

# University of Toronto Piano Pedagogy Program

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## Welcome!

A warm welcome to the University of Toronto Piano Pedagogy Program! Our goal is to help you and your child discover the joys of music making and playing the piano. The following items constitute our policy for this academic year. Please read carefully and keep this information sheet for handy reference as it contains information for frequently asked questions.





## Lessons

Group class and private lessons are held at the Faculty of Music located at 90 Wellesley St. West or 80 Queens Park. At the discretion of the teacher and parent, each student is enrolled in a 30-minute, 45-minute or 60-minute private lesson immediately before or after their 45 or 60 minute Group class. The schedule for each level is listed in the left-hand column.

The Early Childhood Musicianship Class consists only of a 45-minute group class, and the Advanced Repertoire Class is 60 minutes on select Thursdays.

## Schedule

### Beginner

(Saturdays)

Group class - 2:15 to 3:00pm

### Elementary A

(Wednesdays)

Group class - 5:00 to 5:45pm

### Elementary B

(Tuesdays)

Group class- 5:45 to 6:30 pm

### Elementary C

(Tuesdays)

Group class - 5:00 to 5:45pm

### Intermediate

(Wednesdays)

Group class - 5:45 to 6:45pm

Level	Fall	Winter	Spring
Beginner	Sept. 22 to Dec. 8	Jan. 12 to Mar. 30	Apr. 6 to Jun. 15
Elementary A	Sept. 26 to Dec. 12	Jan. 9 to Apr. 3	Apr. 10 to Jun. 19
Elementary B	Sept. 25 to Dec. 11	Jan. 8 to Apr. 2	Apr. 9 to Jun. 19
Elementary C	Sept. 25 to Dec. 11	Jan. 8 to Apr. 2	Apr. 9 to Jun. 18
Intermediate	Sept. 26 to Dec. 12	Jan. 9 to Apr. 3	Apr. 10 to Jun. 18

## Tuition

Please note that there are no lessons during the following dates:

November 5 to 10 (U of T Fall Reading Week)

February 18 to 22 (U of T Reading Week)

March 11 to 17 (March Break)

Refer to the attached programme calendar for all lesson dates.

**It is important to complete the entire three-term cycle.**

**No refunds will be issued for students withdrawing partway through the year.**

**Please note: requests for teacher changes cannot be accommodated within the school year.**

Please see the attached form listing the tuition fees for your child's level. It is important that your envelope of post-dated cheques is submitted by **Sept. 7th, 2018**.

***A late fee of \$50 will be added to the tuition fee for cheques received after this date.***

Please address your envelope to:

Charles Lin, University of Toronto Piano Pedagogy Program

Faculty of Music

University of Toronto

Edward Johnson Building

80 Queens Park

Toronto, ON M5S 2C5

***\*\*\*All envelopes of cheques must be submitted by Friday Sept. 7th, 2018\*\*\****

## Performances

Please mark the following dates for student performances at the end of each term.

Level	Term I Student Recital	Term II Showcase/Festival	Term III Student Recital
Beginner	TBD	April 6	TBD
Elementary A	December 15	April 10	June 22
Elementary B	December 15	April 9	June 22
Elementary C	December 15	April 9	June 22
Intermediate	December 15	April 10	June 22

## Attendance

Please make every attempt to arrive a few minutes before your child's lesson time to meet his/her teacher to ensure that your child receives his/her required lesson. Also, please pick your child up promptly after the lesson. **Teachers cannot always wait with the students and for safety reasons, students should not be left unaccompanied.** It is important that students attend all lessons and group classes to maintain continuous music study. If your child is ill and cannot attend his/her lesson, please contact his/her teacher as soon as possible. Lessons missed by the teacher will be rescheduled at a mutually convenient time. There will be NO adjustment for missed lessons at any time.

## Your Child, Practice, and Instrument

It is absolutely necessary that all students and parents understand the value of DAILY and CONSISTENT practice. Make every effort to complete the work as assigned by your teacher. Daily practice is essential for success in music lessons. You will also find that parental encouragement and involvement will help to maintain a consistent practice schedule.

**15 minutes of practice with concentration, purpose and determination  
= 1 hour of mindless practice**

An acoustic, or a non-electric, piano is essential to your child's musical progress as it develops the connection between physical movements and sound production. We understand that at the beginner level not everyone will have access to an acoustic piano but if the child wishes to continue into 2nd year of the program we strongly recommend acquiring such instrument. We find those that work with a real piano in practice progress much quicker than those with an electric keyboard.

## Concert Recommendations

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Attending performances is an integral part of a music student's education. Below please see the list of recommended performances that you can purchase:

Moredale Concerts: Music & Truffles Series at 1:15pm (Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Dec. 2, Feb. 3, Apr. 14)  
<https://www.mooredaleconcerts.com/events/category/music-truffles/>

Toronto Symphony Orchestra:  
Nov. 3, 2018: Mozart Experience  
Feb. 23, 2019: Play it by Ear!  
Mar. 30, 2019: Fred Penner  
Apr. 27, 2019: Let's Dance!  
<https://www.tso.ca/concerts>

## Performance Opportunities

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In addition to the special events that will occur at the end of each term, students may also participate in music festivals that take place around the city. These events are usually held over the course of several days, however, students are only required to attend the class(es) they enter. One class can last anywhere from thirty to sixty minutes. Festivals are competitive or non-competitive events where students are provided with feedback by adjudicators known in the piano-teaching world. Several of these events are listed below. Please consult with your teacher regarding your child's participation.

*Canadian Contemporary Music Showcase*  
<http://acnmp.ca/contemporary-showcase/>

*Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival*  
[kiwanismusictoronto.org](http://kiwanismusictoronto.org)

*NYCO Music Festival*  
<http://www.northyorkmusicfestival.com>

*Davenport Festival of Music*  
<http://davenportfestivalofmusic.ca>