

# VOL. 1| SEPTEMBER 2021

# MUSIC NOTES



Updates for the students and parents of Delta Community Music School. [www.dcms.ca](http://www.dcms.ca)



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## Jazz Fest; a new beginning

This past August saw the return of our South Delta Jazz Festival. This year we held a 3 week event that had both online and in-person events. About 18 students participated in this year's workshops and festival.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for helping organize this year's event, and also. big Thank-you to Southlands Tsawwassen for sponsoring the event and making the Red Barn at Southlands available to us !



## Fall at DCMS

### Statutory Holidays

There are no regularly scheduled lessons on these days

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
Thursday, September 30, 2021

Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 11, 2021

Remembrance Day - Thursday, November 11,

## COVID update

Considering the serious risk imposed by the current Covid-19 virus variant the BCCDC via the Provincial Health Officer has announced vaccination requirements in order for people to participate in certain types of activities.

At DCMS the board is continuing with our Stage 4 Covid-19 Safety Plan procedures and protocols, and at this point are announcing that vaccinations will be required for faculty and students aged 12 years and over for all in-person lessons.

We understand that this may inconvenience some who wish to utilize the school for in-person lessons, however, our first priority is the health and safety of all participants going forward into the fall.

As of September 13, 2021, at least the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine will be required for in-person lessons, and the second dose by October 24, 2021. We expect that these requirements, as well as Stage 4 of our Covid-19 Safety Plan, will remain in place until January 31, 2022.

We are monitoring the Covid-19 situation in the Province closely and should change be required prior to January 31, 2022, we will make those announcements in a timely fashion. Please contact our administrator for methods available to provide vaccination information to her office.

*Jim Matson, DCMS Board of Directors.*



This Summer saw the return of our Thrive City String Boot Camp. This year John Littlejohn headed up a team of online instructors both from our local community and international stars from abroad.

This year's camp was held over two weeks with a Novice Camp (July 26 - 30 and a Intermediate / Senior Seminar (August 3 - 7).

Special Guests at this year's camp included **Professor Herbert Greenburg** from the Peabody Institute, Cellist **Anthony Elliott** and Jazz violinist **Christian Howes**. Also, the Infinitus Trio were once again artists in residence at the camp.

The students participated in online classes each morning and then they worked on the materials during the afternoons and prepared video recordings for assessment and evaluation by the instructors.

The final performance took place in the form of virtual videos which you can find on our YouTube Channel.



## Student Achievements 2021

### RCM Exams

#### *Congratulations to*

Kitty S.

- RCM level 8 Clarinet  
- First Class Honours

Cindy C.

- RCM level 8 Saxophone  
- First Class Honours

Anka S.

- RCM level 10 Clarinet  
- First Class Honours with Distinction

