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MUSIC NOTES



Updates for the students and parents of Delta Community Music School. www.dcms.ca



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Spring at DCMS

As we head towards Springtime we are hopeful that our school will continue to rebound and be able to offer more in-person programs once again.

Scholarship recitals will be once again in-person this year and be held in May. Live in-person recitals for our students are being planned for after Spring Break. Look for more info about Open Mic and Student Recitals happening in April!



Summer at DCMS

Thrive City String Boot Camp

Online Virtual Retreat

July 25 - 29, 2022

In-person at Hatzick Lake

August 2 - 6, 2022

Stringbootcamp.com

South Delta Jazz Festival

Instrumental Camp

August 9 - 13

Vocal Jazz Camp

August 16 - 18, 2022

southdeltajazzfestival.com

Summer Programs for 2022

We are excited to bring back some of our programs this year, and also we will be offering some New Summer programs for 2022!

South Delta Jazz Festival



Our South Delta Jazz Festival will be returning this summer. We will be running in-person instrumental and vocal jazz workshops at the Red Barn at Southlands and other locations in South Delta. We welcome many of our regular faculty back to the camp including **Len Aruliah, Brad Muirhead, Rob Kohler**, along with our own Music Director **Stephen Robb**. We will be announcing more faculty members later.

New for this Summer will be a Vocal Jazz Camp under the direction of **Jennifer Scott** and **Dr. Laura Harrison** (director of vocal jazz studies at Capilano University) This will be a three day workshop held at the Red Barn at Southlands and will include opportunities for singers to work in a jazz choir setting and learn solo repertoire. There will be opportunities to work with a rhythm sections and be accompanied by some of Vancouver's finest including bassist **Rene Worst**.

Thrive City String Boot Camp 2022

We are planning to bring back the Thrive City String Boot Camp this summer with both online and in-person programs.

At this point we are planning to offer both an Online Virtual Retreat and an In-person Senior boot camp experience.



The Online Virtual Retreat will be held the last week of July (July 25 - 29) and an in-person Camp at Camp Luther (Hatzic Lake) during the first week of August starting after the holiday weekend. exact dates are still to be announced.

Mike Machalkow Drum workshops.

These workshops which had to be cancelled in 2020 due to COVID may be offered again this summer. Too soon to tell yet, but we may be able to remount the program for 2022!

Covid Update

As of the writing of this newsletter we are still in our Stage 4 of our Covid-19 operating plan. We expect things to stay the same until the end of March, after that time our board will be making another evaluation of our circumstances.

Masks must be worn while at our school. We encourage everyone to use N95 masks to help us keep everyone safe!

Up to date information about our COVID response is on our website at <https://dcms.ca/covid-19-protocols-for-dcms/>



New Faculty for 2022

By Stephen Robb

We are welcoming at this time two new members to the DCMS faculty!

D'Arcy Blunston

D'Arcy is a classically trained singer who completed a Bachelor of Music at Mount Alison and Masters in Music in Opera performance at the University of British Columbia



D'Arcy is teaching at our school on Tuesdays.

D'Arcy's opera credits include Erste Dame in Die Zauberflöte (University of British Columbia Opera Ensemble; Chicago Summer Opera), La Ciesca in Gianni Schicchi (University of British Columbia; Halifax Summer Opera Festival), and Micaëla in Bizet's Carmen (Halifax Summer Opera Festival). D'Arcy was a member of the Vancouver Opera chorus for their production of La Traviata (2019).

As a result, she emphasizes creative expression and vocal freedom in her sessions with students, in addition to stage presence and performance skills. Her goal as a teacher is to help each student to explore and discover their own personal artistic voice. And to have fun doing so.

Trina is also a trained Music therapist, and has many years of experience working in that field as well

Trina Nestibo

We welcome Trina to our faculty who will be teaching for us on Wednesdays at DCMS.

Trina's experience is more in the singer/songwriter vein, releasing three original albums and performing in festivals, folk clubs, and venues across Western Canada.



Coming Events

Spring Break March 14 - 27

The School and the office is closed and there are no regularly scheduled lessons at this time.

Open Mic - Thursday, April 7, 2022

Red Barn at Southlands - times to be confirmed

Student Recital - Sunday April 3, 2022

Ladner United Church - to be confirmed

Scholarship Recital / Auditions -

Instrumental audition - Sunday May 1st, 2022

All Saints Anglican Parish - to be confirmed.

Voice audition - will be later May, or early June