

BEGINNER STRING MUSIC PROGRAM – 2021-2022

Would you like to learn to play the **violin** or **cello**?

Students who will be in Grade 4 for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to participate in Halifax Regional Arts (Music East) String Music Program. Classes are offered in violin and cello. **Grade 4** is the ideal time to start, and it is important to start classes with us right away. Waiting until later in the year may be too late.

What do I need?

Lessons are FREE and students are expected to attend twice a week. Parents / guardians can provide an instrument (and accessories) or we can provide one for you at no cost. We will also provide the beginner book. Long & McQuade has a large inventory of string instruments. With their rental program, you can also upgrade sizes at no extra cost as your child grows. They also carry the books and accessories we use in our programs.

When can I start?

Instruments may be obtained at the start of the school year, *after* students have been measured for the proper size instrument by our teaching staff. Please don't get it before the summer, as these instruments are sensitive to heat and humidity, and because your child may have a growth spurt and need a different size anyway.

When do we get sized?

Your string teacher will make arrangements in the new school year to size your child and share program information. You must register online now so we have your contact information. Use your most common email.

Where are string lessons held? Here are options A, B and C:

A) The following schools offer **violin** programs during the school day twice a week:

Bel Ayr	Ian Forsyth	Portland Estates
Crichton Park	John MacNeil	Shannon Park
Dartmouth South Academy	Michael Wallace	South Woodside
Hawthorn	Mount Edward	Seaside
Harbour view		

B) For all other HRCE schools, afterschool lessons for **violin** are twice a week at the following locations:

Astral Drive Elementary
Ash Lee Jefferson
Dartmouth Music Centre

C) **Cello** lessons are after hours twice a week at the following location for students from any HRCE school:

Dartmouth Music Centre

How do I get in on this awesome opportunity?

Our online registration is open NOW. Visit our website at <http://dacm.hrsb.ns.ca> for more information and for the registration link. Please register PRIOR TO JULY if at all possible so we can plan ahead for class sizes and have the information we need to get you started as soon as we return. **If you are unable to register online**, call us at 902-435-8464 x2.

*******PLEASE NOTE: Class offerings are dependent on where we stand regarding Covid Safety Guidelines and are subject to change. *******