Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I sign up for lessons?

If you <u>click here and fill out this form</u>, we will do our best to match you with a teacher who's availability fits your needs. Lesson times are offered on a first come, first served basis so some compromise may be necessary.

2. What are the benefits of registering through this school?

We offer music lessons and a community to support a music student's journey through the realm of music with fun group classes, exciting educational events, and multiple recitals throughout the year. We don't expect that the majority of our students will become professional musicians but we hope that all of them allow music to be a lifelong companion that allows them a means of self expression, stress relief, creativity, problem solving, personal development and joy.

3. Where is the school located? Can teachers come to my home?

The EVCMS does not currently have a physical location. Since its beginnings in 2008 we have been operating as a teacher's collective where lessons are taught at teacher's individual studios, in students homes, or online.

4. How long are lessons and how much do lessons cost?

Beginning students will probably find that a 30-45 minute lesson is a good length whereas mature and intermediate students will often prefer an hour. Small group or longer lessons may be available on request. Our teachers each set their own individual rates.

5. What is the EVCMS Bursary Program, how are successful applicants chosen, and how does one apply?

The Bursary program allows us to provide music lessons at subsidized rates to students from low income households. Successful applicants are chosen based on their commitment to their musical studies and their need. Anyone can apply by filling out the application form and submitting it to one of our faculty or board members. The form is available here.

6. I'm interested in a particular kind of group classes that you don't currently offer, how can I request a program?

Please send us an email to make a request: music@evcms.ca

7. How can I support the EVCMS?

You can help our society grow by becoming a voting member, volunteering on our Board of Directors, telling your friends and family about us, making a donation, or promoting us on social media. You can make a donation by sending an e-transfer to music@evcms.ca, dropping off cash or a cheque at any of our events, or contact us to make other arrangements. We would be most grateful for your support. Click here for more.

8. Can I get a tax receipt for making a donation?

Unfortunately registered non-profits cannot issue tax deductible receipts for donations until they also have registered charitable status. Our application process for charitable status is currently underway.