



University Settlement
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US | Music & Arts School

Program Guide | 2017-18





Visiting with the National Ballet

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About US- *95 years young!*

Since 1921, University Settlement's Music & Arts School has offered high-quality, affordable music and art education to children, teens, adults and seniors from both the grange neighbourhood and Greater Toronto Area.

We function in the belief that the arts should be a right, not a privilege, and that lessons should be available to everyone regardless of age, ethnicity, perceived talent, disability, or socioeconomic status. Our School aims to provide an open house of learning in a welcoming, family atmosphere. **All are welcome.**

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As a family we have made new friends, furthered our appreciation of music and our son's confidence has blossomed.

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Location - *x marks the spot!*

The School is located at 23 Grange Road in the heart of downtown Toronto. It is easily accessible by public transit, within walking distance of 505 and 501 streetcar routes as well as the St. Patrick and Osgoode subway stations.

Our school and studios are all accessible! Limited paid parking is available directly outside the building on Grange Road, additional street parking is available on McCaul.



Make music with us!

At the Music & Arts School, students may study music in private lessons or in group classes.

Private lessons and are offered on a variety of instruments, including: strings, piano, winds, and voice. Private lesson instruction generally takes place between the hours of 3pm - 9pm Mondays through Fridays, and between 9am - 5pm on Saturdays.

Beginning students enrol in weekly, 30-minute lessons. For students coming to our school with previous experience, we are also able to offer 45 minute and 60 minute lessons. We welcome private students of all ages and abilities! We do not have a catchment area and are able to accept students from all across the GTA!



Registration & Fees - affordable, below-market rates!

At the Music & Arts School, we divide our year into 4 terms (fall, winter, spring and summer). The regular school year runs for 37 weeks* from September to June, followed by an optional 6 week summer session. Students make payments on a term by term basis, and pay for each term in advance. Registrations after a term begins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as openings remain.

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Private Lesson Fees

	Weekly Fee	Ttl yearly fees*	Fall Installment	Winter Installment	Spring Installment
30 minutes	\$ 23	\$ 851	\$ 322	\$ 207	\$ 322
45 minutes	\$ 34	\$ 1258	\$ 476	\$ 306	\$ 476
60 minutes	\$ 46	\$ 1702	\$ 644	\$ 414	\$ 644

*based on a 37 week year

Group Class Fees

Group class are charged a FLAT FEE based on the length of the term. Term lengths vary from class to class. Please check with office for more detailed information.

	Ttl yearly fees	Fall Installment	Winter Installment	Spring Installment
Children's Choir	\$ 224	\$ 84	\$ 56	\$ 84
Kids Ear-Training	\$ 231	\$ 91	\$ 56	\$ 84
Adult Ear-Training	\$ 330	\$ 130	\$ 80	\$ 120
Dance Classes	\$ 238	\$ 91	\$ 56	\$ 91


	Ttl yearly fees	Fall	Winter	Spring
RCM Theory: Regular Stream Rudiments	\$232	\$ 112	\$ 72	\$ 48
RCM Theory: Accelerated Stream Rudiments	\$ 160	N/A	N/A	\$ 160
RCM Theory: Regular Stream History & Harmony (9) History & Harmony (10)	\$315 \$350	\$146.25 \$162.25	\$101.25 \$112.50	\$67.50 \$75
RCM Theory: Accelerated Stream History & Harmony (9) History & Harmony (10)	\$ 212.25 \$242.50	N/A	N/A	\$ 212.25 \$242.50
Adult Chamber Music	\$ 472.50	\$ 157.50	\$ 157.50	\$ 157.50
Youth Chamber Music	\$ 210	\$ 77	\$ 56	\$ 77

Financial Assistance Plan (Subsidy Program)

Financial assistance may be available to students, age 18 and under, who demonstrate financial need and who meet the criteria as outlined on the Subsidy Application form. Students from eligible households can receive a 30-70% discount on any group class registrations and one private instrument. Please ask our staff for further details and conditions.

Household Size	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income
2 persons	\$6,057	\$12,114	\$18,172	\$24,229	\$30,286
3 persons	\$7,447	\$14,894	\$22,340	\$29,787	\$37,234
4 persons	\$9,041	\$18,082	\$27,124	\$36,165	\$45,206
5 persons	\$10,254	\$20,509	\$30,763	\$41,018	\$51,272
6 persons	\$11,565	\$23,130	\$34,696	\$46,261	\$57,826
7 persons	\$12,876	\$25,752	\$38,629	\$51,505	\$64,381
Eligibility	70% Subsidy	60% Subsidy	50% Subsidy	40% Subsidy	30% Subsidy

Program Offerings -Private Study Instruments:

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Accordion						
Cello						
Classical Guitar						
Drum Kit						
Flute/ Recorder						
Piano						
Saxophone						
Violin						
Voice						
Viola						
Private Theory						
Private Ear-Training						

Program Offerings - Group Classes

Ear Training Program - Children & Youth	Levels	Length of Program
<p>Ear Training classes introduce students to the basic elements of music, helping to improve their listening, singing and sight-reading skills as well as their sense of rhythm and overall musicality.</p> <p>Our Preliminary classes (ages 5-6 & Level 1) are fun classes designed for beginners with no previous experience. Levels 2-8 are progressively more challenging, and have been redeveloped to follow the new curriculum guidelines of the Royal Conservatory of Music. Ear-Training forms a vital complement for private lesson study.</p> <p><i>In collaboration with the Recreation department, we are pleased to offer an after school escort service from select local schools for Preliminary Classes. Please ask in the office for more details.</i></p>	<p>Preliminary - Ages 5-6</p> <p>Level 1</p> <p>Level 2</p> <p>Level 3/4</p> <p>Level 5/6</p> <p>Level 7/8</p>	<p>September to June</p> <p>33 weeks</p>

Ear Training Program - Adults	Length of Program
<p>Ear Training classes introduce students to the basic elements of music, helping to improve their listening, singing and sight-reading skills as well as their sense of rhythm and overall musicality. The adult class is tailored to the needs of the students enrolled, with a limited class size of no more than 6 adults. Adult students can register at any time and can complete as many terms as needed.</p> <p>This program draws on material from the Royal Conservatory of Music method.</p>	<p>September to June</p> <p>33 weeks</p>

Dance Classes - Children & Parents	Beginner Level	Junior Level	Length of Program
<p>DANCE CLASSES at the Music & Arts School offer children a chance to learn the basics of western dance styles in a relaxed, non-competitive environment.</p> <p>Instruction is available in ballet, tap & jazz for children as young as 4 years old. This program runs for 33 weeks throughout the School year, and culminates with an end of year recital in June. Dance class participants may also get the chance to go on field trips, an extra perk at no cost!</p> <p><i>Added PERK:</i> Unlike many dance studios, parents of children are welcome to observe our classes. Interested parents may also enrol, and learn to dance alongside their children.</p>	<p>Beginning Ballet (ages 4-7)</p> <p>Beginning Tap (ages 5-7)</p>	<p>Junior Ballet (ages 8+ or 7 with experience)</p> <p>Junior Jazz</p> <p>Junior Tap (ages 8+ or 7 with experience)</p>	<p>33 Weeks</p>



Children's Choir	Length of Program
<p>The CHILDREN'S CHOIR is a great opportunity for children aged 5-12 to learn vocal music as an ensemble in a comfortable group setting. This program runs for 33 weeks. Students perform at School concerts twice a year in December and June.</p> <p>This group often accepts extra performance opportunities; having been invited to perform with professional artists in the community, as well as at City Hall, and during University Settlement special events.</p> <p><i>In collaboration with the Recreation department, we are pleased to offer an after school escort service from select local schools: Ogden, Orde, Da Vinci, and Lord Lansdowne. Please ask in the office for more details.</i></p>	<p>September to June</p> <p>33 weeks</p>

RCM Theory Prep- All Ages	Levels	Length of Program
<p>We offer RCM THEORY classes for students preparing for examinations.</p> <p>In our regular school year stream, all levels are offered for 30 weeks between September and May. These classes have are tailored to the most uptodate RCM curriculum, and focus on such skills as: pitch, rhythm, scales, intervals, triads, key recognition, transposition, analysis and musical terms.</p> <p>A spring/summer intensive program is also available and runs from May-August.</p>	<p>Level 5 (Basic) Rudiments</p> <p>Level 6-7 (Intermediate) Rudiments</p> <p>Level 8(Advanced) Rudiments</p> <p>Level 9 Harmony</p> <p>Level 9 History</p> <p>Level 10 Harmony</p> <p>Level 10 History</p>	<p>September to June</p> <p>28 weeks</p> <p>May- August Intensive</p> <p>10 weeks</p>

<i>Adult Chamber Music Program</i>	<i>Length of Program</i>
<p>The Chamber Music Program at University Settlement has been running for over 20 years! Designed for intermediate and/or advanced adult students who wish to make music in small ensembles, we offer a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere, with expert coaching from talented instructors. Each weekly session is 90 minutes in length, and the program runs for 7 weeks each term.</p> <p>The Program Coordinator generates groups each term based on participant level, availability, and repertoire requests. Pre-formed ensembles are also welcome. Coaches instruct groups on how better to coordinate ensemble playing, and to teach musical style.</p> <p>Chamber Music participants have access to School studio space for practice purposes in addition to their coaching rehearsals. Students in this program have the opportunity to perform in an informal concert at the end of each term, for friends, family and fellow students.</p>	<p>September to June</p> <p>21 weeks</p>

<i>Youth Chamber Music Program</i>	<i>Length of Program</i>
<p>Similar to our Adult Chamber program, the Youth Chamber Music Program is for intermediate or advanced youth between the ages of 12-18. This program incorporates classical and popular music. All instrument are welcome! Each session runs weekly for one hour, and culminates in and end-of-term concert. Our expert instructor is here to ensure a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere.</p>	<p>September - June</p> <p>29 weeks</p>

Concert Performances - *Tips & Guidelines*



The Music & Arts School offer students up to 20 performance opportunities per year:

- Most concerts take place at neighbouring churches.
- Sign-up sheets for private lesson students are available a month in advance from teachers, and must be submitted to the office in order to confirm your performance. Group class teachers are responsible for group enrolment.

The day of:

- Plan to arrive at least 10 minutes before the start time.
- Plan to stay for the entire concert. Student concerts run between 1 to 1 ¼ hours .
- Please turn off or silence cell phones and leave the hall if you need to take a phone call.
- Please refrain from eating during the concert.
- Don't forget to bow at the end of your performance!

FAQ - frequently asked questions!

What is your policy on cancellations?

Should you cancel your private lesson with 24 hours notice, a make-up will be arranged, maximum of 1 per term. With less than 24 hours notice the lesson is forfeited and not eligible for a make-up. Should your teacher cancel a lesson, it will be rescheduled. Missed group classes are unable to be rescheduled. If extenuating circumstance prevent you from completing the term, please enquire in the office about the School's Early Withdrawal Policies.

Does the School have its own system of learning?

There is no University Settlement method of music instruction. Our teachers are trained in and familiar with many methods. Should you wish, our faculty can offer you guided instruction in progressive methods, such as the RCM method. Some students, particularly adults, prefer to progress at their own pace, setting their own goals in consultation with our teachers. Music & Arts School faculty members are also qualified to draw upon their knowledge to offer this type of individualized instruction.

Will I need to practice, and may I practice at the School?

Yes, private practice is essential if you wish to progress in your studies. You can practice at the School during teaching hours, so long as a studio is not reserved for private teaching. This privilege is included in your fees. Please check the studio schedules next to the Music Office door for studio availability.

Will I need to buy book or an instrument right away?

Not necessarily. The School has several different types of instruments available for rental at reasonable rates, and you may use the School's pianos for practicing. We also keep a waitlist of students looking to either purchase or receive a donated piano. Please keep in mind that as you progress in your studies, a purchase will become necessary. While we can often supply some music for the first few lessons, you will be expected to purchase music books.