



# Delta Community Music School

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## Spring update from the Board of DCMS and Welcome to Registration!

**Early Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2018.** The Early Bird process gives current students and society members first and best choice in lesson times for the next term.

Students who require the same day and time for next term, will be given the opportunity to register the week BEFORE early registration opens. This is mostly to accommodate families who have several students taking lessons from different teachers and need to coordinate transportation to/from the school.



***TO RESERVE THE SAME LESSON DAY/TIME WITH THE SAME INSTRUCTOR NEXT YEAR:***

*--Let our administrator know during the week of Thursday May 10 to Thursday May 17.*

*--Your registration forms and payment must be received before May 22 to secure your spot.*

Early registration in general begins May 22.

Open Registration for September 2018 for new students begins Monday, June 18.

Along with this letter is a registration form. Please also read the “terms and conditions.” You’ll be asked to sign that you have read and understood. These forms are also available on our website.

And we would like to take this opportunity to give you an update on the School and board activities.

The business of DCMS is conducted by a non-profit society, and is also a federally registered charity. This gives us some benefits—the most significant is that this keeps our overhead costs low and allows us to bring to our community highly qualified professional music instructors, and we can offer superior instruction at reasonable rates. We lease our heritage McKee House from the City of Delta, and its many rooms host well over 200 lessons every week! We are responsible for the inside upkeep, and the Corporation is responsible for the outside and grounds.

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As noted in last year's registration letter, our board is always looking for interested people to take part and have a voice in how the school operates. Board members are elected annually from the general membership. Monthly meetings are open to members, and our minutes are always available on request. We encourage members to become involved so that we can grow and improve!

The Board has updated our Constitution and By-laws to conform with the new BC Societies Act, again having to make minor changes for the time being. More encompassing changes will be made at the AGM in November. After the updates of carpet and wallpaper last year, this year's "updates" have been smaller, but still adding to the comfort: you may have noticed a new fridge and table in the kitchen area as well as the new photocopier.

Recently we had a fund-raising event at Petra's coffeehouse, and the interest of South Delta folks was keen. The music of DCMS stretches and sounds well beyond the walls here in the House. Please note the dates of the South Delta Jazz Festival—July 4 - 8—on your calendar, and plan to attend some of the noon hour and evening events! DCMS's Musical Director, Stephen Robb, has once again lined up amazing talent to see and hear right here at home under the summer sun. And of course the week is solid with learning work-shops for all ages from 12 and up. See [www.southdeltajazzfestival.com/jazz-workshop/](http://www.southdeltajazzfestival.com/jazz-workshop/) & [southdeltajazzfestival.com/concerts/](http://southdeltajazzfestival.com/concerts/) too!

South Delta is not a large community, but the Delta Community Music School is growing, and giving song and voice to this place. And we are so grateful for this.

We wish students and their families some fine summer months. Remember: Jazz Fest and workshops in July! And Thrive City String Boot Camps (July for Junior camp, and August for Senior). Check out the [dcms.ca](http://dcms.ca) site for all details.

And every summer needs a little campfire guitar...a summer necessity...

*If there is something to be changed in this world, then it can only happen through music.*

~ Jimi Hendrix

Thank you so much for your musical efforts and support —  
the Board of Directors

