

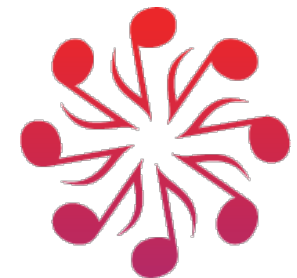
Halifax All-City Music

*Festival* AT 50

*1967-2017*

A Celebration of 50 Years of Music Education in **Halifax**

Four Gala Concert Events, 1600 Students, Three new Compositions



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# 50 Years ago, the face of music education changed in Nova Scotia, and the Halifax Schools Music Program was born.



*The original Halifax Schools Music Department*

**Music Education is for everyone!**

The Halifax All-City Music program began in 1967, with the appointment of Chalmers Doane as Supervisor of Music. The intent of the new music program was to develop a musically literate community based on the premise that:

- Music is for everyone
- Music would be taught by Specialist “Artist” teachers
- General and Instrumental Music would be treated as any other school subject, class taught through grade 12, with Standards of Excellence

Full general and instrumental programs were initially offered in only a few schools, which soon created city-wide demand. The Board responded and soon there were:

- Kodaly-based general music classes in grades primary to six
- Choir and classroom instruments (recorder/ukulele) grades three to six
- Band instruments grade 5 and up
- Strings starting in grade three

Within a few years, general, choral, and instrumental music was offered in all elementary, junior high and senior high schools. A sequential listening program was developed for all grade levels. Department Heads were named for general, choral and instrumental music, and partnerships established with the university and other musical agencies.

A strong Fine Arts Parents Association continues to advocate and lobby for all arts programs.

The Halifax program is now in it's 50th year. The format for the program remains intact to this day. Music continues to be taught by specialist teachers at all levels and the ability-grouped all-city program continues.

In 1996, Halifax was amalgamated with the surrounding towns and rural areas as part of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Halifax All-City Music now reaches into many areas and provides access to many students that would never have benefited from the program before. Students from Sheet Harbour to St. Margaret's Bay have a place in the All-City music program.

The Halifax All-City Music Centre resides in Oxford School, and continues to serve as a centre of both student learning and teacher professional development.

50 Years later,  
music programs  
are in every  
school in the  
Halifax Regional  
School Board, and  
the Halifax All-City  
Music program  
offers extension  
and  
enhancement  
programs to over  
1 600 students.

**Celebrating the past, and  
looking to the future. A  
music program for all  
students in the Halifax  
Regional School Board.**

## Festival at 50

To celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we are focusing on the music education components that make up Halifax All-City Music. We will be celebrating Choirs, Bands and our string program in four Gala concerts.

On top of this, we will be celebrating the future by sponsoring a young composers' competition that will culminate in a concert of student-created works from composers in Elementary, Junior High and High School.

As part of our celebration, we have commissioned three new works for each of our three major components. In our gala concerts, there will be a new work for Chorus, Band and Orchestra presented.

The composers of these pieces are Nova Scotians, and these works will live on as testaments of the strength of music education in the Halifax Regional School Board

We celebrate our past, and we look forward to a bright future where music education is supported and celebrated. The value of music education has never been so present, and Halifax All-City Music is here to meet the challenge.

## Choral Program Gala

**Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Our Choral program features nine choirs ranging from grades four through twelve. This program will feature a choral finale composed by former Halifax All-City teacher Gary Ewer. This program takes place at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, starting at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10.

## Band Program Gala

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Our band program consists of two concert bands and three jazz ensembles. This program will feature a new work for wind ensemble by Juno winning composer Derek Charke from Wolfville. This program will take place at the Spatz Theatre. Admission is \$10.

## New Music Gala

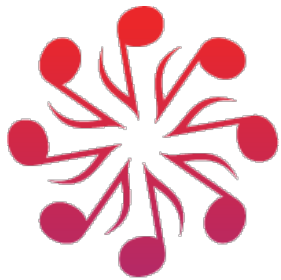
**Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Here we celebrate young composers. This concert will feature the winners of our young composers competition. This event will take place at Oxford School at 7:00. Admission is free.

## Orchestra Gala

**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our two orchestras will be featured in this concert. The Junior Chamber Orchestra and the Halifax Schools Symphony Orchestra. HSSO will premiere a work written by Juno nominee Peter Togni. This event will take place at St. Andrew's United Church at 7:00. Admission is \$5.



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Soon to be available:

**A Festival Package**

**\$20 for three concerts for adults**

**Children under 15 free.**

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