



Stamford Lane United Church Music Program

*Quality music education
for everyone!*



Fall 2021

Welcome Back!

What we do...

The music program at Stamford Lane United Church is an inclusive, faith-based program that provides our community with top quality music education led by Sara Maida-Nicol (UofT, Royal Conservatory) and Linda Bruch (Royal Conservatory). Students learn vocal technique, choral singing/movement and the basics of music theory & appreciation. The Junior and Teen Choirs are featured monthly in a “family-oriented” church service and gain performance experience that builds self-confidence in a supportive environment. The young musicians also take part in a Christmas musical/pageant and a fundraising event in late January for a charity of their choice. Our wildly successful “Karaoke-Dance Party” in early 2020, was a youth-organized event that raised over \$7500 for Pathstone Mental Health.



Rehearsals:
Saturdays
@11:00am
(SK – Gr 2)
@12:00pm
(Gr 3–Gr 5/6)
@1:00pm
(Teen Choir)
STARTS SEPT 18th!



Sara Maida-Nicol holds a Bachelors of Music in Vocal Performance (Classical) from University of Toronto and is currently on Faculty at both UofT's Department of Music and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She also has a small, private vocal studio in Niagara and works as a vocal coach in Toronto.

Linda Bruch holds a Bachelors of Music in Piano Performance (Royal Conservatory) and teaches piano privately in Niagara. She taught for many years in the local school board (elementary) and has collaborated with young choirs most of her career.

Fred Ellarby (volunteer) Fred is a retired police officer and avid guitar player. He directs the "Praise Team" at Stamford Lane and is always ready to lend a musical hand when we need him.

All staff/volunteers have up-to-date vulnerability sector checks as per our church policy whenever dealing with young children and/or seniors

What will be different this year...

- Choir will be split up into three groups (SK – Gr 2), (Gr 3-5) (Gr. 6 and up will be considered TEEN CHOIR) **limit of 12 per group to ensure proper distancing*
- Our rehearsals will take place in the large GYM upstairs instead of the music room downstairs for more space.
- Masks will be worn indoors, practices may be outdoors, weather permitting. Parents will be notified in advance.
Surgical style masks are the easiest to sing in
- Choir “performances” during church service will be solo and duet based in the Fall with a hopeful return to singing altogether at Christmas time.
We will continue to operate as per Public Health guidelines





TYPICAL LESSON PLAN

Arrival to :10 – Music theory
lesson/worksheets

:10 - :20 – “Ice-breaker” movement/music
activity

:20 - :35 – Vocal technique/breathing/scales
/solfege (Do-Re-Mi)

:35 – 00 – Learning of repertoire (both
sacred and secular)

Examples of past songs:

- Count on Me
- Here Comes the Sun
- Let it Be
- All You Need is Love
- God is Bigger (Veggie Tales)
- God is so Good
- You’ve Got a Friend In Me (Toy Story)
- True Colours (Trolls)
- This Little Light of Mine
- Hallelujah
- My God is so Big
- Standin’ in the Need of Prayer
- How Far I’ll Go (Moana)
- We Go Together (Grease)
- Oceans
- A Million Dreams (Greatest Showman)

CONTACT US:

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