



Enrichment Courses 2017-2018

All Suzuki music schools offer a combination of group and private lessons. However, one of the strengths of our school is the enrichment program that we offer. These optional courses aim to round out the musical experience of our students.

If you are interested in an enrichment class, please fill out the registration form.
Keep the top part for your records and mail the bottom part to the address indicated.

RHYTHMIC READING: Two levels. The focus of this class is the development of the ability to recognize rhythms. Acquiring this skill is more complicated than learning the note names and reading the staff, on which this class does not spend time. Recognition of rhythms is critical to reading any piece of music and especially to playing in an ensemble setting. Students will develop these skills in a fun way through singing, theory, games and various other activities. Instruments are not required. The classes will be one half hour weekly and will be held every week there are regular group classes. No class on concert rehearsal or orchestra concert weeks. In combination with the note/pitch reading they do in lessons, *Rhythmic Reading* helps to equip students with more successful reading skills and prepare them for orchestra where being able to read rhythms is critical. We strongly recommend that you register for this class if you have finished Music and Movement and are not yet in orchestra.

THEORY: Two levels. RCM Level 4-5 Theory, one hour Monday evenings. RCM Level 6-7 Theory Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm. These classes are highly recommended for students working at an RCM grade 4-5 or grade 6-7 level.

CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM: There will be three orchestras (Tutti, Vivace & Encore) and several small ensembles in 2017-18. Aside from being fun, participation in a chamber group greatly benefits music reading and ensemble playing skills. Students will be placed by their teachers according to playing and reading levels, and experience. These groups will rehearse every week there are regular group classes. There will be no class on concert rehearsal or performance weeks. The minimum level of playing is book 2 or on the recommendation of your teacher. The student *must* also have completed a reading book with his/her teacher (i.e. *I Can Read Music* book 1) and preferably Rhythmic Reading level 2.

Tutti will provide an introduction to reading music and ensemble playing with different instruments and parts in a supportive setting. This group will perform in the spring ensemble concert.

Vivace will provide the opportunity to rehearse and perform a range of introductory ensemble music.

Encore members will tackle challenging repertoire including pieces by Vivaldi, Mozart, Corelli, Warlock, Britten and Holst. This repertoire will consist of original compositions, not simplified arrangements. Quartet members will be expected to show more independence in learning and rehearsing their parts.

Ensembles are reserved for students book 6 and up. Each ensemble is coached by an ESM faculty member. Students are grouped according to instrument and level. **Register ASAP as we need to make placements and select music.** It is possible that we will not be able to place every student who applies for a quartet. **Please note: Because there is only one person per part, a high level of commitment is required from all participants in this program. In order for your quartet to work, you must make a commitment to learn your own part, attend all rehearsals and come with the necessary equipment in addition to your instrument (music stand, ensemble music, pencil).**

VIOLA GROUP CLASS: Violin students, book 2 and up who would like to learn to play viola would be very welcome. Please let us know if you are interested in this viola group class so we can determine its viability.

FIDDLE: Fiddle class will be offered again next year. This would be appropriate for students in Vivace and Encore.

PARENT GROUP CLASS: This class is for parents playing **violin or cello** at an elementary level, who wish to continue with instruction and would enjoy playing with a group. This class would likely occur at 6:00 when most of the intermediate students have classes. This class will run subject to enrolment. Express your interest, but do not pay now.