



Rockheights Middle School
proudly presents

Fall In!

A little concert showcasing music we've
been working on this fall.

Two shows: 6pm and 7pm,
Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021

Rockheights Middle School Gym
Free admission. Limit to 2 tickets per family
RSVP required

PROGRAM

Choir

Accompanied by Mr. Jeff Poynter

You're Gonna Be Lifted Up

Jerry Estes

Hakuna Matata

Elton John and Tim Rice, arr. Roger Emerson

Intermediate Strings

The Russian Music Box

Soon Hee Newbold

Beginning Band

A Demonstration of How Far We've Come!

Hot Cross Buns

Traditional Folk Song

Down By The Station

Traditional Folk Song

****Door Prize Giveaway!****

Intermediate Band 7

We Will Rock You

Queen, arr. Paul Lavender

Jazz Band

O Canada

Calixa Lavalee, arr. Christian Overton

Beginning Strings

Merrily, We Roll Along

Traditional American Nursery Rhyme

Go Tell Aunt Rhodie

Traditional American Folksong

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Traditional American Nursery Rhyme

Advanced Band 8

Thriller

Rod Temperton and Michael Jackson, arr. Robert Longfield

2019 2020 ROCKHEIGHTS MUSIC PROGRAM MEMBERS

Choir 6, 7 and 8	Wolf Gage, Colm	Intermediate Band 7	Advanced Band 8
Andrews, Sam	Beginning Band 6	Ade, Harrison	Benning, Beau
Antill, Cameron	Ade, Isla	Amos, Hayden	Goain, Cooper
Balbin, Angelica	Andeson, Anja	Basi, Amrit	Halbert, Greer
Bird, Alex	Bird, Dominic	Cea, Christian	Karpes, Colton
Botsford, Lexi	Botsford, Lexi	Clarmont, Wyatt	MacLean, Sienna
Bowman, Eli	Boy, Erick	Fernandos, Elijah	Nelson, Seisha
Bright, Peyton	Burrell, Liam	Foster, Loden	Quentien, Maisie
Burke, Annabelle	Carey, Morgan	Hoffman, Molly	Stinchcombe, Gabe
Carey, Morgan	Carvalho Moreira, Enzo	Matthews, Myka	Stoddard, Ish
Goain, Dana	Duke, Keira	Ordze, Kaylee	Treverton, Ty
Gordon, Davin	Easton, Cassie	Roberts, Zen	Wiggens, Madeline
Hart, Anne	Gillett, Evy	Simcoff, Isaac	Wolf Gage, Colm
Ince, Lindsay	Goain, Dana	Stoddard, Sasha	
Kaur, Sachleen	Hart, Anne		Jazz Band
Kennedy, Chloe	Ince, Lindsay		Ade, Harrison
Matthews, Myka	Kennedy, Chloe		Amos, Hayden
McMillan, Holly	McAdam, Cameron		Fernandos, Elijah
Nelson, Seisha	McMillan, Holly		Foster, Loden
Phillips, Warren	Moll, Faith		Goain, Cooper
Sandhals, Connor	Morgan, MacKenzie		Halbert, Greer
	Nash, Zoe		Hoffman, Molly
Beginning Strings 6, 7 and 8	Nelson, Ethan		Karpes, Colton
Ade, Harrison	Olssen, Owen		Mcleish, Zempei
Birkett, Justin	Phyo, Jericho		Quentien, Maisie
Burke, Annabelle	Prieto, Julian		Smith, Noah
Kaur, Sachleen	Ross, Andi		Stoddard, Ish
Macalinao, Sophia	Scales, Jade		Wolf Gage, Colm
	Tavares Ignacio		
Intermediate Strings 7 and 8	Madalena, Igor		
Campiou-Coutereille, Ryder	Vautour, Angel		
Fagen, Murray	Vidallon, Charze		
Fisher, Drake	Weber, Ethan		
Foster, Loden	Wilmot, Isabella		
Hewlett, Justin	Yun, Halynn		

BIOS

Risa McDonell, Music Teacher



Risa is proud to be the music teacher at Rockheights Middle School! Risa 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, San Diego 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 and is looking forward to guest-conducting the Greater Victoria Concert Band Intermediate Ensemble this Spring. *(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)*

THANK YOU'S

First and foremost, thank you to all of the **parents** for supporting your child's music education! Your presence here tonight, and your engagement in their lives sends a powerful message of love and support. Thank you to all the **parent volunteers**, particularly **Joanne Truscott**, for being our front-of-house person, and **Andrew Stoddart** for donating the wine door prize. Thank you to **Principal Aaron Maxwell** and **Vice Principal Christina Pelletier** for their support for the music program. Thank you to the **Rockheights Staff**, particularly **Amanda Sullivan**, who is helping here tonight (and a wonderful musician in her own right!) Thank you, **Pam Coburn** and **Loa Peters** for the many ways you support the program from keeping track of pizza sales to watching over instruments. Thank you **Jeff Poynter** for being such a consummate professional and a joy to work with. Thank you to **David Symonds** from **Long and McQuade Musical Instruments**, who goes above and beyond to help supply our program with the things we need.

ROCKHEIGHTS MUSIC NEWS

Check out www.rockheightsmusic.com

[rockheightsmusic.com](http://www.rockheightsmusic.com) is where you can find information on everything relating to the music program: concert dates; copies of every letter that's been sent home; the music program timetable and more!

E-Mails and Paper Notices

I have been sending home notices by paper (given to your child in class to bring home), and also by email. If you have not been receiving these emails, **please get in touch with the main office and ask to be added to the class's email list.** All paper notices are also posted to www.rockheightsmusic.com

T-Shirt Uniforms are \$13

We are always proud of our students. Having a quality uniform contributes to that sense of pride and belonging. The t-shirts you see the students wearing tonight **cost \$13** and are theirs to keep. If you have not already, **please make a cheque payable to "Rockheights Middle School"** and write "[child's name] t-shirt" on the memo line, or pay online using School Cash Online. Please do not send cash with your child. Thank you!

PIZZA SALES
Pizza is on sale EVERY
Wednesday all year.
\$2.50 a slice.

90% of the proceeds go to support student's travel. 10% goes to support the music program (sheet music, instruments, etc.)

Choir to Sing at

Esquimalt Celebration of Lights

The **choir** has been asked to sing at the **Esquimalt Celebration of Lights outside the Archie Browning Rec' Centre starting at 5pm.** We will be singing carols with singer Lorraine Nygaard and her band! The choir will have an **extra long choir practice on Wednesday, December 1st from 1:35-3:30pm** (with a break and treats).

Winter Concert!

6pm and 7pm, Wednesday, December 8th

What?? So soon? Yes! I felt strongly that it's so important for students to perform in public as much as possible, but due to Covid restrictions this means small audiences and short shows. We are having this concert early to avoid interrupting Winter Festivities Week. **Come on back in two weeks for a short concert of cheerful holiday music!**

Mentorship and Inspiration!

The following students auditioned for and were accepted into a strings mentoring program through the Esquimalt Township Arts Council Youth Mentorship Program: **Murray Fagen** and **Myryam Fagen** (Myryam now attends Esquimalt High School) and **Loden Foster**. They have been receiving masterclasses from Order of Canada Award-Winning Violinist **Gwen Thompson!** We have been lucky to have two exceptional trumpeters in to work with students this term: **Ryan Cole**, trumpeter with the Victoria Symphony and **Dave Fello**.

Donations and Grants

We were extremely fortunate to receive a donation of \$1000, which was used to purchase three like-new flutes! Thank you to all of the parents who donated money in support of our instrument repair and replacement fund.



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A JOLLY GOOD TIME!

Two short and cheery holiday concerts!

6PM AND 7PM, WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2022

RSVP ONLINE AT
WWW.ROCKHEIGHTSMUSIC.COM

