



## SJMA Senior Application & Commitment 2016-17

SJMA is committed to support children through multiple years of a high quality, creative and joyful music education. We provide them a safe, fun, challenging and aspiring place to reach their highest potential. We emphasize passion before refinement. We facilitate a music education that expresses joy and pursues excellence. Our orchestras and choirs are places of cooperative learning that encourage a shared struggle towards the common goal of harmony. Group achievement is balanced with individual attention.

To grow in their accomplishments each child, through your support, must make a firm commitment, which requires regular attendance and hard work.

To build an accomplished orchestra and choir requires many years of musical development. Our Senior Program starts in Grade 5 and runs until Grade 12, two days per week. After their first full trail year in the Senior program students are asked to make a multi-year commitment as follows: **Grades 5-7: Intermediate Program** (up to a 3 year commitment), **Grades 8-10: Senior Program I** (3 year commitment with high-school tutoring support), **Grades 11-12: Senior Program II** (2 year commitment with high-school tutoring support)

Our program runs from September through June with the option of a one week summer music camp in August for existing students. If you and your child are ready to make this commitment please complete the following bursary application. Once we have confirmed that your child meets our criteria we will call you to set up an interview.

If selected, your child will receive a bursary to cover the costs of an instrument, lessons, transportation and meals while attending the program. This is valued at \$3,000 per child per year.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Walker  
Executive Director



# Saint James Music Academy

*A Non-Profit Music School that Supports Eastside Children*



## New Grade 4 - 7 Students Bursary Application 2016-2017

*Please Note: Submitting an application **does not** guarantee registration. SJMA will contact you to confirm registration.*

**\*\*A weekly commitment of Monday & Wednesday - Thurs (optional) - Afterschool until 6:00pm is required\*\***

### **Student Information:**

Child's Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M or F

Date of Birth (D/M/Y): \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September 2016: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous School Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Cell Phone # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Child enrolled in other after-school programs?  Yes  No Which days? \_\_\_\_\_

(these days must not conflict with the above program days)

Child has any after-school sports commitments?  Yes  No Which days? \_\_\_\_\_

(these days must not conflict with the above program days)

Transportation: To the Academy:  Drive  Walk  Need Assistance (Please request application)

From the Academy:  Drive  Walk  Need Assistance (Please request application)

Allergies / Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Concerns / Conditions (ADHD, FAS, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Contact Information:**

#### **Primary Parent/Guardian Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship with Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Language of Communication: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Emergency Contact Information:**

(the Emergency Contact must be an adult who has a close relationship with the students, including but not limited to a second parent/guardian, grandparents, other relatives, and housemates. They will be contacted in all cases wherein the primary parent/guardian cannot be reached.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship with Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Language of Communication: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

Apt. #/Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Single-parent family?       Yes       No

Employed?                       Yes       No

**This program is primarily for low-income families.** Are you a low-income family?    Yes    No

Total household income: (verification may be requested if low-income and a financial contribution requested if not low-income)

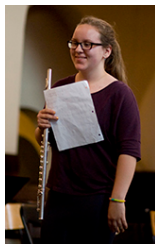
Under \$20,000     \$20,000 - 40,000     \$40,000 – 60,000     \$60,000 – 80,000     \$80,000-100,000     +\$100,000

**2016-17 Instruments Choices:** *Mark your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice*    \*Space is limited; you may not get their 1<sup>st</sup> choice.

Flute

Trombone

Double Bass



**Alternate Authorized Pick-up:** *(other individuals who may pick up this child in addition to the primary and emergency contact previously listed)*

	Name	Phone Number	Relation to Child
1			
2			
3			

**Reference:**

Please ask your reference (someone not related to your child ie a teacher, mentor, etc) to provide us with a brief endorsement as to why they believe your child is an appropriate fit for the program:

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to your child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Incentive Outings**

**Incentive Outings** – Building a healthy and happy community is as important to us at SJMA as training accomplished musicians. We want your children to have opportunities to spend time with their friends outside of regular classes. SJMA hopes to facilitate fun and engaging outings and activities 3 - 4 times per year. They will be invited on Fridays to participate in a variety of exciting opportunities including: movie nights, hikes, dinners out, art workshops, concerts, and other special events throughout the year. Regular attendance and participation in the core program is a pre-requisite for attending special events.

**Catch-up Days** – In order to replace Mondays that are cancelled due to long-weekend holidays or Pro-D Days, SJMA will also program 3 make-up days through-out the year. *These will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup> for students in the Junior and Senior Orchestra.* To help ensure their participation, we would ask that parents leave this day open so that their kids can attend and be recognized for their hard work.

## **Parents and Guardian Agreements:**

### **1. Agreement of Commitment**

The SJMA is an intensive program that aims to offer high-quality classical musical education; in order for this to be successful, we expect a students to demonstrate regular attendance to all classes in which he/she is registered, including both mandatory classes and electives if chosen, and the Christmas and Spring Recitals, in early December and early June respectively. This means that the student will not participate in any school-related or extracurricular activities (such as sports, school clubs, tutoring) that may interfere with their ability to attend SJMA unless having received prior approval from the Academy. If the student is forced to be absent by unavoidable circumstances – sickness, appointments, family events, vacations – families must give the SJMA at least 24 hours notice. We operate on a three-strike system, wherein three unexplained absences will result in a meeting between the family and SJMA to discuss the student's continued enrolment in the music program. I hereby agree to the expectations surrounding attendance and absences that is required by the SJMA.

### **2. Parent Volunteering**

All parents/guardians of students are expected to contribute to the quality of the SJMA's programming through volunteering. We strongly believe that parent involvement in the Academy is an important factor in the success of our students. In the past, parents have taken on a variety of volunteer positions, including assisting with the Walking School Bus – if your child attends Strathcona Elementary and participates in the Walking School Bus, parents/guardians are expected to help out at least once a week; volunteering during special events (ie. recitals); a regular volunteering shift (ie. assisting with music classes if you have music experience, with the Snack and Nutrition Program); and translation.

Are you able to volunteer at the Saint James Music Academy?

Yes. You will be contacted at a later date to discuss volunteering options.

No. If you are unable to volunteer, please explain why:

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For parents/guardians with children attending Strathcona Elementary, does your child intend to participate in the Walking School Bus?       Yes       No

If so, are you able to assist with the Walking School Bus at least once a week (Mondays to Thursdays, 3pm at Strathcona Elementary)?       Yes       No

I hereby agree to the SJMA's parent/guardian volunteering expectations and understand that an inability to volunteer may impact my student's enrolment in its programs.

**4. Media Release**

In order to share what we do with those who support us, we need your permission to use your child's photo, video footage and/or interview. I hereby give authorization to the Saint James Music Academy and their partner organizations the right and permission to photograph, film, and record me, my child(ren) and use and reuse my/their picture, video, interview and likeness, in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with visual, audio or written material in any medium (including newsletter, and web). I hereby release and discharge both parties from any and all claims and demands.

**5. Indemnity and Release of Liability**

I, HEREBY REMISE, RELEASE, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE The Saint James Music Academy, it's employees or agents, and volunteers of and from all manner of actions, causes of actions, claims and demands of whatsoever nature which my child may have in respect of any injury, loss or expense he/she may sustain arising out of or in any way connected with his/her participation in the activities of the Saint James Music Academy or while being transported to and from the Academy or special events.

**6. Accessing VSB Student File**

In order for our program to better support the needs of your child, we will be seeking permission from VSB schools to access your child's student file. I, Hereby give the Saint James Music Academy permission to access to my child's VSB student file.

**I hereby agree to the above parent and guardian agreements**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name

Print Please \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial  
each.**

**Parent Commitment:**

I understand that SJMA intends to provide a multi-year music education to my child in a safe afterschool environment. My child will also be provided an instrument, healthy food and a positive, rich learning experience.

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I will support my child in regular attendance and will notify the Academy as early as possible if my child is unwell and unable to attend. (info@sjma.ca / 778-709-7731)

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I understand that SJMA is not a drop-in program and I will not allow my child to treat it as such

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I will commit to supporting my child in practicing their instrument and in having a positive attitude in their participation with the program

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I will ensure that my child participates in occasional extra rehearsals and special performances that help to raise support and funds for SJMA

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I will not allow my child to drop out of the program mid-year and will encourage a long term commitment to the program to help in the development of a community orchestra and choir

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I will not sign my child up for other programs that interfere with their commitment to SJMA.

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I will attend my child's public performances and special events unless I am unable

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I will communicate to the staff at SJMA if my child, on occasion, has a conflicting activity that will interfere with their attendance.

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I will support the work of SJMA by volunteering my time and abilities as often as I am able and will communicate my availability to staff (see list of help needed)

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I understand that SJMA is offered at no cost to the families but that families are encouraged to donate financially if they are able and to support SJMA in non- financial ways by fully committing to the above agreements.

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**Student Commitment**

**Please have your  
child initial each.**

I am a student at the Saint James Music Academy and will commit to attend regularly unless I am sick and have to stay home

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I will try to have fun while I am learning

\_\_\_\_\_

I will respect the other students, teachers and staff

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I will eat my fruits and vegetables unless I am allergic to them

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I will try my best to learn my instrument and will take part in choir and orchestra

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I will practice my instrument at home

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I will take care of my instrument and bring it to the music school when I attend

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I will have a positive attitude even when I am frustrated and struggling to learn

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is ok to make mistakes

\_\_\_\_\_

I will not let mistakes hold me back from trying again

\_\_\_\_\_

I will try to be a good role model and help new students. I will also try to learn about music from students who know more than me.

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I will not enter the Academy without checking in and I will not leave the Academy without checking out (see door monitor)

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I will attend all extra rehearsals and special performances to share what I have learned and help support the work of SJMA unless I my caregivers confirm that I am unable

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When I am at SJMA I will attend all my music classes without complaint

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