



the music education centre

What professional career opportunities can playing an instrument lead to?

We all hear popular music on the radio and television, but there are a huge number of other jobs in the industry that offer opportunities to classically trained musicians too!

There is sometimes an expectation in society that music is only really a hobby rather than a legitimate way to earn a living. Naturally the personal satisfaction that comes from mastering an instrument is often a great motivator, but remembering that your efforts can open the doors to a career in music is also worth keeping in mind.

PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRAS

For those playing classical instruments orchestral playing is an obvious outlet for musical talent. There are a number of very good amateur orchestras, ranging from high school and youth orchestras through to the Auckland Symphony. In addition to those there are also the top Professional groups where players are paid for both the concerts they give and the rehearsals they attend. The Auckland Philharmonia (APO), and the New Zealand Symphony (NZSO) are just two of the full time orchestras that offer permanent positions to players. These orchestras are often involved in the predications of both the national Opera and Ballet companies.

PROFESSIONAL SHOWS

Touring Shows and International acts usually hire local professional musicians. Whilst this work is usually on a contract basis, it usually offers good hourly rates of pay, and provides an opportunity for both orchestral instruments (strings, wind and brass) to work with the more "Rock" based instruments (guitar, bass and drums).

SESSION MUSICIANS

Competent sight-readers are always in demand in the recording industry. In studios where time equals money, record producers are always looking for a wide variety of instrumentalists with good technical and theory knowledge to work on albums. This also applies of TV work with groups of string players often brought in to feature in the backing of singers in programmes like "X-Factor" etc.

Why not make an effort to regularly attend professional orchestral concerts and live productions. The exposure to a wider range of music helps develop you as a more rounded musician, and nothing beats the experience of hearing good music being played LIVE!



PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON

Every term the Music Education Centre organises Performance Afternoons to give all our students, regardless of age, level, instrument, or experience, an opportunity to play in front of a supportive audience of family and friends. BEST OF ALL – these performances are free to attend, and make a great afternoon out for students who normally don't get to hear live music, to see that getting up on stage can actually be FUN!

Our Term Two Performances are being held on **SUNDAY 3rd JULY**

North Shore: Takapuna War Memorial Hall
2pm and 3pm

West Auckland: Tirimoana School Hall
1pm

HAVE YOUR STATEMENT EMAILED EACH MONTH

Thank you to those students who have requested delivery of their lesson invoice/statement by email. If you would like yours also delivered electronically each month, please let us know by emailing lessons@musiceducation.co.nz giving your student name and we will set this up for you. If you prefer to continue receiving your statement by post, you don't need to do anything.

GLENFIELD MALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY TALENT QUEST.

The Music Education Centre has teamed up with the Glenfield Mall shopping centre over the holidays with their GREAT talent quest. Open to students from any North Shore school (primary, intermediate or high school) there will be great prizes and a FUN way to spend the school holidays. Enter on-line at: www.glenfieldmalltalent.co.nz



Kids Rule this school holidays
Weekdays 11-22 July

GLENFIELD MALL TALENT QUEST
If you can sing, dance, do magic, or play a musical instrument then we want you for the Glenfield Mall Talent Quest.
Loads of awesome prizes to be won and giveaways for audience members!
Visit glenfieldmalltalent.co.nz for performance times and to register.
Entries close 5pm Friday 8th July.

IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND
Come and play, experiment and meet new friends at the Imagination Playground - a block-based play system that transforms children's minds, bodies and spirits through active, creative play.
Adults welcome to play too!
10am - 2pm every weekday.

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Plus many more exciting activities including face painting by the marvelous Carmel.

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Get it all at Glenfieldmall.co.nz

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all the Music Education Centre students who achieved placings in the New Zealand Accordion Championships last month.

This annual event attracts competitors from all over the country and Australia, and acts as the qualification competition for New Zealand representatives at the World Accordion Championships each year. One of our Music Education Centre teachers, Alexandra Reekie will be the sole NZ competitor at this year's competition to be in Rostov-On-Don (Russia) in September this year after having won the NZ and South Pacific Junior Virtuoso titles this year.

A full list of all competition results can be found on-line at www.accordion.co.nz

CREDITS FOR MISSED LESSONS

Lesson continuity is always an important ingredient in creating long term musical success. The nature of our industry does often mean, however, that public holidays and school holidays result in several weeks each year where no lessons are given. Add to that student absences due to illness, school camps, etc. and it is not uncommon for students to end up with only 36 lessons in a calendar year.

With this in mind, the Music Education Centre is only able to give 4 credits per year to students that miss lessons during school term time.

If you have already missed 4 lessons this year, please bear in mind that any future absences will still need to be paid for.

Thank you for your understanding.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports are completed for most of our students twice a year. For those that receive their monthly statement by post – yours should be included with this newsletter. Students that are billed by email will have theirs sent in the coming weeks.

If you do not receive your report, please talk to your teacher about getting another copy.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 11th JULY to SUNDAY 24th JULY

The Music Education Centre office will be open daily over the school holiday period with many individual lessons continuing as normal.

Lessons given in schools and our "Forte" classes do not operate over the holidays.