

iMA Newsletter



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WELCOMING OUR NEW STUDENTS

Dexter H. (piano)
Cindy N. (piano)
Narbeh K. (guitar)
Arbi K. (guitar)
Sevan K. (guitar)
Elijah G. (piano)
Ringo B. (piano)
Ryan W. (voice)
Beverly W. (violin)
Vincent L. (piano)
Linda L. (oboe)
Angelina K. (piano)
Katrina K. (piano, voice)
Jason G. (trumpet)
Ashley A. (voice)
Ann N. (voice)
Jazmine J. (voice)
Emily P. (violin)
Tanisha M. (Violin)

IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Melissa B., Sean D., Tanvi V., Aaron C., Johnathan W., Kyla T.,
Carter K., Reese B., Aashwin A., Daniel P., Chloe J., Shopika T.,
Riya R., Isabelle L., Catherine Y., Harish K., Nitin R., Ava P., Nancy
P., Mikayel B., Katherine L.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

IMPORTANT DAYS IN MAY

May 4: PA Day (YR)
May 11-12: RCM theory examinations
May 15: RCM Summer session deadline
May 19: *Flato Markham Theatre: Kindred Spirits Orchestra -
Wrath and Revolution*
May 21: Victoria Day. *School is open.*

NEWS

IMA SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

We have had a successful academic year so far and look forward to preparing well for the Royal Conservatory of Music examinations in June and August, as well as for the Canadian Music Competition in June. Meanwhile, we have also started preparations for the iMA Summer Music Festival that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, **June 23-24, 2018**. The festival will consist of separate one-hour concerts. Students would be required to attend only the concert they are participating in. Book your calendars for this exciting event – together with the iMA Winter Festival, this has been one of the most significant moments for many of our students.

The iMA Summer Music Festival will take place at the recital hall of the International Music Academy in Stouffville located at 50 Innovator Avenue in Stouffville ON L4A 0Y2. The hall has an excellent grand piano, large screen connected to an HD camera that will allow you to see the finest details of each performance. The Stouffville campus is only a 10-15 minute drive from our Markham location. A free parking is available around the school as well.

Detailed information about the Festival schedule will be sent by the beginning of June. Students who have their lessons on Saturday will perform on Sunday and vice versa.

Students who perform at the festival will be given IMA Certificate for completing the academic year as well as a trophy.

IMA PROGRESS REPORTS

In June, all current students will be receiving detailed progress reports signed by their teachers and the Director of the International Music Academy. The reports summarize students' outcomes and achievements during the past academic year as well as their goals and objectives for the upcoming months.

IMA OFFERS MOCK EXAMINATIONS FOR THE RCM

As usual, the IMA will be offering to all students who are registered for RCM examinations an opportunity to play their

entire program prior to the day of their examination. This mock exam is scheduled at the IMA – Stouffville recital hall on **Saturday, June 2, from 5 pm to 7 pm**. There are many advantages of playing the examination program in advance of the examination itself and generally students gain more confidence and perform better at their examinations. Students who wish to register for the mock examinations, must confirm their participation with the IMA Office **by May 20**.

ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS (April session)



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

Candidate	Subject, Grade	Mark	Teacher
Aryan Ihsan	Level 2 Piano	88	Ms. M. Grigoryan
Ava Ford	Prep B Piano	83	Ms. M. Grigoryan
Reena Tamanan	Prep A Piano	83	Ms. M. Grigoryan
Christina Tarla	Prep B Piano	83	Ms. M. Grigoryan
Henry Zheng	Level 1 Piano	74	Ms. M. Grigoryan

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.

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Stay in touch and follow the IMA latest news on Facebook. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/International-Music-Academy-1944567629154903> and become a friend of the International Music Academy.

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.

COMPOSERS' ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

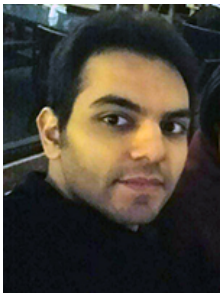
01/05/1904	Dvorak died
07/05/1833	Brahms born
07/05/1840	Tchaikovsky born
12/05/1845	Faure born
12/05/1884	Smetana died
15/05/1567	Monteverdi born
17/05/1866	Satie born
18/05/1909	Albeniz died
18/05/1911	Mahler died
19/05/1954	Ives died
22/05/1813	Wagner born
25/05/1934	Holst died
27/05/1840	Paganini died
29/05/1860	Albeniz born
31/05/1809	Haydn 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

Mr. ARSHIA MALEKZADEH, B.A., B.Sc.

Guitar Studies and Interpretation, Music Theory



Mr. Arshia Malekzadeh has graduated from PARS school of music with a Diploma in electric guitar and classical music theory and harmony. He also graduated from TAR Music Institute earning a Diploma in jazz composition. He also earned a bachelor degree in electronics from the Science and Research University in Iran. Currently, Mr. Malekzadeh teaches at Arcadia Academy

and maintains a private studio. He is experienced in music recording and production and is the composer and lead guitarist of the band "Master of Persia". Mr. Malekzadeh teaches all aspects of music, including technique, theory, improvising, harmony and concert presentation, to students of all ages.

Mr. Malekzadeh was happy to answer a few questions for our students and parents:

1. What do you like most about teaching? In my opinion, art is a divine gift and anyone who is able to spread this gift is responsible for it. As an instructor, I enjoy observing how teaching music and getting people involved with it, can change they behavior and outlook.

2. How do you inspire students to practice more? Although this gift (art) is valuable the person who is willing to have it should also be ready and receptive. The method I use for teaching is structured and sets goals for my-self and for the student. I also recommend pieces, which the student might like and feel inspired.

3. What roles does performance play in student's development? Performance can be really important, if it happens in the right time and place. It can build confidence, it can bring more attention to the instrument or it can even be inspiring.

4. Who are your favourite composers? I listen to a vast selection of genres, from classic to jazz, fusion and of course Rock & Metal . I like listening to J.S. Bach, W.A Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Holst and also Ben Tenkard, Jimmy Sommers, Euge Groove, Shawn Lane, Guthrie Govan, Buckethead, Symphony-X, Yngwie Malmsteen, Steve vai, Joe Satriani...

5. What was the last piece of music (sheet music or a recording) you purchased for yourself? It was the last album of my favorite band Symphony-X, "Underworld"

FEATURED STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Miguel Balines



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

How long have you taken lessons? – I have taken lessons since I was 5 years old, so for about one year and a half.

Who are your favourite musical artists? – My favourite musical artists are Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Pachelbel.

What are your other hobbies, besides music? – I like playing video games and playing with my dog, Miles

Favourite food? – My favourite food are chili dog, burgers and mac & cheese

What is the coolest thing you've learnt in your lessons in the past three months? – It was cool to learn how to use the damper pedal and to play Tchaikovsky 's Swan Lake.

Do you have any performance coming up? – I do not have any performances that I am practicing for right now. I look forward to playing in the Summer Music Festival in June.

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.

To comment on this story or anything else you have read in the Newsletter, head over to the IMA Facebook page or message us on Twitter.

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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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Register for lessons by

May 15, 2018 and receive

\$50 off

New students only. 1 offer per family

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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.

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