

iMA Newsletter



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WELCOMING OUR NEW STUDENTS

Jocelyn W. (piano)
Geneva W. (voice)
Jonathan W. (flute)
Clara K. (piano)
Sharon J. (violin)
Jenelle Y. (piano)
Yesha R. (guitar)
Kyle D. (piano)
Kai C. (piano/voice)

IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Elizabeth D., Angela L., Miguel B., Mia G., Sinthujah V., Hayden C.,
Matteus G., Kelly C., Alec D., Xunan W., Kyra Sophie O., Narbeh K.,
Arbi K., Arbi K., Charlotte L., Sevan K., Angelina K., Jason G.,
Deekshana S., Anujan K

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

IMPORTANT DAYS IN JULY

July 1. Canada Day. School is open.

July 1. Unionville Millennium Bandstand.
Canada Day Celebration with the Kindred
Spirits Orchestra.

NEWS

IMA OFFERS MOCK EXAMINATIONS FOR THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

The IMA is offering to all students who are registered for RCM examinations an opportunity to play their entire program prior to the day of their examination. Students who participated in the mock examination session this past June were able to earn significantly higher marks at their official examinations. This mock examination for the upcoming summer (August) session is scheduled at the IMA – Stouffville recital hall on **Saturday, August 4, from 5 pm to 7 pm**. To register, for the mock examination, please call the IMA Office at 905.489.4620 before July 29.



The Royal Conservatory of Music June session examination results have been announced. Congratulations to the IMA students achieving considerably higher than the Provincial average marks, with distinction.

Student	Subject, grade	Mark	Teacher
Emily Jong	Level 7 Theory	94	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Arianna Lagunzad	Preparatory B Piano	93	Ms. Suzanne Marfise
Thivya Jeyapalan	Level 7 Theory	92	Ms. Antonia De Wolfe
Jonathan Wong	Level 7 Theory	92	Ms. Suzanne Marfise
Avni Prabhu	Preparatory A Piano	89	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Priyanka Ragunathan	Level 5 Theory	88	Ms. Antonia De Wolfe
Savannah Dunberry	Level 7 Theory	88	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Shaelin Baldsing	Level 2 Piano	86	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Jason Chen	Level 7 Piano	85	Ms. Antonia De Wolfe
Jeffrey Su	Level 4 Clarinet	84	Mr. Leonid Sprikut
Nitin Raj	Level 2 Piano	83	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Jerry Wong	Level 2 Piano	83	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Jatynne Raj	Level 4 Piano	83	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Rohin Furchner	Preparatory B Piano	80	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Garrett Kawabata	Level 7 Violin	78	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Alexandra Lavric	Level 1 Piano	77	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Trevor Tseng	Level 5 Piano	77	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Reese Bi	Level 4 Piano	77	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Carter Kawabata	Level 6 Violin	77	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Steven Li	Level 4 Piano	75	Ms. Antonia De Wolfe
Rex Hakimi	Level 1 Piano	73	Ms. Marina Grigoryar
Janice Chung	Level 4 Piano	70	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Kayvon Najibzadeh	Level 5 Theory	60	Ms. Antonia De Wolfe
Roshni Rathore	Level 5 Piano	56	Ms. Lili Imastounian
Kayvon Najibzadeh	Level 5 Piano	51	Ms. Antonia De Wolfe

GET 3 FREE LESSONS WITH THE PURCHASE OF A PIANO

If you are ready to purchase a high quality pre-own piano through one of the IMA partners, 3 of your lessons at the IMA will be free. Call our Office or e-mail Office@InternationalMusicAcademy.ca for more information. Pre-own piano is a great investment that comes at an attractive price, with a free tuning and delivery.

GET A \$30 CREDIT ON YOUR NEXT MONTH TUITION

We have been very pleased with the continued success of our students. They have improved a great deal and we share their excitement with their families, friends, neighbors, and

schoolmates. We appreciate your interest towards our programs and services. We are always very happy to welcome new students of all ages, levels, and instruments to the IMA. **Please tell your friends about your experience with the International Music Academy.**

Do you know someone who is thinking of taking music lessons or who has **children** who may be interested in getting their hands on a musical instrument or singing? Do you know a **teenager** who needs a high school OAC credit? Do you know an **adult** who has wanted for a long time to learn how to play a musical instrument but has never had the time or inclination? **Please tell them about the IMA.**

As an appreciation for your referral, we will give you a **\$30 credit** for each new student who registers at the International Music Academy as a result of your referral.

PERSONALIZED IMA GIFT CARD



The IMA offers personalized Gift Cards that could be used as thoughtful birthday, holiday, bar/bat Mitzvah, graduation gift or for any other occasions as well as to encourage someone to start learning a

musical instrument or singing. The card can be used for any products or services.

The gift card is available for **any amount**. As cards are personalized with the name of the person who will receive it as well as with the name of the person who purchase it, requests have to be made 1 day in advance. Cards can be ordered in person, by phone at 905.489.4620 or by e-mail at info@InternationalMusicAcademy.ca. At the time the card is ordered, a non-refundable \$5 deposit is required. The full value of the card is paid upon pick-up (and the deposit is credited towards the purchase price). Payments can be made by any major credit card, cheque or cash as well as through the accounts of the IMA Clients.

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COMPOSERS' ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

1/07/1925 - Satie died
2/07/1714 - Gluck was born
3/07/1854 - Janacek was born

4/07/1623 - William Byrd died
7/07/1860 - Mahler was born
8/07/1882 - Percy Grainger was born
9/07/1879 - Respighi was born
10/07/1895 - Carl Orff was born
11/07/1937 - Gershwin died
13/07/1951 - Schoenberg died
23/07/1757 - Domenico Scarlatti died
29/07/1856 - Schumann died
28/07/1750 - J.S. Bach died
28/07/1741 - Vivaldi died
31/07/1886 - Liszt died

Where you born or do you know someone who was born on the same day as these famous composers? Drop us e-mail at info@InternationalMusicAcademy.ca to let us know.

FEATURED TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Marina Grigoryan, M.Mus., B.Mus
Piano Studies, Vocal Studies, Music Theory



Mrs. Marina Grigoryan holds several degrees from the Russian Music Colleges and the Moscow State University. She taught various disciplines such as piano (Royal Conservatory of Music, classical, jazz, Broadway, and pop), voice, harmony, ear-training, improvising, composing as well as choir conducting and jazz ensembles. She possesses a vast knowledge

and is very passionate about teaching music as part of creating well-rounded students with freedom of self-expression through music, strong technical skills and excellent performance habits. In addition to teaching at the International Music Academy, Mrs. Grigoryan is also on the faculty at Milton school of music and maintains a busy private studio. She is also a registered teacher with the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Ms. Grigoryan was happy to answer a few questions for our students and parents:

1. What do you like most about teaching? It's a two-way process (between teacher and student of learning and development; process of achieving spiritual growth and mental growth through music; music at the same time acts as a goal/purpose and means/method... The teaching process should be fun while discovering the musical potential of each student.

2. How do you inspire students to practice more? I think just through love and shared interest towards music is possible to inspire students to practice and therefore to work. My

motto/request to my students: today has to be better (both: quality and quantity) than yesterday.

3. What roles does performance play in student's development? For me student's performance is not just a "litmus test" of their knowledge, practical skills and habits. Its a part of "giving/ sharing" - a process of personality growth.

4. Who are your favourite composers? Rachmaninov, Chopin, Mendelssohn, Beethoven and many others

5. What was the last piece of music (sheet music or a recording) you purchased for yourself? I like shopping (especially music). My last findings are: Claude Debussy - "Clair de lune", Franz Listz - "Liebestraum No.3", George Gershwin - "Rhapsody in Blue" and Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy - "Piano concerto No.1 in G minor, Op. 25.

FEATURED STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Ajay Pooran



What instrument do you play? – I play the piano.

How long have you taken lessons?
– I have taken lessons for 6 years from which 3 years at the International Music Academy – Markham campus.

Who are your favourite musical artists? – there are so many...

What are your other hobbies, besides music? – video games, swimming and senior band.

Favourite food? – My favourite food is tacos!

What is the coolest thing you've learnt in your lessons in the past three months? – The coolest thing I've learned is how to use the damper pedal properly; I don't just hold it forever now.

Do you have any performance coming up? – No, nothing during the summer, just continue with my lessons and practicing more.

E-mail to info@InternationalMusicAcademy.ca a photo of yourself (or your child) together with the answers of the questions above. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. We will feature you in one of the next issues of the newsletter.

PET OF THE MONTH

Send a photo of your pet together with following information and we will publish it in one of the next issues of the IMA newsletter. What is the name of your pet? How old is he/she? What kind of

breed our pet is (if applicable)? How long have you had him/her for? Any special circumstances around getting the pet (i.e. a gift, foster pet, etc.)? The funniest story about you pet? Any special skills or abilities.

FEATURED ARTICLE

RESERVING YOUR MUSIC LESSONS DAY, TIME AND TEACHER FOR SEPTEMBER.

Over the past few years several parents asked how to keep the day, time and teacher for their children for the upcoming school year. Below we have the answers of the most frequently asked questions. Please do not hesitate to ask the Office if you have any other questions or concerns – we are always happy to help.

Q. How do lessons work in the summer? - The IMA is open year round, and we do not close during the summer.

Q. Do a lot of students quit during the summer? - For the past 5 years, we have grown in enrolment each July by 15-20%. Very few students withdraw but we also get a huge influx of students in June, July and August; most of them continue into the fall.

Q. How full is the Academy? - As of May 1, we are near capacity, and many teachers have no availability between the hours of 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Q. If we withdraw for the summer, can we keep our spot for fall? - Lessons are booked on a first-come-first-serve basis, so if you withdraw for the summer, we cannot guarantee that we will have a time slot for you in the fall, as we would have to open the slot to new students registering in June, July and August. What usually happens when a student withdraws for the summer, his/her slot would then be taken by a new student who most of the time would continue taking lessons in September and into the upcoming school year.

The big question for all parents and students to consider is: Do you want to stay with the same teacher in the fall?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO DO THIS:

- 1. Take advantage of our summer make-up lessons.** We realize that some of you will go on vacation for a portion of the summer. So, what you can do is simply make up in advance the lessons that you would miss because of your holidays. You can make them up as early as you would like (even in May or June).

2. **“Sub lease” your spot to a family-member or a friend.**
You can send a family member or a friend in your place for the dates you will miss. Just let the office know who is coming in your place and when. If you are taking summer lessons and need a specific time for the fall, please contact us around late July and we will do our best to accommodate you.

3. **Request a day/time change for your lesson during the summer.** Our teachers are flexible and available during the entire day. If your current lesson time will be in a conflict with another activity during the summer, you can change the day/time of your lesson during the summer (subject to availability).

Each September, we get calls from students who have been with us for many years, but decided to withdraw for the summer. They want to return to the same teacher, day and time, but another student who signed up for lessons in June, July or August has already filled the same spot. Although we try to accommodate everyone, the new students may be reluctant to change their lesson time to allow us to offer it to a returning student. **So, if you like your teacher, keep your time slot during summer** and do not hesitate to contact our office if you need help rescheduling your lessons.

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for new students only

1 offer per family

ONE FREE LESSON

Call the IMA Office at

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905.640.6363 (Stouffville)

to schedule your first lesson.

Once scheduled, the lesson cannot be rescheduled. Cannot be combined with any other offer. No refunds, no exchanges.



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July 15, 2018 and receive

\$50 off

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Cannot be combined with any other offer.*

REFER A NEW STUDENT and GET ONE FREE LESSON!

When you refer a new student to the IMA, who registers for lesson, you will get one free lesson for every new student. So, if you refer the IMA to 2 new students, we will give you 2 free lessons; for 3 new students – 3 free lessons etc. Fill in the coupon below and leave it with the IMA Office administrator.

Your name: _____

Name of the new student: _____

You can print or photocopy this coupon as many times as you need.

Cannot be combined with any other offer.