

# Grace Notes Music Academy Spring Newsletter 2024



Grace Notes Music Academy is a non-profit music school located in Perth-Andover, NB 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 a music community by providing by financial support to families in need.

**We had an amazing spring semester at Grace Notes Music Academy and are so excited to share the highlights with you!**

**St. Patrick's Day Pop-Up Concert at Plant's Flower Pot and Gifts:** On March 16th, Grace Notes students celebrated St. Patrick's Day and brought attention to a wonderful new local business with a mini pop-up concert at Plant's Flower Pot and Gifts in Perth-Andover. The students performed their favourite Irish tunes in the flower shop and were generously gifted a beautiful flower by Nicki Plant (owner of Plant's Flower Pot). The students then went to Mary's Bake Shop to enjoy a special treat.





**Concert Field Trips:** This semester, Grace Notes students had the opportunity to go on two concert field trips to see the professional Elm City String Quartet perform at Second Wind Music Centre. For many students, this was their first time attending a classical concert, and for some it was their first concert ever! Attending these concerts prompted great questions and observations from students, inspired them, and showed them what they can aspire to be as musicians. Thanks to a generous donor and a special discount given to Grace Notes students by Second Wind, we were able to ensure all students and their parents who wanted to attend were able to.



**Epicure Fundraiser:** A Grace Notes parent who is an Epicure consultant generously offered to help us run an Epicure fundraiser. Grace Notes families bought and sold healthy Epicure meal boxes. Through this fundraiser, we were able to raise enough funds to purchase three high-quality music stands that should serve Grace Notes students for many years to come. One stand is a regular size Manhasset music stand. The other two stands are Concertino stands that are shorter stands. Our younger students were especially thrilled to have music stands their size. These quality music stands are such an important tool for our students as they enable students to hold their violins/fiddles properly while learning to read music.





**Spring Concert:** On May 30th, Grace Notes held its annual Family-Friendly Spring Concert. This concert was both a celebration of the students' growth and music making this year as well as our final fundraising event of the year. All 27 local students bravely introduced themselves and their pieces and performed beautifully in front of a large audience. We were also thrilled to have the Scheidler Family and Kate LaFrance add their musical talents and warm personalities to our concert. They even taught our students a fun dance to perform! The concert's grand finale was all the students and guest artists performing the tune "Boil em' Cabbage Down" together. It was amazing to see and hear the growth of the individual students and of Grace Notes this year. We celebrated this amazing year with ice cream sandwiches and freezies.



**Grace Notes Practice Challenge:** During the spring semester, 15 students participated in the Grace Notes Practice Challenge. These students made a specific goal each week of what they wanted to accomplish through their practicing. They wrote this goal on a sticky note and placed it on the challenge board. At the following lesson, if they accomplished their goal, they put a sticker on the sticky note and decided on a new goal. If they didn't reach their goal that week, they kept practicing until they did! At the end of the year, they got to look back at all that they accomplished through their hard work, and they got to choose a practice prize.



**We have to end this newsletter with a huge thank you to our 2023/2024 sponsors!**

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**We appreciate you! This incredible year at Grace Notes could not have happened without you!**



**Looking Ahead:** Registration for the 2024/2025 year at Grace Notes has already begun! We are pleased to announce that 25 of our current students have already registered to come back in the fall. Plus we have 6 new students already registered. Exciting plans are already underway for another amazing year at Grace Notes!

Until then, we hope you have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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*Executive Director, Violin Teaching Artist*

