

THE CRESCENDO

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Don't FALL Behind!

We are heading into November and the Crescendo recitals are nearly upon us! I'd like to take a minute to acknowledge all of the hours of hard work and dedication our Crescendo students have been putting into practicing their music for our upcoming recitals. We can see huge improvements every week and are so excited about the upcoming performances.

Parents, we rely on your help to ensure students have a dedicated practice space and receive lots of encouragement for practicing and completing theory assignments. Both are instrumental in developing well-rounded music students and we absolutely value your support at home!

As a friendly reminder, there are no regular music lessons during the week of Nov. 29 to Dec. 5 as we hold our recitals throughout this

Teacher Spotlight

Samantha Bachman

Each month we like to share a video with you prepared by one of our talented Crescendo teachers. This month's Teacher Feature is Samatha Bachman!

Samantha teaches piano, voice, and digital production for Crescendo Music Studios.

She has completed her Bachelor of Music in Jazz and Contemporary Popular Music from MacEwan University, majoring in Composition. Throughout her time at MacEwan, she also gained experience and training in voice as well as learning/exploring music technology and film scoring.

Samantha has written music and performed with many different ensembles - she also had an original piece performed by Pro Coro Canada and The Accord Ensemble!

week. Details on the recital process were sent out by email on Oct. 27. Please check your junk or spam folders and let us know if you have not received anything. A few quick tips as you prepare for recitals:

- Is your piece memorized?
- Have you written out your introduction and practiced introducing yourself in front of family and friends?
- Have you practiced performing in front of family and friends?
- Are you practicing with your actual performance track at the correct speed?

Thank you again for your support of our family business this year and I look forward to seeing you all again at our upcoming recitals.

Warm Regards,

Leanne Cummings
Teacher/Owner
of Crescendo Music Studios



Mindful Music Moments

Musical Theatre Preparation

Our talented teachers and staff have created this video to provide parents and caregivers with insights and tips to help your child prepare for a musical theatre performance. Perhaps you are performing a Musical Theatre number in our upcoming recitals!

We hope you find these tips valuable and helpful!



Important Dates

Crescendo Music Studios Will Be Closed:

- Thursday, Nov. 11: Remembrance Day
- Monday, Nov. 29 to Saturday, Dec. 4: NO REGULAR LESSONS during our Recital Week. Recitals take place at Trinity Baptist Church, On Zoom and at Origin Road.

[Click here to see the full year calendar](#)

Don't forget! Registration begins November 1st for Term 2 for the following classes. Register early as spots fill up quickly!

- Musical Maestros
- WeJam (Kids, Teens & Adults)
- Musical Theatre
- Crescendo Vocal Chorus

For more information, class dates and times, please click below:

Term 2 Group Program Information



November is Recital Month!

Our students have been practicing diligently for our annual Winter Recital. Our Winter Recital will take place November 28 to December 5, so there are NO REGULAR LESSONS this week!

This year we will have a couple of options for students to perform in front of family and friends. **We plan to have our "larger" socially distanced concerts at Trinity Baptist Church (22550 Rd 530) beginning Nov. 28. You will be able to perform live on a big stage, for family and friends!**

COVID PROTOCOLS: As per AHS requirements, everyone entering the building will need to be masked; performers under the age of 18 will not need to show proof of vaccination; however, all spectators over the age of 12 and all adult performers will need to show proof of either: double vaccination; negative COVID test; or a medical exemption letter.

This recital will be very similar to our previous recitals except that there will not be a social gathering/reception afterwards and we will have more social distancing (as a result, less people in the audience). These recitals will be held from Sunday, November 28 to Sunday, December 5. Please be prepared to show ID for everyone in your group, including younger students as sometimes it is difficult to determine a child's age.

A smaller concert will be held at Origin Road on Dec. 11 & 12th with a small number of guests (2 or 3) coming with each performer.

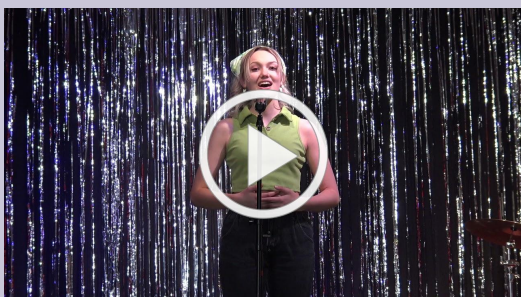
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We will also put together a ZOOM recital option where you can either join one of our Origin Road recitals (as above) through ZOOM or we will have a separate ZOOM concert which would be held the weekend of December 10 to 12.

Individual recital dates and times will be announced shortly! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Recital!

Student Spotlight

Kyla Nadeau



This month's Student Spotlight Feature is Kyla Nadeau. Kyla is 18 years old and has been a voice student at Crescendo for 1 1/2 years.

Kyla said she has loved every minute of her lessons with Taylor at Crescendo. "My future goal with music is to continue working on being the best singer I can be, and sharing my voice and love for music with everyone else!"

All for Fun and Fun for Fall!



Crescendo Contest

Calling all artists! It's Crescendo Contest Time!

We're looking for a talented student to design the cover for our Winter Recital!

Please submit an original music-themed art piece and you can **WIN YOUR CHOICE** of



Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is less than 2 months away and Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are here and ready for filling!

We are so pleased to be a drop off location for these bundles of happiness for Samaritan's Purse Canada again this year!

What is Operation Christmas Child? The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them

something from our new [Crescendo Swag Shop!](#) What will you pick if you win? A new hoodie? Maybe a water bottle or a new book bag perhaps?

Drop off your completed artwork at the studio (or email: office@crescendomusicstudios.ca) by November 10. Winner will be announced by email on November 12.

Good luck and happy drawing!

to children in need.

In 2020 alone, more than 9.1 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts were collected throughout the world.

Come in anytime and pick up your shoebox and start the packing fun! Please return filled boxes to our location by the 3rd week of November.

[Click Here for Details](#)

Featured Artist

Emmet Michael



Introspective and enthralling, with equal parts grit and grace, Emmet Michael is a 23-year old musician who was built on his trials. Emmet has also been a student at Crescendo periodically over the last 4 years and is a well-respected artist in our community.

"We've developed a good working relationship and friendship", he said about working with Leanne Cummings, the studio Owner. "I find with Crescendo, every event is planned with community in mind and events were very catered to my art style. Leanne was very good about pushing me out of my comfort zone with praise and critiques, which I appreciated."

Turning to music in his darkest times, he found solace in his ability to share his heart with others through his lyrics. Drawing on his experience of transitioning from female to male, living with mental illness, and battling addiction, his songs carry a tone of desperation and sorrow. With soulful melodies and heart-wrenching lyrics, his music conveys a message that is both powerful and vulnerable. Raw vulnerability is what will always set Emmet apart. He bares his soul in a way that is sophisticated far beyond his youth.

When asked about his advice to new musicians, he said, "Disregard any fear about what other people think as it gets in the way of personal progress. It's OK not to be perfect. Mistakes are a great thing!"

This is only the beginning for this talented songwriter and we are fortunate to have been a part of his musical journey. Click the link below to visit his website and listen to his latest album!

Listen & Enjoy!



How To Help Your Child Prepare For a Performance

'Tis the season of performing! Students around our studio are preparing pieces for upcoming events like exams, festivals, showcases, coffee house nights, and our Winter Recital!

Preparing for an upcoming performance can be daunting, both for the student and for the parent or family member who is dedicated to helping them! Preparation is perhaps the most important part of performing, as it is the determining factor for how successful the performance itself will be.

We have a list of our four best strategies that students (and parents) can use to ensure they are fully prepared, practiced and ready for "the big day"! Click the link below to read the full article on our blog.

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The name "Encore" comes from our vision to help youth in our community:

- ENgage with their passion for music!
- COllaborate together to create music and opportunities.
- REalize their artistic and personal potential through music.

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