

The Oscar Peterson School of Music

(formerly the Royal Conservatory School)

Programming Details & FAQ: Fall 2021

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The health and safety of our community is of the utmost importance. As per regulations from the [Government of Ontario](#), The Royal Conservatory building is open on a restricted basis to staff, students, and authorized visitors (including concert goers) only. Public health and workplace safety restrictions are currently in place. All information found in this document is intended to be used for planning purposes and is subject to amendment. Public health regulations supersede any information found herein.

The RCM's comprehensive safety plan and building access procedures can be [found on this webpage](#).

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Vaccination Policy

Effective September 7, 2021, in order to enter the RCM premises all persons (including but not limited to administrative staff, teaching faculty, students born before 2010, visitors, patrons, and contractors) must provide:

- a) Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19; or
- b) Written proof of a medical reason, provided by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class that sets out: (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and (ii) the effective time-period for the medical reason and provide verification of the negative COVID-19 test result of an antigen point of care test administered within 48 hours of seeking access to the Facilities.

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Fully vaccinated means having received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by [The World Health Organization](#) (e.g., two doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series); and having received the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.

General Health & Safety Measures

The RCM will follow all applicable regulations as issued by public health authorities. Specific up-to-date measures will be communicated to registered students in advance of their first scheduled lesson or class, and may include but are not limited to:

- Screening and contact tracing
- Requirement for wearing masks
- Physical distancing measures and capacity limits
- Cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects
- Controlled access to the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING DETAILS

Children's Private Lessons Programs

Private lessons will be offered in-person OR online for all children's private lessons.

Can I start the year with online lessons and switch to in-person later in the year?

- After October 1, private lessons students may submit a request to switch from online to in-person lessons subject to availability. Requests require 3 weeks' advance notice in writing to petersonschool@rcmusic.ca.

Do I need to wear a mask at my lesson?

- Mask use is mandatory in all indoor public and shared spaces at the RCM. Masks may be temporarily removed to facilitate the playing of woodwind or brass instruments.

Can the windows be opened in the classrooms and studios?

- The building's HVAC system has been designed to provide clean particle-free air at a stable temperature and humidity. Fresh air is constantly being added to the system and filtered.

Children's Group Classes & Ensembles

All Music Enrichment Program Theory and History classes (all levels) will be offered online only.

All other children's group classes including Smart Start, Suzuki Strings, Twinkler group piano, Learn to Play: Piano, Learn to Play: Guitar, Learn to Play: Percussion, and Orff Ensemble will be offered in-person.

All Ensembles (orchestras, choirs, and bands) will be offered in-person.

How will groups classes and ensembles work?

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- Physical distancing measures and capacity limitations are in place for all in-person group classes.

Do I need to wear a mask at my class?

- Mask use is mandatory in all indoor public and shared spaces at the RCM.

Can the windows be opened in the classrooms and studios?

- No. The building HVAC system has been designed to provide clean particle-free air at a stable temperature and humidity. Fresh air is constantly being added to the system and filtered.

Smart Start Early Childhood Music Classes

Smart Start classes will be offered in-person.

How will groups classes work?

- Physical distancing measures and capacity limitations are in place for all in-person group classes. Each student will receive a personal instrument kit as part of their tuition.

Do I need to wear a mask at my class?

- Mask use is mandatory in all indoor public and shared spaces at the RCM over the age of 2 years.

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAMMING DETAILS

Adult Private Lessons

Private lessons will be offered in-person OR online.

Can I start the year with online lessons and switch to in-person later in the year?

- *After October 1*, private lessons students may submit a request to switch from online to in-person lessons subject to availability. Requests require 3 weeks' advance notice in writing to petersonschool@rcmusic.ca.

Do I need to wear a mask at my lesson?

- Mask use is mandatory in all indoor public and shared spaces at the RCM. Masks may be temporarily removed to facilitate the playing of woodwind or brass instruments.

Can the windows be opened in the classrooms and studios?

- No. The building HVAC system has been designed to provide clean particle-free air at a stable temperature and humidity. Fresh air is constantly being added to the system and filtered.

Adult Group Classes & Ensembles

All adult group instrumental classes, ensembles, and choir will be offered in-person.

How will groups classes work?

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- Physical distancing measures and capacity limitations are in place for all in-person group classes.

Do I need to wear a mask at my class?

- Mask use is mandatory in all indoor public and shared spaces at the RCM. Masks may be temporarily removed to facilitate the playing of woodwind or brass instruments.

Can the windows be opened in the classrooms and studios?

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Music Appreciation

Sessions will be offered online only.

Theory and History classes (all levels)

Classes will be offered online only.