

Grace Notes Music Academy Fall Newsletter 2023



Grace Notes Music Academy is a non-profit music academy located in Perth-Andover with a strong belief in the power of music to create a community in which all children can joyfully grow into healthy and thriving adults. Our mission is to ensure that every child has access to the life-changing benefits of a quality music education and music community by providing by financial support to families in need.

Welcome to the first Grace Notes Music Academy Newsletter! We are excited to share with you all the wonderful things that happened in our fall 2023 semester!

Lessons and classes began mid-September with 33 students registered for individual lessons and group classes! New this year at Grace Notes was the introduction of packages where students can receive an individual lesson and also be part of a group class thereby receiving the benefits of individual attention and the community atmosphere of group classes. We have students in a variety of programs depending on their needs and goals.

A collage of six polaroid-style photographs. Top left: Three children standing together. Top middle: A teacher and a student playing a violin. Top right: A boy playing a violin. Bottom left: A group of students performing on a stage. Bottom middle: A boy playing a violin. Bottom right: A teacher and students in a classroom setting.

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Nine students registered this year would not be able to participate in our programs without financial support. We want to give a huge thank you to those who have sponsored students and those who have donated to Grace Notes this year: The Perth Elks Lodge, Dr. Terry Shaw, Linda Drover, several other anonymous donors, and all the community members who donated at our fundraising concerts and events. We appreciate you and the opportunities you are providing for children and youth in our community. We are still looking for several student sponsorships. If you are interested in giving the gift of music to a child, visit our website www.gracenotesmusicacademy.ca or contact sabrina@gracenotesmusicacademy.ca for more information.

Fall Semester Highlights:

Remembrance Day: On November 11th, Grace Notes students were honoured to be a part of our community's events remembering and honouring those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom we now celebrate. The students performed at the luncheon hosted by the Perth-Andover Legion.



Sounds of the Season - And Treats: On December 1st, Grace Notes partnered with the HDSJ Hospital Foundation to host the second annual "Sounds of the Season – And Treats" concert. Grace Notes planned the concert portion of the event and was thrilled to have the Wednesday Evening Fiddlers, Family and Friends, Kate LaFrance, Sandi Tattersall, Tammy Chase, Bob Curran, the Scheidlers, Sabrina and Nathan Drover, and the Perth-Andover Community Choir performing alongside several Grace Notes students. The Hospital Foundation provided a delicious array of desserts for after the concert. We were overwhelmed by the support of this event in both attendance and donation, hosting a completely sold-out concert! Donations from this event went towards Grace Notes student sponsorships and a cardiac treadmill for the HDSJ Hospital.



A Classical Christmas Online Recital: On December 10th, Grace Notes online students from Ontario and British Columbia combined with Sabrina's online students from the Squamish Academy of Music to present "A Classical Christmas Recital." Students gathered on Zoom with their families and friends to listen to performances of classical and holiday pieces, and to celebrate the season and the students' accomplishments this semester.



Grace Notes Holiday Recital and Christmas Party: The semester concluded on December 15th with the Grace Notes Holiday Recital and Christmas Party. Grace Notes is all about creating community through music, and nothing brings a community together better than music and food! All Grace Notes students performed a holiday piece in the student recital which ended with all students singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and playing rhythm cup. Then students, families, and friends spent time together in community, celebrating the season and the students' hard work as they enjoyed a hot chocolate bar and dessert potluck.



Elks Christmas Dinner: On December 16th, Grace Notes students Zander, Micah, Ben, Sam, Hannah, and Amy performed Christmas tunes at the Perth Elks Lodge Christmas dinner.

Whether you donated, attended one of our events, or cheered us on from afar,
thank you so much for your support this semester!

Sincerely,

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