



Home for the Holidays

AN ONLINE CONCERT PRESENTATION BY
ROCKHEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Online All Day, Wednesday, December 16, 2020

9:30am Grade 6 Beginning Band 

10:30am Grade 6, 7, 8 Beginning Strings

11:30am Jazz Band

1:00pm Grade 7, 8 Intermediate Strings 

2:00pm Grade 7, 8 Intermediate Concert Band



3:00pm Grade 6, 7, 8 Choir 

*Zoom invitations will be emailed to parents, or contact
rmcdonell@sd61.bc.ca for links. Videos will be uploaded to
www.rockheightsmusic.com later that day.*



Program

9:30am Grade 6 Beginning Band

A demonstration of how far we've come!

Hot Cross Buns

English Folk Song

Au Claire De La Lune

French Folk Song

Surprise soloists!

Down By The Station

American Folk Song

10:30am Grade 6, 7 and 8 Beginning Strings

Merrily We Roll Along

Traditional

Aunt Rhodie

Traditional

Lightly Row

Traditional

Surprise soloists!

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Traditional

11:30am Grade 7 and 8 Jazz Band

Santa, Baby

Words and music by Joan Javits, Philip Springer and Tony Springer

Greer Halbert, Baritone Sax solo; Maisie Quantien, euphonium solo; and Ollie Pemberton, drum solo

1:00pm Grade 7 and 8 Intermediate Strings

Serenade

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Can-Can from the opera Orpheus in the Underworld

Jacques Offenbach

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

Featuring: Colm Wolf-Gage, cello; and Murray and Myryam Fagen and Ella Geysen, violins

Jingle Bells

Traditional

Royal Promenade

Don Brubaker

2:00pm Grade 7 and 8 Intermediate Band

Jingle Bells (and Jazzin' Up Jingle Bells)

Traditional

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson, arr. Michael Story

Louie, Louie

Words and Music by Richard Berry, arr. Michael Sweeney

Gabe Stinchcombe, drum solo; Colm Wolf-Gage, bass solo

3:00pm Grade 6, 7 and 8 Choir

Many thanks to our fine accompanist, Jeff Poynter

Bashana Haba'ah

Lyrics by Ehud Manor, Music by Nurit Hirsch, edited by Henry Leck

Angels

African-American Spiritual

Frosty and Friends

A medley of traditional holiday songs arr. Mark Brymer

Sami Martin, Seisha Nelson and Sara Hegy, solos

2020 2021 Rockheights Music Program

| Grade 6 Beginning Band | Trombones | Violas |
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| Flutes | Amrit Basi | Cole Smiley |
| Nyla Evans | Zen Roberts | Brooke Spivey |
| Daria (Dasha) Kravchuck | Max Tomlinson | Cellos |
| Myka Matthews | Euphonium | Chloe Aybar |
| Jiweon Park | Kaylee Ordze | Drake Fisher |
| Chris Wickett | Tuba | Jiyul Park |
| Sam Andrews | Isaac Simcoff | Contra-Bass |
| Clarinet | Electric Bass Guitar | Isaac Simcoff |
| Lexi Dickson | Harrison Ade | Jazz Band |
| Alto Saxophones | Dominic James-Sawyer | Alto Saxophones |
| Avo Karakussion | Percussion | Colton Karpes |
| Sami Martin | Hayden Amos | Ty Treverton |
| Tristan Nerheim | Bruce Bath | Baritone Saxophone |
| Noah Smith | Wyatt Clarmont | Greer Halbert |
| Zinnia Zeleke | | Euphonium |
| Tenor Saxophones | Grade 6, 7 and 8 Beginning Strings | Maisie Quentien |
| Peyton Bright | Violins | Electric Bass Guitar |
| Thomas David | Ryder Campiou-Coutoreille | Colm Wolf-Gage |
| Trumpets | Sydney Dion | Drums and Auxiliary Percussion |
| Cameron Antill | Loden Foster | Ollie Pemberton |
| Christian Cea | Emily Lloyd | Gabe Stinchcombe |
| Loden Foster | Angel-Lynn McLennan | |
| Noah Ranville | Noah Ranville | |
| | Rose Seitcher | |

**Grade 7 and 8 Intermediate
Strings**

Violins

Uday Devgan

Myryam Fagen

Murray Fagen

Ella Geysenn

Sienna MacLean

Cellos

Justin Hewlett

Colm Wolf-Gage

Grade 6, 7 and 8 Choir

Sami Martin

Chris Wickett

Maddox Grotenhuis

Seisha Nelson

Connor Sandhals

Kaniska Saravanan

Ethan De Meyer

Myryam Fagen

Jaidyn Haley

Sarah Hegy

Thank you, Students!

For all your hard work and commitment this term. You should feel really, especially proud of your accomplishments in these difficult times! Big, special thank you to Kaniska Saravanan, Tristan Nerheim and Seisha Nelson for helping to put up the beautiful decorations.

Thank You, Parents!

Thank you parents, for all the support you have given your children this year. From renting instruments to driving, it wouldn't happen without you. Thank you so much! A very special thank-you to Wendy Redd and Leslie Nerheim for making our humble music room look so beautiful!

Thank you, Colleagues!

Thank you to my wonderful colleagues for helping make this event a success. Principal Maryanne Trofimuk for her amazing encouragement and meaningful support. Annie Armstrong for lending her awesome technical expertise. Amanda Sullivan for keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes. Jeff Poynter, our incredible accompanist, for your amazing professionalism and musicianship. To all the staff at Rockheights for their patience and support for the music students.

Upcoming Events!

Music Parents' Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm, Tuesday, January 11, 2021. Link will be emailed to all parents.

All parents are welcome to attend this informal online gathering! We will discuss Spring-time initiatives including spending and the year-end concert on June 16th, 2020.

Music Program Final Concert, 7:00pm, Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Location TBA (hopefully outside!)

Bios

Risa McDonell, Music Teacher



Risa recently returned to her hometown of Victoria with her young family, after 14 years of teaching at Seycove Secondary and Windsor Secondary School, both in North Vancouver. Risa's concert and jazz bands performed at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, Musicfest Canada Nationals, Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff, and Heritage Music Festivals in New York and Chicago. Risa coordinated exchange programs with some of Japan's most celebrated high school bands, and conducted and produced large-scale musical theatre productions at North Vancouver's Centennial Theatre. Risa has performed as both a flutist and conductor with the West Coast Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra and the Meridiem Wind Orchestra. Risa is delighted to be the music teacher at Rockheights Middle School! (*photo credit: Long and McQuade Musical Instruments*)

Jeff Poynter, Accompanist



Jeff is a multi-instrumentalist, music educator and artist manager. Jeff completed his Bachelor of Music degree on saxophone, and is a sought-after keyboardist and accordion player as well. Jeff works with renowned jazz singer and pianist Louise Rose to provide music at Cadboro Bay United Church, but is perhaps best known for his work with indie folk trio West My Friend. West My Friend has been performing and touring all over North America for the past 10 years. They recently released their fourth album *In Constellation*, where they are backed by a full symphony orchestra. Their music has been called "achingly poignant", "intricate yet accessible", and "melancholic yet optimistic." Jeff now runs Pine & Anchor Studio where he gives lessons, provides space for other teachers and students, and hosts rehearsals. (*photo credit: Moss Photography*)