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Online Lessons → Online Recital

Just over 8 weeks ago, the declaration of a pandemic changed nearly every aspect of our lives. This included forcing private music teachers to reevaluate how they offer services such as piano lessons and small group music classes.

At Hurlington Music, I made the decision very quickly that I would be moving my music lessons to an online platform.

Without question there was some significant learning that had to take place in order for me to feel comfortable using this new medium. However, I believed then, and still do, that music education is invaluable for our children, and that continuing to offer this service during such uncertain times was worth every effort.

I am tremendously pleased with how well these lessons are progressing. Every one of my students has moved forward in their learning.

It is true that I am generally able to cover less material in an online lesson than I am able to cover in person. But I have also found many positive elements to our new normal. I have learned to make video tutorials to assist in practicing during the week. And I have found that offering recordings of pieces that students are studying has improved their outcomes substantially.

I expect that once the current physical distancing restrictions lift and we are able to resume something resembling our former way of doing business, I will continue to use many of the new strategies I have learned throughout this period. It's all a matter of my commitment to offer the best music education I possibly can to each and every one of my students.

Sadly, it appears that we will be wrapping this year up still in quarantine which means

our end of year recital will need to be very different from year's past. I am working on plans for my first ever virtual recital! Our tentative date is Sunday, June 7. I will send more details as it comes together.

Of course I look forward to seeing all my students in person as soon as possible. In the meantime, onward and forward!



Picture of me working in my online space

Special points of interest:

- May 29 - deadline to submit recital video
- June 7 - Online Recital
- Registration for September 2020 is open now
- Lessons for this year will be complete by June 12 (some will be earlier than that)

What's Up for Next Year?

It's spring again, and time for me to start putting together my schedule for the coming September.

Although this is a time of great uncertainty, I find it most helpful to focus on the things that are certain. In that regard, I am certain (barring major catastrophe, of course) that I will be

teaching music lessons in September.

What is different, is that I cannot say with certainty whether music classes will be online, in person, or some combination thereof.

If you are interested in signing up for piano lessons or MYC classes for September, now is

the time. Just send me a text or email letting me know you are interested, and I will provide you with all the necessary information.

Furthermore, If someone you know is interested, and is not yet a student of mine, I would greatly appreciate your referral.



Who I Am

Hurlington Music is owned and operated by Priscilla Hurlington. I have more than 25 years of teaching experience, including students from beginner to Level 8 Conservatory, and ages 2 and up (yes, that includes seniors). I have taught individuals with a broad spectrum of learning differences—I firmly believe that everyone can benefit from music instruction.

My degree in geography and environment science informs how I interact with the world around us. My music education informs how I teach. I offer private piano lessons as well as MYC classes.

My goal is to give each student the solid foundation they need in order to enjoy a lifetime of musical experiences. For the young child, starting on piano provides a base that can be applied to any instrument later. For older individuals, piano may be the goal, or it may be an avenue to expand their existing music abilities.

Whatever the case, I strive to make learning music a positive part of each student's daily experience.

Support from MYC®

Although it started out 40 years ago as the premiere music instruction program for young children in Ontario, Canada, MYC is now an international organization committed to offering the best possible music lessons to beginners of all ages. Since receiving my first MYC training in 2003, I have become an MYC Certified teacher with 17 years of MYC teaching experience.

This organization does much more than just provide curriculum. Over the years, families in our community have received thousands of dollars worth of scholarships, so that children whose families couldn't have otherwise afforded it, were able to receive the highest quality of music instruction.

MYC provides regular professional development opportunities so its certified teachers are always up-to-date on best practices and current events that affect our business.

Furthermore, MYC fosters the development of positive professional relationships

between teachers so we are connected to others who share our passion. Through this network we always have unlimited resources to turn to when faced with any new challenge.

I thank the leaders of MYC for the hard work they put in, especially as they helped guide us into the world of online teaching just a few short months ago. I also thank all the hardworking teachers who so willingly share their wisdom and talents to benefit their peers and extended communities.

I am proud to be a part of this family. If you would like to know more, please contact me, or check out myc.com.



The High Note in Music Learning™

It can be difficult to find the right activities for your child. An activity that can have a great impact on their lives. At MYC®, we encourage your child to be more **creative, imaginative** and **expressive** through our keyboard-based music education program. We provide children with a unique set of skills that will carry throughout their lives. Whether it's improving your child's grades, enhancing coordination skills for your child's athletic activities, or to learn the rewarding skill of playing the piano; **Music for Young Children®** is the first key to getting your child there.