



# *Benefits of Membership*

The Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association Edmonton Branch is a vibrant professional organization offering many varied and exciting programs to its members. We provide continuing education, recitals, advertising, music teacher referral services and much more. Most importantly, our members have an opportunity to network with other teachers. We welcome anyone who is a member of our provincial association to become a member of our branch. In addition to the benefits available through provincial membership, there are many more benefits to becoming a member of our branch:

## ***FIND A TEACHER WEBSITE***

The Find a Teacher portion of our website is the most frequently visited portion of our website. You can edit which contact information you would like to have displayed in the online directory and include a profile description to help prospective students learn more about you.

## ***NEWSLETTERS***

Members receive a monthly email newsletter with information about local upcoming events, workshops, conferences, and continuing education opportunities. Members may advertise the non-profit activities in their studios for free or their for-profit announcements for a small fee.

## ***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS***

We offer workshops and ongoing programs to help you continue to learn in a variety of areas. Upcoming sessions are advertised on our website and in our newsletter.

**Continuing Education** events take place about four times a year and include sessions for teachers on a variety of topics. You can register for individual sessions or an entire year. If there is a fee for sessions, it is subsidised by the branch.

**Theory Etudes** are a once-a-month meeting of teachers who help each other with teaching the intricacies of advanced theory.

## ***COMPETITIONS***

Our branch works with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra to put on the **Northern Alberta Concerto Competition** which offers Junior and Senior levels of competition for piano, organ and voice one year and strings, winds and brass instruments in alternating years. The winner plays their concerto in concert at the Winspear Centre with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra in addition to cash prizes.

Our branch also supports the **Provincial Piano Competition** with prize money.

## ***SCHOLARSHIPS***

As a member, your students are eligible to receive scholarships of \$50 to \$150 for top marks in Royal Conservatory or Conservatory Canada exams at our **Awards Recital**. Teachers must apply on behalf of their students by the middle of October each year. Application forms and more information are available online.

We offer a **Further Education Scholarship for Studio Teachers** annually to northern Alberta studio music teachers who are seeking funding for further education projects.

Our branch is also proud to support scholarships through local festivals including:

- Kiwanis Music Festival
- Parkland Music Teachers Association

- Grant MacEwan College Fall Festival
- Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival
- St. Albert Rotary Music Festival
- Sherwood Park Music Festival
- Leduc Music Festival
- Contemporary Showcase

### ***STUDENT RECITALS AND PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES***

Three times a year, we have **Student Recitals** that are open to your students to give them additional performance opportunities. These are timed just before exam sessions and festivals to help them prepare for critical performances.

Our **Clementi Sonatina Project** gives students the opportunity to play their first mini-piano-concerto by performing a movement of one of Clementi's Sonatinas with members of the Edmonton Youth Orchestra, arranged by Michael Massey.

### ***PIANO PEDAGOGY GROUP***

The Piano Pedagogy Group is for students who are preparing to teach and have already completed their Grade 8 certificate with accompanying theory requirements, and up to 2 years after their associate diploma or equivalent is finished. They meet monthly for meetings, lectures, and excursions.

### ***ROOM RENTALS***

Members of our branch receive discounts on room rentals at Alberta College of approximately 33% off. Rooms are available that provide an excellent location for your studio recitals both small and large. Details of rooms available at their current rates are posted in the Member's Area.

### ***EDMONTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PARTNERSHIP***

The ESO is happy to provide tickets for many of their concerts to you and your students at a discounted rate. Details for the current year with promo codes are found posted in the Member's Area of our website. For information on these concerts or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.edmontonsymphony.com](http://www.edmontonsymphony.com).

Our students are also invited to perform in the Winspear Centre lobby prior to select concerts as part of their "Musicians in the Making" program. For more information on this and the ESO's other education programs, including their Young Composers Project, please visit [www.edmontonsymphony.com/education](http://www.edmontonsymphony.com/education).

### ***EDMONTON OPERA DISCOUNT***

ARMTA Edmonton branch members can receive a discount on tickets. Details for the current year with promo codes are found posted in the Member's Area of our website.

### ***PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING***

Our general meetings and annual Membership Appreciation provide the opportunity for you to get to know other registered music teachers and members of Edmonton's musical community. Both the camaraderie and the professional connections are of great value.

### ***SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND AWARDS***

We are a volunteer-run organization and run all of our programs based on volunteer work! You have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills and make a real impact in the lives of your fellow teachers, their students, and the greater musical community by getting involved with the executive in positions both small and large.

Each year, we accept nominations for the Exceptional Service Award to recognize outstanding contributions to our branch.

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- upcoming event details & online registration
- current contact information for our executive.
- printable Member's Directory posted in the Member's Area.

For more information about our provincial organization and the additional benefits available to all provincial members, please visit:

[armta.ca](http://armta.ca)

*Cultivating music in life.*