

IMA Newsletter



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April 2026

WELCOMING OUR NEW STUDENTS

Chloe Ning, piano
Ace Hendrix Zhou, piano
Lucas Lim, piano
Alliyah Lim, violin
Kento Francisco, piano
Ariyah Warlond-Scott, piano
Crystal Li, cello
Aaron Li, violin
Catherine Yu, voice

IMPORTANT DAYS IN APRIL

April 1-9 Passover
April 3 Good Friday (IMA is open).
April 5 Easter Sunday (IMA is open).
April 6 Easter Monday (IMA is open).
April 10 Good Friday (Orthodox).
April 11 [Cornell Recital Hall. Kindred Spirits Orchestra. Architecture and Conversations.](#)
April 12 Easter Sunday (Orthodox).
April 13-18 RCM practical examinations (piano).
April 29 – May 17 International Music Festival and Competition (Markham).

IMA STUDENTS' BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Emily V., Chloe L., Dia P., Traviz E., Adetayo L., Darienn B., Thrishaan A., Tyson L., Avah M., Nimesh C., Imogen M., Gabriel G., Charlotte N., Lianna K., Mar Z., Goldwin T., Arjun B., Leah A., Boson L., Isabella D.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA
Kristian Alexander | Music Director

JENKINS
Palladio
Concerto Grosso for Strings

STRAVINSKY
Concerto in Es
"Dumbarton Oaks"

BRITTEN
Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge

Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
Cornell Recital Hall | 3201 Bur Oak Ave., Markham

TICKETS: KSOchestra.ca | (905) 604-8339

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WITH PROMO CODE **APRIL**
BUY 2 TICKETS FOR THE PRICE OF 1

APRIL 11, 2026 AT 8 PM

CORNELL RECITAL HALL
3201 BUR OAK AVE., MARKHAM



GET A \$30 CREDIT ON YOUR NEXT MONTH TUITION

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 family who registers at the International Music Academy as a result of your referral.

COMPOSERS' ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

01/04/1873	Rachmaninoff born
01/04/1917	Scott Joplin died
03/04/1897	Brahms died
06/04/1971	Stravinsky died
08/04/1848	Donizetti died
14/04/1759	Handel died
18/04/1936	Respighi died
27/04/1891	Prokofiev born
27/04/1915	Scriabin died
27/04/1992	Messiaen died

FEATURED STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kristina Kola



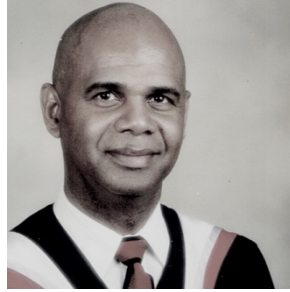
- **What instrument do you play?** I play the piano and the recorder.
- **How long have you taken lessons?** I started taking lessons at the IMA when I was 7 y.o.
- **Who are your favourite musical artists?** My favourite artist is Taylor Swift.
- **What are your other hobbies, besides music?** When I'm not playing music, I love skating.

- **Favourite food?** I like pizza and shawarma
- **What is the coolest thing you've learnt in your lessons in the past three months?** The coolest thing I've learned in the last three months is how to play "Lunar Eclips".
- **Do you have any performance coming up?** I'll be playing at the IMA Summer Musi Festival in June.

FEATURED TEACHER OF THE MONTH

KELVIN BROWN

B.Mus., B.Ed., Woodwind and Brass instruments



Mr. Kelvin Brown has earned a GCE in English and Music from London (England), a B.F.A. degree in Music and a B.Ed. degree from York University in Toronto. He has over 20 years of experience in teaching woodwind and brass instruments, music theory, composition, and orchestration for jazz ensembles and various instrumental groups.

Mr. Brown has performed as a soloist in private functions and public events in variety of styles, from classical to jazz, sacral, and ceremonial music to R&B and Soca. He has played with the North York Symphony Orchestra, the Silverthorn Symphonic Winds, North York Concert Orchestra, the Royal Regiment of Canada and the Governor General's Guards. Mr. Brown teaches instrumental music at the Toronto District and at the Durham District School Boards. He is also experienced in preparing students for the Royal Conservatory of Music examinations, college and university auditions, concerts and recitals.

Mr. Brown was happy to answer a few questions for our Students and Parents:

1. What do you like most about teaching? If the superlative to having is sharing, then, the superlative to knowing is teaching. There's nothing more satisfying for me than seeing my students light up with each new hurdle they cross in the process of developing to play their instruments.

2. How do you inspire students to practice more? Students are more likely to practice more when they're seeing results in their playing. For them to see results in their playing it's important to give them new material in small portions. It also helps when you play the material with them.

3. What roles does performance play in a student's development? As a nervous person myself I've realized, the quicker you give young students the opportunity to play by themselves in the open, is the best way to break the fear of playing by themselves as they become better players. Practicing performance is also getting them used to the ultimate prize of performing from the very beginning.

4. Who are your favourite composers? The host of European composers we've been exposed to and their marvelous compositions. But I also like Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk and other jazz and modern-day American composers too.

5. What was the last piece of music (sheet music or a recording) you purchased for yourself? Hall and Oates greatest hits.

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GIFT CERTIFICATE

for new students only

1 offer per family

ONE FREE LESSON

Call the IMA Office at

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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

April 15, 2026 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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