

## ANNUAL WINTER RECITAL

We would like to invite all students & their families to take part in this year's Winter Recital, will take place on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, at Applewood United Church (2067 Stanfield Road).**

We also ask that each family bring a contribution to our sweets & refreshment table.

We ask that all students **RSVP** regarding their performance to their teacher, or to [studio@carswellmusic.com](mailto:studio@carswellmusic.com), **by November 26, 2023**. See you there!



## JUNE SCHOLARSHIPS 2023!

Last June, Carswell Studios once again awarded scholarships to a couple of deserving students and teachers who demonstrated commitment, potential, and excellence. We would like to congratulate the following recipients with their well-deserved recognition:



- **Michael Ormsby** – Academic Excellence in Piano Performance
- **Sophia Mazur** – Most-Improved Student



Carswell Studios would also like to extend a big thank you to Mr. Jim Carswell himself, who generously sponsored both of the scholarships!

Thank you to all of our students for your continued dedication and hard work!

## OTHER UPCOMING EXCITING PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

**FALL WORKSHOP** - This year's fall workshop will take place **on Sunday, November 5 @ 3201 Sunnyhill Drive at 2:00pm**. We invite all students to participate, and parents to stay and watch. Workshops are a great opportunity for students to play through some of the pieces they are working on in a more relaxed setting, in front of a smaller audience. All students will receive feedback from our teachers, which will help prepare them for the Christmas Recital.

**Please RSVP to your teacher by October 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
Can't wait to see you there!!

**WINTER MUSIC SHOWCASE for Ivan Franko Homes** – On Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> our studio will be returning to Ivan Franko Retirement Home for a mini-showcase concert for the holidays! The seniors look forward to hearing our beautiful music! More details to follow.

## OUR HAPPY STUDENTS!



## NOTEWORTHY NEWS!

Welcome back to a familiar face!

Alyssa Murdoch has returned to our studio as a piano & theory teacher after a few years away studying at McMaster University in Hamilton.

So great to have you back, Alyssa!



## EXAM DEADLINE REMINDERS

### December 2023/January 2024 Session

Event	Date
Registration Opens	September 12, 2023
Registration Deadline	November 7, 2023
Theory Examinations	December 8 & 9, 2023
Practical Examinations	January 15 - 27, 2024

### April 2024 Session (Piano Only)

Event	Date
Registration Opens	November 14, 2023
Registration Deadline	January 9, 2024
Theory Examinations	Not available
Practical Piano Examinations	April 15 - 20, 2024

## Student Exam Results!

Student	Category	Result
Lena Krzywucki	Level 2 Piano	83%
Sophia Mazur	Level 5 Theory	70%
Sophia Mazur	Level 5 Piano	74%
Zlatoslava Zsupanin	Level 5 Piano	75%
Michael Ormsby	Level 8 Piano	81%

Congratulations to all of our students for their success on their exams! We wish the best of luck to all those who will be completing exams and participating in Festivals in Term 2!

## 6 METHODS FOR MEMORIZING MUSIC

With the school year well underway, we would like to offer some tips on how to better memorize your music, so that you can be a true star on the stage!

1. Memorize in sections – break up your music into small groups of measures of musical “phrases”
2. Start at the end and work backward – memorize the last phrase/measure in your pieces and gradually add more phrases/measures, working back to the beginning
3. Visualize the sheet music – try to picture your sheet music and notations. Spend time studying your music beforehand
4. Memorize at a slow tempo – even if you can play at full speed, slow down the tempo when you’re trying to memorize to ensure accuracy
5. On and off sheet music – practice going back and forth between “on” and “off” book. Use your sheet music, then take it away
6. Beginning to end repetition – once you’ve memorized the tough sections and you know the piece well, practice playing the piece in its entirety several times.

Good luck!

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

Don't forget to visit our website [www.carswellmusic.com](http://www.carswellmusic.com) for the latest news and developments on the studio!  
We also invite you to 'like' and support us on Facebook!

Big THANK YOU to our talented webmaster and Internet specialist, Dave Lowe, for making that possible!