scheduled Lessons in June 2019

Mondays June 11

Tuesdays June 4

Wednesdays June 12

Thursdays June 6

Fridays June 7

Saturdays June 15

Any lessons that teachers canceled due to illness will be made-up by special arrangement with you and your teacher.

Summer Lessons 2019

Having lessons over the summer is beneficial for the student because a break of almost 3 months without regular lessons and practice means that September lessons are often spent in review rather than learning new material. Summer lessons can be scheduled around student and teacher vacations. There is no required amount of lessons during the summer.

Olga Zeidel and Matthew Gartshore will be offering summer lessons in piano and theory. If Matthew or Olga is your regular teacher, please contact them directly to set up the lessons. If you wish summer piano or theory lessons but your regular teacher is not teaching this summer, please contact Tracey to arrange. tracey@guelphschoolofmusic.ca

The First Day of Lessons in September 2019 is Saturday September 7

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