

ORMTA Student Awards Concert

The Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association of Brampton-Bolton-Caledon Branch (ORMTA BBC) holds their annual Student Awards Concert for students that achieved outstanding results on their RCM piano and theory examinations. Eligible students will be invited to perform at the concert and are awarded a certificate for their accomplishments and scholarships for the highest marks. The concert is usually held in November.

MMTA recitals

These are monthly recitals hosted by the Milton Music Teachers Association (MMTA) and are held in Milton. Students perform in front of an audience of parents, family, friends, and peers providing students with the opportunity to practise performing a solo piece perhaps in preparation for an exam, recital or concert. Only students of MMTA teachers are permitted to perform at these recitals.

"Refresh" Recital

This recital is booked early in the September. It is intended to "refresh" students' back-to-lessons after a long summer break from piano lessons. Students are rewarded for keeping up their piano practicing over the summer should the student be able to perform several of the pieces (that were learned in the previous term) by memory.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert is held at the Seniors' centre in Milton on the first Saturday of December each year. Piano students, peers, families and friends get together to celebrate the festive season of Christmas through music, dance and song. Students perform Christmas music and some of their favorite repertoire pieces but are also encouraged to display their other talents in singing, acting, dancing or playing other instruments.

The Year-end recital

The year-end recital is held at the Seniors' centre in Milton on the third Saturday of June each year. It is a formal event that celebrates the student's achievements and progress made throughout the year. Many types of music of different genres and arrangements are performed by memory. Deserving students are also presented with studio awards and their achievements are highlighted.

Performance Rehearsals

Students practise performing their solo pieces in front of a smaller audience of peers in the studio preparation for the Christmas concert and yearend recital. Having small performance goals encourages students to stay on track with their progress at the piano and also gives the students something to be proud of when they finally have a piece ready for performance.

Duet/Trio Rehearsals

Learning how to play a duet or trio is an invaluable experience for music students. It teaches students how to perform in a team by learning the importance of counting and keeping time when playing with others. It also helps the students understand the role of accompaniment and melody and how to balance this when playing with other performers.

Concerto Performances and other ensembles

Concertos and other ensembles are performances that utilize the use of two pianos or two pianos 4 hands or 2 pianos and 8 hands. These ensembles are provide students with an

exciting learning experience that heightens their musical appreciation through listening, rhythm, and counting and participating to ensure a uniform performance.

Community

This is an opportunity for students to share their talents at the piano, inspire someone and give back to the community. Playing in venues such as church, school or in a seniors' home, hospital is a great way to give back to the community. Parents are encouraged to arrange events and invite students to attend. Teacher may also provide opportunities as it arises.