

Progressive Music And Arts Jan 2010 Newsletter

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New Rock Band Lessons

June 2010 Annual Rock Concert

New Art and Animation Classes and Camps

Video Game Making Classes and Camps

Hello Again!

I have a lot to cover so here we go!

Coming in the spring of 2010

Art Classes

With the renewed interest in comics and superheroes I created the very popular

Anyone Can Draw Comics and Superheroes Camps

that I have been doing the last 3 years.

We will now be holding regular art classes starting in 2010.

If you or your child has an interest in drawing and writing comics then these classes will be for you!

Spaces are limited so register early.

Art and Animation

This spring (2010) we are excited to introduce Animation Skills along with our Art Classes.

Featuring Stop Motion, Traditional Animation and Cut Out Animation.

Different levels will allow kids from ages 6 to 16 an exciting introduction into the world of animation.

We will be offering weekly animation classes and will also be offering Art and Animation Summer Camps!

Spaces are limited so register early.

Video Game Making

This spring (2010) we are excited to introduce Video Game Making Courses.

We will be offering weekly classes and will also be offering March Break and Summer Camps!

Due to the complexity of video game making we recommend ages 9 and up!

Spaces are limited so register early.

New Rock Band Lessons

The rock band camps last year were the best ever!

We had many new people and lots that returned from last year.

I also held 2 Rock Band camps and 1 Anyone can Draw Comics and Super Heroes Camp in Kitchener for the Kaufman YMCA. These Camps were ?Day camps and the performances went very well.

We also held 3 Weeks of Rockband and Anyone can Draw Comics and Super Heroes Camps in Galt Cambridge .

After 3 years of doing “Rock Band Camp “ it has been impressed upon me how much many kids enjoy working in a group. Doing these camps has also allowed (and forced) me to develop teaching techniques that work in group situations.

Some students enjoy just sitting at home practicing by themselves while others have more enjoyment from playing in a group situation .

I have also received requests from parents and students if I would do group lessons this year. This will help students immensely in preparing for our year end concert and also allow them to do other musical activities that private lessons wouldn't.

I will be offering group lessons to students with similar skills and desires.

Spaces will be limited so please apply early.

These group session will include a weekly assignment and a band jam each week.

The sessions will be approx 50 min in length.

Students do need to remember that in any group or team situation they need to “keep up”

With the other students as the group won't work without all the parts.

If you are interested please contact me at progressivemusic@rogers.com and I will work to arrange a group situation that will work well for you.

I am looking forward to these group sessions as I am confident they will be a fun rewarding musical experience.

June 2010 Year End Concert

This year one of our main focuses will be to have everyone involved in our June 2010 Year End Concert.

Registration for the concert will start in Jan 2010

The main reasons for this are;

1. We need to rent a hall from the City of Cambridge and in order to do so we have a minimum number of participants we require in order to host the event in a larger venue.

2. If we require extra help we can prepare for it long in advance.

3. The students who sign up the earliest will have the most preparation time and will likely be able to perform more than 1 or 2 songs!

4. We need to plan rehearsals for everyone .We will have 2 rehearsals, one in April and one in May 2010. Anyone planning to play in the concert MUST attend the 2 rehearsals!

In the past there have been some bitter disasters with people who did not attend rehearsals yet showed up for the performance. I will avoid the May 24 long weekend and will set the practice dates in Jan 2010 giving everyone plenty of time to adjust your family schedule.

The performing fee is \$50.00 per performer. This will allow us to host the concert in a hall and rent and hire all the gear and personnel required.

In the past we have had as many as 250 people at the concert and with everyone working together I'm hoping to surpass that number in 2010! It's going to be our best concert yet!