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MUSICAL NOTES



What's happening at Delta Community Music School. www.dcms.ca



Welcome from our Music Director

Our 2026/2027 school year is now well underway, hard to believe we are already at Thanksgiving.

Our summer was busy with running 3 music camps/ workshops including our Jazz Workshop, String Summer Chamber Music Camp and the Drum Workshop. We plan to run all three programs again next summer. Look for annoncements about our summer plans in the next newsletter.

Most of our teachers are at full or almost full enrollment, we still have room for some wind and brass students. We are able to run two groups this year with our Tuesday night Jazz ensembles, but there is still room for new members.

Our Annual Halloween closure is coming up the end of the month, and we have two recital opportunities booked for the fall. Information about these events will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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OVERVIEW:

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Dates to Remember:

Haunted House Closure
October 25 - November 1st inclusive

November 11 - Remembrance Day
(no regularly scheduled lessons)

Winter Break - School Closure
December 21 - January 3rd inclusive

Welcome from the Board of Directors

DCMS has been offering music lessons to students from Ladner, Tsawwassen, North Delta, and other communities in the lower mainland since 1981. Our distinguished faculty teach clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, band, jazz ensemble, and music theory,out of our facility located at McKee Heritage House in Ladner. DCMS is a non-profit Society, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors are elected each year at our AGM, which is coming up this year on Sunday, November 15. Board meetings are held monthly from September through June. Areas of responsibility for the DCMS Board members include overseeing the operations of the school, addressing strategic issues facing DCMS in partnership with the Music Director, and providing leadership to the visioning process and to the development of future directions for DCMS.

We are seeking new Board members to join us in order to facilitate more effective committee work, and also to allow for healthy and effective Board succession.
Please consider putting your name forward to join the DCMS Board. Our Board members possess a variety of backgrounds and skillsets, and whatever you bring to the table will be valued and appreciated. Please reach out to our Board Chair, Bill Pake, or our Membership Committee lead, Daphne Hodgins, if you have questions about this volunteer opportunity.

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Scholarship Awards 2026

Congratulations to our scholarship winners

Voice Scholarships

Junior
1st Callum Templeton
2nd Henry Sudds
3rd Nora Williams

Senior
1st Jessica Main,
2nd Rayna Yang,
3rd Ginger Gilliat

Instrumental Scholarships

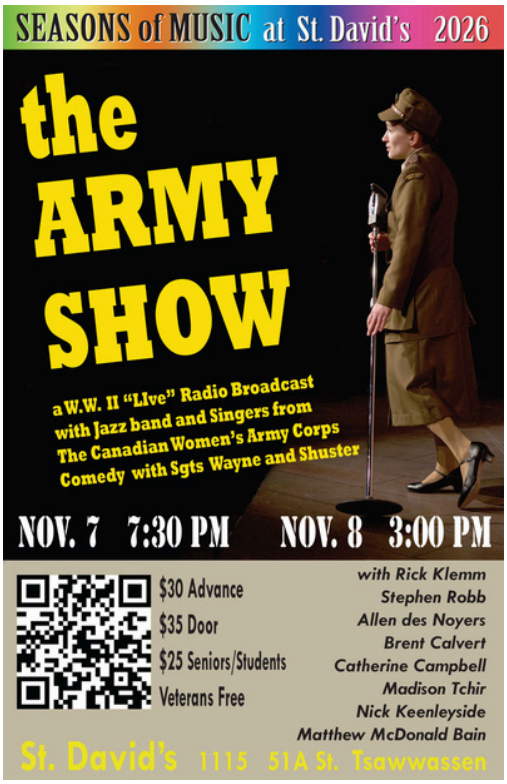
Junior
1st. Preston Greeley (piano)
2nd Claude Lin, Kelly Wu, (piano)
3rd. Zarina Lam (piano)

Senior
1st Thomas Meyers (clarinet)
2nd. Boda Xu (piano)
3rd Ivan Chung (clarinet)



Community Events





City of Delta Haunted House Event

Fright Fest Runs on
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
from 6 - 8 pm
McKee House
Theme - Oddities & Curiosisities

Hours of Operation
Monday October 26
Tuesday October, 27
- FRIGHT FEST-
Wednesday Octover 28
6 - 8 pm each day

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 Daphne@dcms.ca





Fall Events 2026

City of Delta Hauted House Closure
October 25 - November 1st inclusive - School is Closed

Remembrance Day - Nov. 11
School is closed Wednesday November 11

AGM and Student Recital
Sunday November 15 - 2 pm
Ladner United Church

Fall Recital - Sunday December 6
Ladner United Church - times TBA

Winter Break - December 20th - January 3rd
School is closed for the Winter Break