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#### WHAT KIDS GET AT RPSM

Regent Park School of Music (RPSM) offers affordable weekly music lessons for youth in Regent Park and Jane & Finch. Students choose from a variety of instruments and learn from highly trained music educators.

## Highlights of the RPSM Program\*

- · Weekly music lessons.
- · Instruments for students to practice on at home.
- · Recitals and performance opportunities to showcase their talent.
- · Free tickets to concert outings.
- · Chances to work with other musicians and even the odd celebrity.
- Leadership opportunities to build their skills and confidence—everything from mentoring younger students and emceeing events, to working as RPSM music camp counsellors.

#### Creative Curriculum

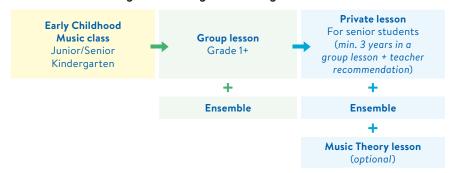
Our unique Creative Curriculum is designed expressly for our students, to help them achieve meaningful social and musical goals throughout their studies. RPSM students explore many genres of music, from classical and jazz to electronic music, and more. We offer students the opportunity to take Royal Conservatory of Music exams free of charge.

### **Program Model**

We offer **group**, **ensemble** and **private** lessons in a variety of instruments. Please see the descriptions on pages 4–13. Our program options vary by location.

- Students in Junior and Senior Kindergarten join our early childhood music class.
- Students in Grade 1+ begin their musical journey in **group lessons** (3–5 students per class).
- After a minimum of 3 years in a group class, students may be considered
  for private lessons. This happens at the discretion of the school and the
  teacher, in consultation with the student and quardian.
- All group and private students are strongly encouraged to join an ensemble, where they learn to play in a larger group, developing important musical and social skills. There are many ensembles to choose from. In some cases, RPSM will require a specific ensemble to complement a student's group or private lesson.
- Private students have the opportunity to take a **music theory** class.
- RPSM offers specialized programs for students with special needs who require additional support.

#### How Students Progress Through Our Program



## **Summer Programs**

More details about our Summer Day Camps will be available at **www.rpmusic.org** shortly before registration opens on March 24, 2020.

## Registration & Attendance

RPSM has three school terms:

TERM 1TERM 2SUMMERSeptember to JanuaryFebruary to JuneJuly to August

Registration periods occur prior to the start of these terms in each program, where space allows. We take attendance seriously and require that students commit to their weekly lessons. To remain in the program, students must not miss more than 3 classes in a term.

<sup>\*</sup>All opportunities subject to availability

#### **REGENT PARK PROGRAMS**

Regent Park programs are offered in our main location at **585 Dundas St. E., Suite 220**, on the second floor of the Daniels Spectrum. Programs are open to children and youth living anywhere in Toronto.

Students can choose from several small **group classes** (up to 5 students) and larger **ensembles** (typically 10–30 students). We encourage all students in grades 1–12 to join one group class and one ensemble for a well-rounded musical experience. Students will remain eligible for classes for as long as they remain in high school.

Programs run from **September to June**. We take attendance seriously and require that students commit to their weekly lessons.

# **Group Classes**

Students begin at RPSM in group classes and may be considered for private lessons after a minimum of three years. In a group class, students learn at their own pace with a small ratio of students to faculty, and with the support of their peers.

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Group	Harp	
Grades 1–4	Students learn harp technique, ear training and musicianship in a small group setting (up to 5 students).	TUESDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm (group lesson)
Group	Voice	
	Students learn vocal technique, ear training and musicianship in a small	MONDAYS: 5:15–6:45 pm (45-minute group lessons)
	group setting (up to 5 students). They are also required to join the Junior Choir every Tuesday at 4:00 pm.	Mandatory Choir Rehearsal (for all students) TUESDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm
Group	Piano	
Grades 1–12	Students learn piano technique and basic music theory at their own pace,	SATURDAYS: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (60-minute lessons)
	in a group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	SUNDAYS: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (60-minute lessons)
		WEDNESDAYS: 4:00-8:00 pm (60-minute lessons)

PROGRA	PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)			
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)		
Group '	Violin			
Grades 1–12	Students learn violin technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger string ensemble every Wednesday at 4:00 pm (Junior) or 5:00 pm (Intermediate).	FRIDAYS: 4:00–6:00 pm (60-minute group lessons)  SATURDAYS: 9:00 am–12:00 pm (60-minute group lessons)  SUNDAYS: 1:00 pm–3:00 pm (60-minute group lessons)  Mandatory String Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students)  WEDNESDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm (junior class) or 5:00–6:00 pm (intermediate class)		
Group	Cello			
Grades 1–12	Students learn cello technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger string ensemble every Wednesday at 4:00 pm (Junior) or 5:00 pm (Intermediate).	SUNDAYS: 3:30–4:30 pm (group lesson)  Mandatory String Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students)  WEDNESDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm (junior class) or 5:00–6:00 pm (intermediate class)		
Group	Percussion			
Grades 4-12	Students learn to play the drum set and percussion instruments (i.e. keyboard percussion instruments, snare drum, hand drums, and more) in a group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger percussion ensemble every Monday at 5:00 pm.	MONDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm (Junior group lesson)  TUESDAYS: 6:00–7:00 pm (Senior group lesson; must have percussion experience)  Mandatory Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) MONDAYS: 5:00–6:00 pm		
Group	Guitar			
Grades 4–12  Students learn guitar technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger guitar ensemble every Tuesday at 6:00 or 7:00 pm.	FRIDAYS: 4:00–6:00 pm (60-minute group lessons) SUNDAYS: 9:00 am–1:00 pm (60-minute group lessons) Mandatory Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) TUESDAYS: (junior) 6:00–7:00 pm or (senior) 7:00–8:00 pm			



PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)			
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)	
Group	Brass (trumpet, trombone, tuba,	French horn, baritone horn)	
Grades 4–12	Students learn brass instrument technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger wind ensemble every Sunday at 2:00 pm.	SUNDAYS: 1:00–1:45 pm (group lesson)  Mandatory Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) SUNDAYS: 2:00–2:45 pm	
Group	Group Wind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)		
Grades 4–12	Students learn wind instrument technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger wind ensemble every Sunday at 2:00 pm.	SUNDAYS: 1:15–2:00 pm (group lesson)  Mandatory Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) SUNDAYS: 2:00–2:45 pm	

### **Ensembles**

In an ensemble, students learn important musicianship skills like listening and making music as part of a group. RPSM ensembles range in size. Choir is the largest ensemble, with up to 30 students. The majority of ensembles remain at approximately 12 students. We encourage all students taking group or private lessons to also join an ensemble.

PROGRA	PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)	
Early C	hildhood Music		
Jr. & Sr. Kinder- garten	Students explore music through play, dance and singing. This is an introductory course for young musicians.	SATURDAYS: Class 1: 12:30–1:30 pm (Junior Kindergarten) Class 2: 1:30–2:30 pm (Senior Kindergarten)	
Play Ou	ut!		
Grades 1–12	In this adaptive program for children with special needs, students with a range of abilities will explore musical activities in a small ensemble (up to 4 students per class). Activities may include: improvising, song writing, rhythm and movement, music and relaxation, singing, and developing musical skills such as listening and playing in a group.	<b>SUNDAYS:</b> 3:00–3:45 pm	
Record	er/Melodica Ensemble		
Grades 1–3	Students learn recorder and melodica technique and basic theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	<b>THURSDAYS:</b> 4:00–5:00 pm	
Handch	nime/Harp Ensemble		
Grades 1–3	Students learn handchime and harp technique and begin learning basic theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	<b>SATURDAYS:</b> 2:30–3:30 pm	
Ukulele	Ensemble Ensemble		
Grades 1–7	Students learn ukulele technique and begin learning basic theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	SATURDAYS: Class 1: 3:30–4:30 pm (Grades 1–3) Class 2: 4:30–5:30 pm (Grades 4–7)	
Choir			
Grades 1–12	Students develop vocal technique, ear training and sing as part of an ensemble. They have opportunities to collaborate with a wide array of composers and artists around the world.	TUESDAYS: Class 1: 4:00–5:00 pm (Grades 1–6) Class 2: 5:00–6:00 pm (Grades 7–18)	

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Turntable Ensemble		
Grades Students learn DJ and turntable techniques in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class).		THURSDAYS: Class 1: 5:00–6:00 pm (Grades 4–7)
		<b>Class 2:</b> 6:00–7:00 pm (Grades 8–12)
		FRIDAYS: Class 3: 6:00–7:00 pm (Grades 4–7)
		Class 4: 7:00-8:00 pm (Grades 8-12)
Music 1	echnology Lab*	
Grades 4-12	Students learn to compose music and create loops while developing their ear training and learning basic music theory.	FRIDAYS: Class 1: 4:00–5:00 pm (Grades 4–7)
	* Formerly iPad Ensemble	<b>Class 2:</b> 5:00–6:00 pm (Grades 8–12)
Steel P	an Ensemble	
Grades 4-12	Students learn to play the steel pan while developing their ear training and learning basic music theory, in an ensemble setting.	<b>MONDAYS:</b> 6:00–7:00 pm
Percuss	sion Ensemble	
Grades 4-12	Students use a wide variety of percussion instruments (hand drums, bells, gongs, and more) to explore percussion techniques, improvisation and ensemble playing.	<b>MONDAYS:</b> 5:00–6:00 pm
Senior	Guitar Ensemble	
Grades 6-12	Students develop their proficiency and technique while learning the skills required to play in an ensemble.	<b>TUESDAYS:</b> 7:00–8:00 pm
	*Students must have at least 1 year of experience playing guitar.	
Senior	Strings Ensemble	
Grades 6-12	Students develop their proficiency and technique while learning the skills required to play in an ensemble.	<b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> 6:00–7:00 pm
	*Students must have at least 2 years experience playing violin, viola or cello and be able to sight read.	

# **Drop in Programs**

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Hand D	Prumming *NEW!	
all ages	An open hand drum circle calling in all Nations, genders, and youth from all walks of life. This circle is an opportunity to share community songs, learn hand drumming and singing. This drop-in program is free.	<b>SUNDAYS:</b> 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Community Band		
all ages	This free program is open to students, parents, friends, and supporters of RPSM. Bring your instrument each week to make music with us! Some musical experience is recommended. This drop-in program is free.	<b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> 7:00–8:00 pm

#### **Private Lessons**

Students may be considered for private lessons after a minimum of 3 years of group and ensemble study. RPSM offers private lessons in: piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar, voice, flute, saxophone, clarinet, brass, percussion, bass, and harp.

## **Music Theory**

Students enrolled in private lessons have the option of studying in our group theory classes, based on the recommendation of their teacher. RPSM teaches a progressive music theory curriculum that applies theoretical concepts to performance and composition. Students who are preparing for a Royal Conservatory of Music theory exam can also attend Theory Study Hall for additional exam support.

#### Youth Committee

Students in high school are invited to join RPSM's Youth Committee. The Youth Committee meets on a regular basis to plan and support a variety of events and initiatives at RPSM. For more information, please speak with the front desk or email programs@rpmusic.org.

## **Summer Camps**

More details about our Summer Day Camps will be available at **www.rpmusic.org** shortly before registration opens on March 24, 2020.

#### JANE & FINCH PROGRAMS

RPSM offers programs at several sites in the Jane & Finch Community, including:

- Monsignor Fraser College (45 Norfinch Drive)
- Firgrove P.S. (270 Firgrove Crescent)
- · Westview Centennial S.S. (755 Oakdale Road)

For information about all programs, contact RPSM's main office at 416.364.8900. Please do not contact the program sites listed above.

Students can choose from several small **group classes** (up to 5 students) and larger **ensembles** (typically 10–30 students). We encourage all students in grades 1–12 to join one group class and one ensemble for a well-rounded musical experience. Students will remain eliqible for classes for as long as they remain in High School.

Programs run from **September to June**. We take attendance seriously and require that students commit to their weekly lessons.

# **Group Classes**

Students begin at RPSM in group classes and may be considered for private lessons after a minimum of three years. In a group class, students learn at their own pace with a small ratio of students to faculty, and with the support of their peers. All group classes take place at **Monsignor Fraser College** (45 Norfinch Drive).

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)			
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY, TIME & LOCATION (Subject to change)	
Group I	Percussion		
Grades 1–5	Students learn to play the drum set and percussion instruments such as keyboard percussion instruments, snare drum, hand drums and more in a group setting (up to 5 students).	<b>SATURDAYS:</b> 2:00–3:00 pm	
Group \	Group Voice		
Grades 1–3	Students learn vocal technique, ear training and musicianship in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join the Junior Choir every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.	SATURDAYS: 3:00–4:00 pm Mandatory Choir Rehearsal (for all students) WEDNESDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm	

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY, TIME & LOCATION (Subject to change)
Play Ou	it!	
Grades 1–5	In this adaptive program for children with special needs, students with a range of abilities will explore musical activities in a small ensemble (up to 4 students per class). Activities may include: improvising, song writing, rhythm and movement, music and relaxation, singing, and developing musical skills such as listening and playing in a group.	<b>SATURDAYS:</b> 3:00–3:45 PM
Group	Piano	
Grades 1–12	Students learn piano technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	TUESDAYS: 4:00–7:00 pm (60-minute lessons for Grades 1–5)
		THURSDAYS: 4:00–7:00 pm (60-minute lessons for Grades 6-12)
		SATURDAYS: 10:00 am-12:00 pm (60-minute lessons for Grades 1-5)
Group	Guitar	
Grades 3-12	Students learn guitar technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	TUESDAYS: 4:00-7:00 pm (60-minute lessons for Grades 3-5)
		THURSDAYS: 5:00–7:00 pm (60-minute lessons for Grades 6–12)
		SATURDAYS: 10:00 am-12:00 pm (60-minute lessons for Grades 3-12)
Ukulele	Quintet *NEW!	
Grades 4-8	*For more advanced Ukulele students: Students learn ukulele technique and continue learning music theory while developing the skills required to play in a group.	THURSDAYS: 4:00-5:00 pm

#### **Ensembles**

In an ensemble, students learn important musicianship skills like listening and making music as part of a larger group. RPSM Ensembles range in size from 10-30 students. We encourage all students taking group or private lessons to also join an ensemble.

The majority of Ensembles take place at **Monsignor Fraser College.** For exceptions, please refer to location information below.

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)			
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME & LOCATION (Subject to change)	
Early Childhood Music			
Jr. & Sr. Kinder- garten	Students explore music through play, dance and singing. This is an introductory course for young musicians.	<b>SATURDAYS:</b> 4:00–5:00 pm	
Ukulele	Ensemble		
Grades 1–3	Students learn ukulele technique and begin learning basic music theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	<b>SATURDAYS:</b> 2:00–3:00 pm	
Songs 8	k Stories		
Grades 1-5	Students create, adapt and present stories through a variety of musical activities. This class incorporates elements of song writing, movement, performance, and more.	<b>SATURDAYS:</b> 2:00–3:00 pm	
Choir			
Grades 1–12	Students develop vocal technique and ear training, and sing as part of an ensemble.	<b>WEDNESDAYS: Class 1:</b> 4:30–5:30 pm (Grades 1–5)	
		<b>Class 2</b> : 5:30–6:30 pm (Grades 6–12)	
Keys &	Beats		
Grades 1–12	Students use electronic keyboards to learn basic piano skills, beat production, and music theory in an ensemble setting.	SATURDAYS: Class 1: 10:00 – 11:00 am (Grades 1 – 3)	
		<b>Class 2:</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (Grades 4–7)	
		Class 3: 12:00–1:00 pm (Grades 8–12)	

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PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)			
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME & LOCATION (Subject to change)	
Rock Ba	and		
Grades 1–12	Students learn to play in a band, on piano, guitar, drums, bass guitar, and vocals.	SATURDAYS: Class 1: 3:00–4:00 pm (Grades 1–5)	
		Class 2: 4:00-5:00 pm (Grades 6-12)	
Firgrove Steel Pan Ensemble			
Grades 3-5	This program is only available to students attending Firgrove P.S.	WEDNESDAYS: 3:20-4:20 pm	
	Students learn steel pan technique and music theory in an ensemble setting.	This program takes place at Figrove P.S.	
Music Technology Lab			
Grades 4-8	Students use technology to understand, explore and create music. Past activities include using computers and iPads, creating soundtracks from movies and TV shows, and exploring modern recording techniques.	SATURDAYS: 12:00–1:00 pm	

# **Drop-in Programs**

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME & LOCATION (Subject to change)
Pianima	ntors!	
Grades 9-12	High school students can drop by the Pianimators program to try out new instruments, learn their favourite songs, jam, and share their talents. This drop-in program is FREE!	TUESDAYS: 3:00–6:00 pm (Westview Centennial S.S.)
Commi	unity Steel Band *NEW!	
all ages	Community Steel Band is a chance for people of all ages and experiences to join together to play the Steel Pan! Our Steel Pan instructors will teach the fundamentals of steel pan and work on music from many genres. This drop-in program is FREE!	WEDNESDAYS: 7:00–8:00 pm (Monsignor Fraser)



### **Private Lessons**

Students may be considered for private lessons after a minimum of 3 years of group and ensemble study. The RPSM Jane and Finch Site offers private lessons in: piano, guitar, and voice. In addition, we offer high school students at Westview Centennial S.S. limited spots for private instruction on various instruments. For more information please call RPSM Jane and Finch at **437.779.0504**.

### **Summer Camps**

More details about our Summer Day Camps will be available at **www.rpmusic.org** shortly before registration opens on March 24, 2020.

## **New Programs**

New programs are currently in development, based on feedback from our students and their families. Please call RPSM's office at 416.364.8900 for the latest updates, or to ask about program options that are not listed above.

#### **REGISTRATION AND FEES**

RPSM is offering a new fee structure and online registration process. Please see information below for further details. For more information, please go to www.rpmusic.org or call 416.364.8900.

#### Fee Structure

Lesson fees are annual, which cover all lessons from September to June. Refunds are not available for missed or cancelled classes. An invoice with your total owed for your classes will be provided after registration.

ALL PROGRAMS (pages 4–13)		
PRIVATE LESSONS GROUP LESSONS & ENSEMBLE		
\$100/year	\$50/year	

RPSM lessons are highly subsidized. There are a very limited number of spots available for students with a gross family income over \$80,000. Families must provide proof of total family income by sharing Line 150 of their Notice of Assessment before classes begin.

Payment plans are available upon request. Please call 416.364.8900 for more information. This fee structure is in place to ensure that RPSM can provide affordable music education and opportunities to families who would not otherwise be able to afford such activities.

# NEW RPSM Online Registration & Parent Portal

Please go to rpmusic.org to complete the online application form.

We have moved to a NEW online system for registration and launched an RPSM Parent Portal. Upon completing your application you will receive a confirmation by email (please check your junk mail for messages from Jackrabbit), and your login information for the RPSM Parent Portal.

- · On the parent portal you will be able to:
- · View your child's classes
- · Monitor your child's attendance
- · View upcoming events
- · Communicate directly with us, and more!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

REGENT PARK	TERM 1 September 2019 – February 2, 2020	JANE & FINCH	
Aug 20	REGISTRATION OPENS FOR TERM 1 (all locations)	Aug 20	
Sept 9	TERM 1 BEGINS	Sept 23	
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)	Oct 14	
Oct 22	Recital (no lessons)	Nov 27	
Dec 20	Regent Park Recital (no lessons in Regent Park)		
Dec 21–Jan 5	Winter Break (school closed in all locations)	Dec 21-Jan 5	
Jan 6	Lessons resume (all locations)	Jan 6	
Jan 8	REGISTRATION OPENS FOR TERM 2 (all locations)	Jan 8	
TERM 2 BEGINS			
Feb 3	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 (all locations)	Feb 3	
Feb 17	Family Day (school closed in all locations)	Feb 17	
Feb 27	Regent Park Recital (no lessons in Regent Park)		
Mar 16-22	March Break (school closed in all locations)	Mar 16-22	
Mar 24	REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER CAMPS (all locations)	Mar 24	
Mar 26	Graduates Recital	Mar 26	
	Jane & Finch Recital (no lessons in Jane & Finch)	Apr 2	
Apr 10-13	Easter Weekend (school closed in all locations)	Apr 10-13	
May 18	Victoria Day (school closed in all locations)	May 18	
June 19	LAST DAY OF TERM 2	June 12	
June 20	Recital	June 13	
SUMMER TERM BEGINS			
July 6	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	July 6	
Dates TBD	Summer Day Camps	Dates TBD	
Aug 3	Civic Holiday	Aug 3	
Aug 16	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	Aug 16	

