

Fall 2016

Christmas CONCERT!

Our annual Christmas Recitals will take place at Sheridan Park Alliance church on **Monday December 12th** and **Tuesday December 13th** starting at 6:30pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow performers to get settled and to ensure good seats. Parents, relatives, and friends are all welcome! We ask that all participants and guests remain for the duration of the concert so that all students may be celebrated by a full audience. This year again, there will be a special performance by the Carswell Choristers at the Monday night Recital!

Sheridan Park Alliance church is located at

CARSWELL CHORISTERS!

Founded in October 2014, the Carswell Choristers continues to practice on a regular basis, and has a lot of fun while doing so! This September we welcomed Katie Spurgiasz as a Co-Director of the choir. Katie, along with Jim Carswell, and accompanist Zoriana Kilyk, introduce the singers to a variety of musical styles and choral techniques.

The Choristers have been busy learning new music that is both fun and challenging! From unison to 3-part harmony, each song is sure to please! We are looking forward to sharing a few of our pieces at the December Recital!

JUNE SCHOLARSHIP!

Last June, Carswell Studio awarded two \$50 scholarships to two students who demonstrated commitment, potential, and excellence. All Nominees gave superb and convincing performances at the June recitals. This year's outstanding winners in piano were: Dana Murdoch and Kyle Pinto. All nominees did a great job! Stay tuned for this year's nominees, to be announced early in the Spring.

CAMP CARSWELL!

Last summer, the talented students of Carswell Music Studio's Musical Theatre Summer camp performed *Shrek the Musical JR*. Participants worked over the course of two weeks to mount a full production - complete with sets, costumes, songs, and choreography. The camp works out of the Grange in southwest Mississauga, a designated heritage site on our community. Under the direction and instruction of Carswell teachers Elizabeth Amos, Sarah DaCunha, and Jim Carswell, students were trained in singing, acting, and dancing, in preparation for their July performance. They did an amazing performance for parents, alumni teachers, and our dear late friend Ofelia Molero, who cared for many of them at Sheridan Park P.S. over a number of years! This excellent production of SHREK JR. was truly a stunning tribute both to her, and to the community!

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Welcome to Katie Spurgiasz, music teacher at Thomas Street Middle School in Mississauga, joining us as a vocal and flute teacher!

Congratulations to our teachers Zoriana Kilyk and Patricia Carandang who placed FIRST in the ARCT duet piano class! BRAVA!!!

Further congratulations are extended to Zoriana Kilyk who will be graduating from the Royal Conservatory of Music on Sunday Nov. 27th with a diploma in piano performance! Well done!

In late October, we were saddened by the passing of Ofelia Molero, who was the PLASP coordinator at Sheridan Park P.S. for the past number of years. She knew many of our students here at the Studio, and she will be greatly

WORKSHOPS!

Our first Piano Workshop of the Fall was held in late October and led by Jim Carswell and Gerardo Durzo-Greens. It was a very successful session, as students were guided to focus on tone production and trills, leading to developing confidence in performance settings.

Thank you to our hosts Luisa and Elise Ceolin, and to all of our students who attended the Fall Piano workshop!

Student Exam Results!

Student	Category	Result
Andra Macavei	Grade 2 Voice	82%
Elise Khan	Grade 3 Voice	80%
Alyssa Murdoch	Grade 8 Piano	91%
Dana Murdoch	Grade 7 Piano	88%
Brandon Chan	Grade 7 Piano	77%
Abigail Chan	Grade 7 Piano	74%

Practice Tips!

With the recital fast-approaching, here are some tips to maximize your practice sessions:

1. Regular Daily Practice – It is more beneficial to practice for shorter times every day, rather than for a longer period of time once or twice a week.
2. Best Time of Day – Find a daily practice time that fits best into your day to help incorporate it into your family routine.
3. Record Yourself – When you listen to yourself playing, you can hear what sections need work, and what parts of the piece of music are sounding performance-ready!
4. Practice in Chunks – Play the sections that you don't know, play the bars that are tricky, repeat transitions from one section to the next. Simply playing the song from beginning to end multiple won't help fix the tricky parts!
5. Use a Metronome – Start with a slower tempo (speed) and work up to the tempo you want for your song.

Congratulations to all teachers and students for a very successful First Term! We look forward to everyone's upcoming recital performances! See you there!

Our Piano Space Explorers EBOOK is currently being tested in preparation for an OUTER SPACE launch. Stay tuned!



“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

-Plato

Carswell Music Studios has an exciting section on our website which you can reach at www.carswellmusic.com. A number of our students' pictures are featured there. These pictures were taken by our talented webmaster and Internet specialist, Dave Lowe. Check it out at www.carswellmusic.com!