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*"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens"*

*Maria Von Trapp*



# Focus of the Month



## *We're Almost There*

My hope with the blues theme over the last couple of months has been to grab student attention and ignite excitement. I am happy to report that my mission has been accomplished. I witnessed quite a bit of ingenuity and motivation in the process of learning blues pieces, as well as in improvising and composing based on the elements learned. My young musicians are adding the finishing touches to their masterpieces as we speak and will start playing them.

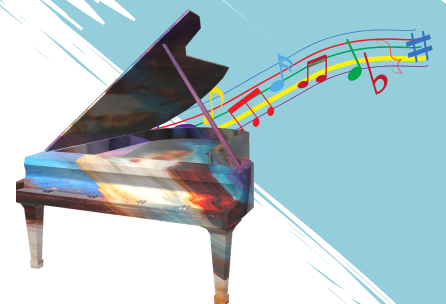
My goal to have a showcase at the beginning of April was way too ambitious and unrealistic, especially since we also had a break. So my new (hopefully more sensible) goal is to have a showcase at the beginning of May.

Students will be practicing their pieces in the next couple of weeks, and will record playing them towards the end of April. Details for the showcase will come your way mid April.

## *A Look Ahead: Recital*

This month we are also starting to think about our Spring Recital. Some pieces have already been chosen, others will be picked in the following weeks. My objective is to allow students plenty of time to prepare for the recital. Hopefully this will instill a sense of preparedness and confidence, which in turn will lead to an enjoyable recital experience.

Considering the uncertainty that still lingers in the air concerning Covid 19 and due to the impossibility of renting a space during these times, we will have another ONLINE RECITAL in June. More details will follow in the May Newsletter.



# Covid-19 Policy Update



## *Back to Normal, While Still Keeping Safe*

On March 9th, Ontario Government had announced several changes to its COVID-19 mandates, and we would like to provide an update on how those changes will impact our studio.

### **MASKS:**

The Government of Ontario has dropped its mandatory mask mandate in most public settings. Starting April 4th, the choice to wear a mask will be fully yours. I personally have decided to continue wearing my mask, as I work in very close proximity with your children, I teach in other settings too and my chance of spreading the virus to my students is quite high.

### **SELF ISOLATION/QUARANTINE:**

While Government rules around self-isolation/ quarantine requirements are also changing, our sick policy remains unchanged with students asked to remain online:

- 1) If a student or anyone in the family is sick or experiences any cold-like symptoms
- 2) If a student or anyone in the family was exposed to COVID-19

### **SELF SCREENING:**

I would like to ask you to continue to send me your school screening results prior to coming to each lesson. The link can be found in your weekly email reminder.



# April Dates and Events



**EASTER WEEKEND**

**Apr. 15-17**

**NO LESSONS**

**Apr. 15 & 17**

**LESSONS RUN  
ACCORDING TO  
SCHEDULE:**

**Apr. 16**



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