



IMA ANNUAL CONCERT

Sunday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church Bethesda, 20 Union Street

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we have already completed our preparations for the **IMA Annual Concert**. As usual, we will have 4 concerts during the day starting from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. All concerts are open for the general public. We encourage all students to participate. The concerts are as follows:

- 1:00 p.m. Music from our Little Mozarts
- 2:00 p.m. iMA introductory classes
- 3:30 p.m. iMA intermediary and advanced classes
- 4:30 p.m. iMA adult programmes

Detailed information about the concerts has already been sent. We will be projecting the performances live on a gigantic screen beside the stage and will be recording the entire event on DVDs. Join us for this fun and exciting experience. Let your friends, classmates, neighbors, and everyone you know about the most thrilling concerts of the year!

THE IMA RECITAL IN MAY HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS!

The May 5, 2007 recital of students from the intermediary and advanced classes at the IMA was an unforgettable experience for all students, parents, and guests. Ten young musicians took advantage of the extraordinary acoustic and warm ambiance of one of the oldest churches in Unionville. **Linda Xia** (violin), **Cameron Lee** (violin), **Alexander Volkov** (violin), **Hayson Ko** (violin), **Rochelle White** (piano), **Josh Li** (clarinet), **Suzette Cameron** (piano), **Xianxin Du** (trumpet), **Christina Lovatsis** (voice), and **Megan Jover** (voice) have performed with great aplomb and have earned well-deserved applause. A reception concluded the evening creating opportunities for the performers and their families to exchange ideas and share experiences.

OUR NEW LOGO



The International Music Academy has a new logo! From June 1, 2007 the crowned Unicorn will be replaced by a treble clef wearing a hat and holding a magic stick in the left hand. The Unicorn may occasionally appear on some pre-printed documents until we receive our next badge of supplies.

IMA SUMMER PROGRAMMES

During the summer we are offering our full range of programmes and courses. As usual, we are open Monday through Saturday from 11 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday by appointment. (We will be closed only from August 27 to September 3 for our annual maintenance.) We encourage our current and new students to have music lessons more often during this summer. Take advantage of the more available time and enjoy your music classes while improving your music skills. Ask us for more information now.

IMA STUDENTS BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Jonathan M.	Marko G.
Abrina B.	Sarika C.
Sarah K.	Geoffrey M.
Hayson K.	Milos H.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Meet with the IMA teachers, parents, students, and staff. Join us for free cookies, tea, and coffee.

Every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

IMA HAS WELCOMED MORE NEW STUDENTS IN MAY 2007:

Andrea Y. (RCM Harmony and counterpoint 5)
Andrea Y. (RCM Piano pedagogy)
Anthony Y. (RCM violin 3)
Eleanor M. (oboe)
Erik D. (RCM violin 8)
Gabriel K. (piano)
Harshini K. (RCM piano 1)
James P. (RCM guitar 4)
Monica L. (RCM piano 9)
Morgan L. (voice)
Stephanie F. (saxophone)
William L. (piano)

FURTHER AHEAD...



Royal Conservatory of Music SPRING SESSION

Practical Examinations June 4–23, 2007

SUMMER SESSION

Applications deadline June 5, 2007
Theory Examinations August 10-11, 2007
Practical Examinations August 13-25, 2007

Canadian Music Competition

National Final June 20-July 5, 2007

PRACTICING TIPS FOR PIANO STUDENTS

Parents often don't realize how much progress their young child in piano lessons can make. Some parents don't even take their young children in piano lessons seriously! It's hard to believe but we've even heard parents say things like, "Well, she's only 6 years old, you can't expect her to really play piano!" The problem with this thinking is where does it end? "She's only 7.....", "He's only 8.....", "She's only 9...." This is a defense parents sometimes use because they're afraid their children will fail in piano. It's understandable, but it sends their child in piano the message that their effort doesn't matter. How sad!

The truth is that children are always very capable, so don't underestimate your child's intelligence. Here are three practice strategies for young piano students that

matter! Encourage your child in piano lessons to use these Best Piano Practice Tips and we guarantee it will make a huge difference in their success.

1. **Keep your eyes on the music - don't look down at your hands.**
2. **Sing the note names as you play them.**
3. **Keep a rounded hand position over the keys and stretch your fingertips down to the keys from the top knuckles.**
4. **Sit back on the piano bench and reach your arms out to the piano.**
5. **Swing your arms away from your sides so the tips of your elbows point in a horizontal direction.**

Without effective piano practice habits it won't matter how long your child practices. However, by helping your young student stay focused during home practice with these effective learning tips, they will achieve more and enjoy playing more, because they're so successful.

FAMOUS COMPOSERS BORN IN JUNE

- ❖ **June 1, 1804** - Mikhail Glinka, the "father of Russian music".
- ❖ **June 2, 1857** - Sir Edward Elgar, English composer.
- ❖ **June 6, 1903** - Aram Khachaturian, Soviet, Armenian composer and conductor.
- ❖ **June 8, 1810** - Robert Schumann, German composer.
- ❖ **June 15, 1843** - Edvard Grieg, Norwegian composer.
- ❖ **June 17, 1818** - Charles Gounod, French composer, organist and conductor.
- ❖ **June 17, 1882** - Igor Stravinsky, Russian-American composer.
- ❖ **June 20, 1819** - Jacques Offenbach, French composer.
- ❖ **June 29, 1908** - Leroy Anderson, American composer of light popular music.

"The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honours the servant and has forgotten the gift."

Albert Einstein, physicist