



BEGINNER STRING MUSIC PROGRAM – 2018-2019

Would you like to learn to play the **violin** or **cello**?

Students in Grade 4 in September, 2018 are invited to participate in the Dartmouth All-City String Music Program. Classes are offered in violin and cello. The Dartmouth All-City Strings program presently involves over 550 students from Grade 4 to 12. **Grade 4** is the ideal time to start, and it is important to start classes with us right away in September. Waiting until October or later may be too late.

What does it cost?

Lessons are FREE and students are expected to attend twice a week. Parents will be required to provide an instrument, accessories and music books as required. Long & McQuade rents and sells instruments. With their rental program, you can also upgrade sizes at no extra cost as your child grows. They also carry the books and accessories **required** for you to purchase. We rent well-used violins and cellos from the Dartmouth Music Center for \$100 per year.

When can I start?

Instruments may be purchased or rented **in September, *after*** students have been measured for the proper size instrument by our teaching staff. Please don't get it before the summer, as these instruments are sensitive to heat and humidity, and because your child may have a growth spurt and need a different size anyway.

When do we get sized?

Your string teacher will make arrangements in September to size your child and share program information. You will be required to register online **now** so we have your contact information.

Where are string lessons held? Here are options A, B and C:

A) The following schools offer **violin** programs **during the school day** twice a week:

Bel Ayr	Ian Forsyth	Portland Estates
Crichton Park	John MacNeil	Shannon Park
Dartmouth South Academy	Michael Wallace	South Woodside
Hawthorn	Mount Edward	Seaside
Harbourview	*Ocean View	*Tallahassee (*pending gr 4 classes on site)

B) **Afterschool** lessons for **violin** are twice a week at the following locations for students in these areas:

Astral Drive Elementary
Ash Lee Jefferson
Dartmouth Music Centre

C) **Afterschool** lessons for **cello** are twice a week at the following location for students from ANY area:

Dartmouth Music Centre

How do I get in on this awesome opportunity?

Our online registration opens in early May. Visit our website at <http://dacm.hrsb.ns.ca> for more information and for the registration link. Please register BEFORE JUNE 15 IF POSSIBLE so we have the means to contact you. **If you are unable to register online**, call us at 902-435-8464 x2. Please note: We are **not** open in July or August.