



**DECEMBER 2018**

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*"Without Music, Life is a Journey Through a Desert."*

*-Pat Conroy-*

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### **A NOTE TO PARENTS FROM DEAN AND LEANNE**

Parents, you play such an important role in your child's music learning journey! Your presence helps to provide stability and security for your child. The teacher alone cannot instill a love for music – we count on a partnership with you. We are a team...both the parent and the teacher must work together to build the foundation and continuity for your child's musical education. With this in mind, you are WELCOME to join us at your child's lessons; even if you visit once every six to eight weeks, we would find this quite valuable. We would be pleased to offer you guidance and instruction on how to best help your child at home and, at the same time, walk you through some of the basic things to watch for in order to help your child achieve maximum success in his/her practice at home.

#### **HOW TO CONTACT US...**

If you have any questions, concerns or comments for us or your teacher, please email us or call us anytime. My personal email is [leanne@crescendomusicstudios.ca](mailto:leanne@crescendomusicstudios.ca). Any general inquiries or questions can go to [office@crescendomusicstudios.ca](mailto:office@crescendomusicstudios.ca).

Also, did you know that Crescendo has a cell phone that you can send text messages to when you are going to be away? We do check this quite often so do not hesitate to text us if this is more convenient for you. The number is **780-246-5189** but if you need to ask questions or have a conversation with us, please still call the studio number at **780-570-5699**.

As owners, it is important that we connect with as many families and students as possible. If we haven't had the privilege of meeting you yet, please be sure to introduce yourselves to us at the upcoming recitals. We love meeting and getting to know our valued families at Crescendo Music Studios.

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### **WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESCENDO?**

**December 1st** Keep It Local event at the Bev Facey Community High School. Crescendo is hosting the Song Stage and will have some excellent performers.

**December 2-9th** Recital Week. Recitals will be held at Soundlab Studios this year. We look forward to some amazing performances. **There are no regular lessons this week.**

**December 16-20th** Last week of lessons before Holiday Break.

**December 23rd - January 6th** Studio is closed for Christmas.



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## WHY SHOULD I COUNT AS I PLAY?

You might hear your teacher say it all the time: "How many beats?" or "Are you counting?" Perhaps you're wondering why counting is so important when playing music. Well, all music is essentially composed of pitch and rhythm. Usually, rhythm is taught either by:

1. Math (counting: **1** and **2** and **3** and **4** and)
2. Rhythm names (saying syllables like: ta ti-ti)

It's very important to count in music for many reasons. Some of the main reasons are learning how the song should be played if you've never heard it before, or performing with others. Without counting, musicians would never be able to play together because they wouldn't know where they were in the music.

Here are a few ways you can improve your counting, and in doing so, become a better musician!

- Try to **FEEL the beat**.
  - Clap or pat along to your favourite songs, and if that is easy, then try different time signatures or genres.
- Work on hearing the **divisions of the beat**.
  - This could be as simple as hearing the eighth note rhythms (ti-ti's) in a song. Hint: if your song has words, you can use that to 'hear' the rhythm.
- Try to **WRITE the divisions of the beat**.
  - Can you listen to a song and write out the rhythm? Start with simple traditional/folk songs like "Rain Rain Go Away" and work up to more complex music. When you feel like this is going well, try different time signatures!

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## CHECK OUT OUR PHOTO GALLERY

Have you seen our photo gallery on our website? We update it regularly with photos from any events we have throughout the year.

If you have any pictures you'd like to share, please send them to us at [media@crescendomusicstudios.ca](mailto:media@crescendomusicstudios.ca).

If you post any pictures on social media of our students practicing or performing, don't forget to tag '**#crescendomusicstudios**' as we love to see our students in action and share their pictures!

[See Our Photo Gallery](#)



## NEW OFFERINGS AT CRESCENDO



### Music Pups Term 2 Classes

*(Ages 6 months - 4 years)*

**Music Pups™** is a licensed program created by Rob Sayer. This is a well-researched, highly educational and very engaging parented program for young children and babies ages **6 months to 4 years**. These are 10 week long sessions, and each fun-filled 45 minute class is filled with singing, dancing, movement, and instrument play.

Mixed age classes are promoted and encouraged. Two kids in one family will receive a discount! Price is \$189 per ten weeks and includes music book and CD.

## Crescendo 4 Preschoolers Term 2

*(Ages 3.5 years - 5 years)*

**Crescendo 4 Preschoolers** is an exclusive program to Crescendo Music Studios for ages **3-5 years old**. We will introduce our young children to a variety of key music concepts including; ear training exercises, early song composition and beginner keyboard! Our students will even have the opportunity to perform for family and friends!

Each class is 45 minutes in length and our class terms are 10 weeks. Students will receive a special instrument and will learn a variety of fun songs. Two kids in one family will receive a discount! Pricing is approximately \$189 per ten weeks and includes a musical instrument.

## Musical Theatre Term 2

*(Ages 7-10 & Ages 11-15)*

In our Musical Theatre Program, you will learn how to act, move on stage, present your performance with dramatic impact and sing in a healthy and powerful way while growing your team-building skills!

We will present a concert for the parents at the end of each term. In April, we will even perform at the Sherwood Park Music Festival, if we feel ready to do so! We may even present two numbers at the festival.

Note: we have two age groups to choose from.

## Band Ensembles

*(Ages 9-12 & Ages 12-16)*

In these Ensemble sessions students will have the opportunity to play a few songs with their peers and other different instruments alongside their own. This allows the chance for students to work together in a 'band' setting. These Ensembles will be facilitated by two teachers who may assist in all instruments, and help direct the group so as to finish and polish songs.

**Kids Band** is for ages 9-12 years, and runs 5:00PM to 6:30PM. Basic chord recognition is needed, please ask your teacher if this is right for you. **Teen Band** is for ages 12-16 years, and runs 7:00PM to 8:30PM.

Ensembles last four sessions, and students must attend all sessions. The dates are February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd. Cost is \$15 per session; \$60 total.

**Spots for all classes are limited, so call 780-570-5699 to register or visit our Shopify to get your spot today.**

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