

CALGARY ARTS

SUMMER SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION



Discover the Fine Arts Within Yourself!

Dear Sir/Madam,

We at CASSA are delighted that you have taken time out of your busy schedule to review this brief brochure regarding the Calgary Arts Summer School Association and our aspirations for the future. We truly hope that the following information will pique your interest in learning more about our organization and how you might assist us in our vision.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors
Calgary Arts Summer School Association (www.calgaryartssummer.com)



What is the Calgary Arts Summer School Association?

Initiated in 1993 by a small group of Calgary music teachers in collaboration with a local piano dealer and incorporated in 1996 as a non-profit society, the Calgary Arts Summer School Association (CASSA) has grown into a comprehensive summer arts program representing numerous artistic disciplines.

Since its inception, over 2,500 students have participated in the diverse and innovative programs offered by CASSA, including: Musical Theatre Showtime; Piano Camp; Music, Drama, Movement & Art Camp; Music Theory Workshop; Concert Artist Recital; and Piano Pedagogy Workshop. These programs have attracted participants from throughout Alberta and from as far away as the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia and South America.



What does the Calgary Arts Summer School Association offer?

Mission Statement CASSA seeks to provide an inter-disciplinary performing and visual arts experience for students of all ages to foster desire, discover talent and encourage the development of both, in a non-competitive environment, thereby enhancing students' social skills, confidence, scholastic potential and life experience.

For over 10 years, CASSA has provided quality education with a high level of professional instruction within a completely unique, inter-disciplinary summer arts school. Whether students are only beginning their artistic education or are advanced in their studies, CASSA has something for everyone! Five programs and a concert recital are available through the summer:

- **Musical Theatre Showtime** This is a six-day program for students aged ten to nineteen years. Participants study singing, acting, stage movement and set design. They plan and produce a one-act musical which is then performed at the end of the week.
- **Piano Camp** Pianists aged ten to adult work on prepared solo repertoire and ensemble pieces with six different instructors, including an internationally renowned guest clinician, during this five-day program. Furthermore, workshops are provided on a variety of topics, such as performance anxiety, piano technique, improvisation, composition, drama, art and writing. Students perform in two recitals to showcase the results of their efforts.

- **Music, Drama, Movement and Art Camp** Developed by four of Calgary's leading arts educators, this five-day camp provides children aged four to twelve an introduction to these four artistic disciplines. Participants are grouped according to age and experience.
- **Music Theory Workshop** In collaboration with the *Music Theory Network*, guest clinicians present an in-depth and creative examination of music theory and performance practices during this full-day workshop.
- **Recital** Guest performers present a professional concert recital which is open to the public.
- **Piano Pedagogy Workshop** This is a two-day workshop, appropriate for piano teachers and advanced students, in which highly-respected guest clinicians present lectures and interactive sessions exploring various approaches and materials for piano instruction.



CASSA's programs offer unique opportunities for students to learn and grow, to interact in a social setting, to be introduced to various disciplines of the arts, to enhance their skills, and to come away with a positive and fulfilling experience. Participating instructors have the opportunity to interact with and learn from their immediate peers and gain greater insight into pedagogical theories and practices through working with guest clinicians. Parents and members of the general public are able to experience the culmination of these collaborative efforts through attending recitals and open house events. CASSA strives to provide these programs at a cost that is non-prohibitive. Bursaries and Grants-in-Aid are available for students in financial need.



Building on our Vision...

Vision Statement CASSA is the summer school for the arts.

Through the years, demand for CASSA's programs has steadily increased. Per season, over three hundred students have participated in classes, while recitals, performances, and events have drawn in excess of one thousand attendees. Looking to the future, it is our intention to build upon our successes and create a strong financial foundation which would ensure the availability of these innovative and exceptional programs for many years to come, as well as the capacity to expand upon and enhance each program to meet the

community's growing needs. We would love for you to share in this exciting vision!

Please help CASSA continue to bring quality arts education to students each summer. How can **you** help future participants discover the fine arts within themselves? To find out more about how you can contribute through donations or program sponsorship, please contact:

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