ABOUT THE HAMILTON MUSIC COLLECTIVE

Hamilton Music Collective (HMC) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2008 by a group of musicians, educators and community supporters who are passionate about music and believe in its transformative power to enrich lives and empower youth.

Our mission is to invigorate the music scene in Hamilton through professional live performances, education, events, and workshops.

Our programs, including the An Instrument For Every Child (AIFEC) initiative, are designed to create music opportunities for children and youth in Hamilton’s neighbourhoods with the greatest need and fewest resources.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Our programs are open to the public and have a fee of approximately $12/class in order to cover the cost of instrument loans, with financial assistance available for families in need. Classes rotate and evolve on an ongoing basis.

Visit hamiltonmusiccollective.ca/programs to learn more about our programs and An Instrument For Every Child.

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Our classes take place at 141 Park Street North, Hamilton.

YOUTH PROGRAMS 2023/24

HAMILTON MUSIC COLLECTIVE
Centre for Performance and Education
JAM 101
Jam 101 is a fun-filled class for beginners who would like to explore all styles of music and techniques without committing to a single instrument. We incorporate improvisation, free jams in a group setting, and confidence building.

Offered to: Ages 12 and under.

JAMBASSADORS
JAMBASSADORS exposes students to the “ins and outs” of being in a band, with instruction from pro musicians. We provide rehearsal gear, and lead the bands through songs and preparing for gigs. Our bands have performed at Supercrawl and Sound of Music festival. Open to singers, drummers, guitar, bass, keys and more.

Offered to: Ages 12 - 17 with experience on an instrument.

STRING ENSEMBLE & ORCHESTRA
Students with experience on strings, woodwinds, brass or percussion can join one of our mid-sized ensembles. Students learn to follow a conductor and train their ears. Being a part of any ensemble gives opportunities to meet new friends and develop teamwork skills.

Offered to: Ages 8 - 15 with 2 years of experience reading music.

VOCAL CLASSES
Our vocal coach works with students on choosing songs, stage presence, choreography, and finding their own voice. Students also work on important aspects of singing including warming up, improving range and tone. Classes are split into contemporary or musical theatre streams.

Offered to: Ages 6 - 15 for beginner to intermediate students.

SONGWRITING
Participants explore lyric writing, the art of composition, and personal expression through music. Students often have the opportunity to record or perform their original song at the end of the class to share with friends and family.

Offered to: Ages 10 - 17 with an interest in writing music.

INSTRUMENT GROUP LESSONS
Our instructors develop skills in harmony, melody, rhythm and sightreading. They also build on techniques learned in their AIFEC lessons. Students are provided with an instrument and taught in groups of 4-6 students.

Offered to: Ages 11 - 15 with 2 years of experience on guitar, piano, or drums.

OPEN JAM
On the last Saturday of each month, young musicians and singers take the stage and showcase their talents. Jammers can perform on their own, with friends, or with our skilled instructors. All styles and skill levels welcome.

Offered to: Ages 17 and under. Show up, sign up and perform!

PRODUCTION & BEAT MAKING
Our music tech courses break down beat making and recording. Our instructors teach Ableton, and use a variety of gear including Macs, iPads, grooveboxes and drum pad controllers. Students learn to combine loops and samples to make original music from scratch.

Offered to: Ages 10 - 17 for beginner to intermediate students.

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