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MUSICAL NOTES



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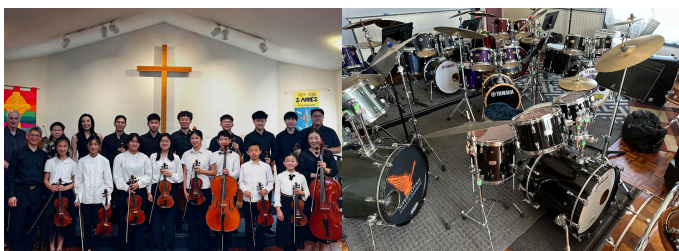
OVERVIEW:

Welcome from our Music Director

It is hard to believe that it is already April and we are closing in on our final plans and events for Spring 2026. Lots of events are coming up at the school with our final recitals, scholarship recitals, May Days, and of course we are hard at work planning our summer String Camp and Jazz Workshop.

I am planning to publish this newsletter three times a year (next one will be this fall) to help keep everyone up to date. I also maintain the school's website at dcms.ca so you can find the latest most up-to-date information on what is happening at the school.

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Dates to Remember:

May 18 - Victoria Day
(no regularly scheduled lessons)

Our 2025 - 2026 year ends on June 13th

Early Registration for Fall 2026
begins May 1st

Open Registration for Fall 2026
begins June 1st.

Welcome from the Board of Directors

by Bill Pake

Hello from the Delta Community Music School (DCMS) Board,

The DCMS Board added two new Board members at the recent Annual General Meeting; Daphne Hodgins and Eric Keenleyside. Our Board now consists of Bill Pake - Chair, Gord Heard - Vice Chair, Gaynor Downie - Treasurer, Rolf Lippelt - Secretary, Jiang Ling - Director at Large, Daphne Hodgins - Director at Large, and Eric Keenleyside - Director at Large.

Over the next few months our focus will include increased communication with the DCMS community, and encouraging greater involvement by the school community in our events and recitals.



We will also be starting our planning for May Days in Ladner, The South Delta Jazz Festival Student Workshops which take place in July, and the South Delta Jazz Festival which takes place at the Southlands Tsawwassen in August.

We look forward to connecting with you at upcoming recitals and events. Please feel free to come up and say hello. If you have any question, or would like to enquire about joining the Board or helping out at recitals and events you can also contact us through the DCMS office.

Thank you for being a part of our Delta Community Music School Community.

Bill Pake
Board Chair

Summer Camps & Workshops

The 22nd edition of the South Delta Jazz Workshop is back in July this year, July 7- 11 at the Music School . Registration is now open! We plan on having the festival component run at Southlands on the weekend of August 8th. Check dcms.ca for details.

Also our Summer Chamber Music at St. Anne's (St. Anne's Church in Richmond) is open again this year with violinist Jonathan Der and various faculty, the week of July 6 - 11. Registration Opens Soon! - Open to string players RCM level 6 and higher. Check dcms.ca for details.

Our Drum Camp returns on July 20th here at the school with a week of drumming with Mike Michalkow. The first week is almost sold out, we are looking at running a second week starting July 27th



What's New at DCMS?

May Days Volunteers

We need volunteers to help with staffing our Tent at Memorial Park all day Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24. If you are able to help out for an hour or two and support our nonprofit team here at DCMS, please enquire with the school office!

Introducing our Scholarship Recital Adjudicators for 2026

Our annual Scholarship audition recitals are coming up soon. Students must be recommended by their instructor to enter.

Dr. Barrie Barrington - Instrumental adjudicator

Barrie is a long time Delta resident and pianist. Recently retired from a long teaching career teaching in the Music Program at Douglas college



Barrie has performed throughout Canada and the US, and completed his Doctorate in Musical Arts at UBC.

Stephane Standerwick - voice

Stephanie Standerwick is a joyful and passionate Contemporary Christian artist known for her powerhouse vocals and uplifting music. Named International Gospel Artist of the Year in 2019, she performs around the world—in studios, stadiums, churches, and at charity events—sharing a message of love with audiences everywhere. She teaches voice and musical theatre and continues to dance, act, and perform professionally. As an educator and mentor, Stephanie authored Singing Lessons, guiding singers to uncover their authentic voice and confidence both on and off stage.



Calling all change-makers!

Step into the spotlight and join our Board of Directors!

We're on the hunt for enthusiastic volunteers to help steer the ship at DCMS! Our school, a registered non-profit in BC, thrives on the energy and dedication of volunteers who lead and manage our society. If you're ready to hit the high notes with us, drop a note at the school office or send a message to our Music Director, Stephen Robb (srobb@dcms.ca).

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Spring Events 2026

Student Recital - Sunday May 10
Ladner United Church - 2 pm

Ladner May Days - May 23 & 24
Voice Students Main Stage after the parade on Sunday

Voice Students in Recital - May 31
Studio of D'Arcy Blunston - All Saints Anglican Parish - Time TBA

Instrumental Scholarship Recital - May 31
Voice Scholarship Recital - June 7
Junior and Senior classes - at the School
Ask you teacher for recommendation to participate

Final Recital - Sunday June 15
- All Saints Anglican Parish - 2 pm

