

PROGRAM GUIDE
2018-2019 | GRADES JK-12

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Regent Park School of Music (RPSM) offers affordable music lessons for youth in Regent Park and Jane & Finch. Students can choose from a variety of instruments, and receive weekly lessons from highly trained music educators.

Creative Curriculum

Our unique Creative Curriculum is designed expressly for our students, to help them achieve meaningful **social** and **musical** goals throughout their studies. We teach musical concepts like rhythm, melody, harmony, tone and texture, while fostering inspiration, developing each student's creative voice, and building self-esteem. Through this approach, we see our students grow both as artists and as confident leaders, well-equipped to succeed in life.

RPSM students explore many genres of music, from classical and jazz to electronic music, and more. Students who wish to take Royal Conservatory of Music exams are able to do so free of charge (costs covered by RPSM).

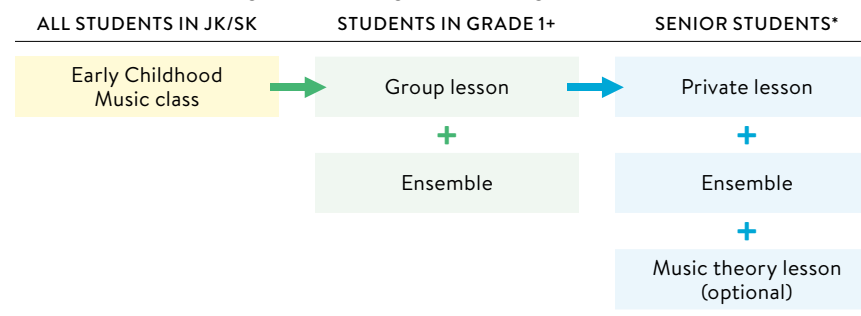
Program Model

We offer **group**, **ensemble** and **private** lessons in a variety of instruments. Please see the descriptions and diagram below. Our program options vary by location.

- Students in Junior and Senior Kindergarten join our **Early Childhood Music** class.
- Junior RPSM students in Grade 1+ begin their musical journey in **Group Lessons** (4–5 students per class).
- After a minimum of 3 years in a group class, Senior RPSM students may be considered for **Private Lessons**. Movement from group to private lessons happens at the discretion of the school and the teacher, in consultation with the student and guardian.

- All group and private students are strongly encouraged to also join an **Ensemble**, where they learn to play in a larger group, developing important musical and social skills. There are many ensembles to choose from, but in some cases, RPSM will recommend a specific ensemble to complement a student's group or private lesson.
- Private students can also take an optional **Music Theory** group class.
- We also offer specialized programs for students with special needs who require additional support

How Students Progress Through Our Program



* Students are eligible for Private Lessons after a minimum of 3 years of Group Lessons + teacher recommendation

Summer Programs

More details about our Summer Day Camps can be found at www.rpmusic.org shortly before registration opens on March 19, 2019.

Registration & Attendance

RPSM has three school terms:

TERM 1	TERM 2	SUMMER
September to January	February to June	July to August

Registration periods occur prior to the start of these terms in each program, where space allows. We take attendance seriously and require that students commit to their weekly lessons. To remain in the program, students must not miss more than 3 classes in a term.

Fees

RPSM's programs are subsidized and geared to family income. Students are loaned instruments and books free of charge. Lesson fee information can be found on the last page of this book. Payment is due before the first class.

REGENT PARK PROGRAMS

Regent Park programs are offered in our main location at **585 Dundas St. E., Suite 220**, on the second floor of the Daniels Spectrum building. Programs are open to children and youth living anywhere in Toronto.

New students can choose from several small **group classes** (up to 5 students) and larger **ensembles** (typically 10–30 students). We encourage all students in grades 1–12 to join one group class and one ensemble for a well-rounded musical experience.

Programs run from **September to June**. We take attendance seriously and require that students commit to their weekly lessons.

Group Classes

Students begin at RPSM in group classes and may be considered for private lessons after a minimum of three years. In a group class, students learn at their own pace with a small ratio of students to faculty, and with the support of their peers.

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Early Childhood Music		
Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten	Students explore music through play, dance and singing. This is an introductory course for young musicians.	SATURDAYS: Class 1: (Junior Kindergarten) 12:30–1:30 pm Class 2: (Senior Kindergarten) 1:30–2:30 pm
Group Harp		
Grades 1–3	Students learn harp technique, ear training and musicianship in a small group setting (up to 5 students). They are also required to join a larger Handchimes/Harp Ensemble every Saturday at 2:30 pm.	FRIDAYS: 6:00 pm–7:00 pm (group lesson) Mandatory Handchimes/Harp Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) SATURDAYS: 2:30–3:30 pm
Group Voice		
Grades 1–3	Students learn vocal technique, ear training and musicianship in a small group setting (up to 5 students). They are also required to join the Junior Choir every Tuesday at 4:00 pm.	MONDAYS: 5:15 pm–6:00 pm (group lesson) TUESDAYS: 6:15 pm–7:00 pm (group lesson) Mandatory Choir Rehearsal (for all students) TUESDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Group Piano		
Grades 1–12	Students learn piano technique and basic music theory at their own pace, in a group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	SATURDAYS: 9:00 am–5:00 pm (60-minute lessons) SUNDAYS: 9:00 am–5:00 pm (60-minute lessons) WEDNESDAYS: 4:00 pm–8:00 pm (60-minute lessons)
Group Violin		
Grades 1–12	Students learn violin technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger string ensemble every Wednesday at 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm.	FRIDAYS: 5:00–7:00 pm (60-minute lessons) SATURDAYS: 9:00 am–12:00 pm (60-minute lessons) SUNDAYS: 2:00 pm–3:00 pm (60-minute lessons) Mandatory String Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) WEDNESDAYS: (junior class) 4:00–5:00 pm or (intermediate class) 5:00–6:00 pm
Group Cello		
Grades 1–12	Students learn cello technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger string ensemble every Wednesday at 4:00 or 5:00 pm.	THURSDAYS: 4:00 pm–5:00 pm (group lesson) FRIDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm (group lesson) Mandatory String Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) WEDNESDAYS: (junior class) 4:00–5:00 pm or (intermediate class) 5:00–6:00 pm
Group Percussion		
Grades 4–12	Students learn to play the drum set and percussion instruments (i.e. keyboard percussion instruments, snare drum, hand drums, and more) in a group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger percussion ensemble every Monday at 5:00 pm.	MONDAYS: 4:00–5:00 pm (Junior group lesson) TUESDAYS: 6:00–7:00 pm (Senior group lesson; must have percussion experience) Mandatory Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) MONDAYS: 5:00–6:00 pm



PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Group Guitar		
Grades 4-12	Students learn guitar technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger guitar ensemble every Tuesday at 6:00 or 7:00 pm.	FRIDAYS: 4:00 pm–6:00 pm (60-minute group lessons) SUNDAYS: 9:00 am–1:00 pm (60-minute group lessons) Mandatory Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) TUESDAYS: (junior) 6:00–7:00 pm or (senior) 7:00–8:00 pm
Group Brass (trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, baritone horn)		
Grades 4-12	Students learn brass instrument technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger wind ensemble every Sunday at 2:00 pm.	SUNDAYS: Class 1: (Junior group lesson) 1:00–1:45 pm Class 2: (Senior group lesson) 3:00–3:45 pm Mandatory Wind Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) SUNDAYS: 2:00–2:45 pm

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Group Wind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)		
Grades 4-12	Students learn wind instrument technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class). They are also required to join a larger wind ensemble every Sunday at 2:00 pm.	SUNDAYS: Class 1: (Junior group lesson) 1:00–1:45 pm THURSDAYS: Class 2: (Senior group lesson) 4:00–5:00 pm Mandatory Wind Ensemble Rehearsal (for all students) SUNDAYS: 2:00–2:45 pm
Turntable		
Grades 4-12	Students learn DJ and turntable techniques in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	THURSDAYS: Class 1: (Junior) 5:00–6:00 pm Class 2: (Senior) 6:00–7:00 pm FRIDAYS: Class 3: (Junior) 6:00–7:00 pm Class 4: (Senior) 7:00–8:00 pm

Ensembles

In an ensemble, students learn important musicianship skills like listening and making music as part of a group. RPSM ensembles range in size. (Choir is the largest ensemble, with up to 30 students. The majority of ensembles remain at approximately 12 students.) We encourage all students taking group or private lessons to also join an ensemble.

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Play Out! *NEW!		
Grades 1-12	In this adaptive program for children with special needs, students with a range of abilities will explore musical activities in a small ensemble (up to 4 students per class). Activities may include: improvising, song writing, rhythm and movement, music and relaxation, singing, and developing musical skills such as listening and playing in a group.	WEDNESDAYS: Class 1: 3:15–4:00 pm SUNDAYS: Class 1: 3:00–3:45 pm

PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (Subject to change)
Recorder/Melodica Ensemble		
Grades 1-3	Students learn recorder and melodica technique and basic theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	THURSDAYS: 4:00-5:00 pm
Handchime/Harp Ensemble		
Grades 1-3	Students learn handchime and harp technique and begin learning basic theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	SATURDAYS: 2:30-3:30 pm
Ukulele Ensemble		
Grades 1-7	Students learn ukulele technique and begin learning basic theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	SATURDAYS: Class 1: (Grades 1-3) 3:30-4:30 pm Class 2: (Grades 4-7) 4:30-5:30 pm
Choir		
Grades 1-12	Students develop vocal technique, ear training and sing as part of an ensemble.	TUESDAYS: Class 1: (Grades 1-7) 4:00-5:00 pm Class 2: (Grades 8-12) 5:00-6:00 pm
iPad Ensemble		
Grades 4-12	Students learn to compose music and create loops while developing their ear training and learning basic music theory.	FRIDAYS: Class 1: (Grades 4-7) 4:00-5:00 pm Class 2: (Grades 8-12) 5:00-6:00 pm
Steel Pan Ensemble		
Grades 4-12	Students learn to play the steel pan while developing their ear training and learning basic music theory, in an ensemble setting.	MONDAYS: 6:00-7:00 pm
Percussion Ensemble		
Grades 4-12	Students use a wide variety of percussion instruments (hand drums, bells, gongs, and more) to explore percussion techniques, improvisation and ensemble playing.	MONDAYS: 5:00-6:00 pm
Senior Guitar Ensemble		
Grades 4-12	Students develop their proficiency and technique while learning the skills required to play in an ensemble. <i>*Students must have at least 1 year of experience playing guitar.</i>	TUESDAYS: 7:00-8:00 pm

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Senior Strings Ensemble		
Grades 4-12	Students develop their proficiency and technique while learning the skills required to play in an ensemble. <i>*Students must have at least 2 years experience playing violin, viola or cello and be able to sight read.</i>	WEDNESDAYS: 6:00-7:00 pm
Community Band		
9-101 years old	This free program is open to students, parents, friends, and supporters of RPSM. Bring your instrument each week to make music with us! Some musical experience is recommended. Speak with the front desk to sign-up.	WEDNESDAYS: 7:00-8:00 pm

Private Lessons

Students may be considered for private lessons after a minimum of 3 years of group and ensemble study. RPSM offers private lessons in: piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar, voice, flute, saxophone, clarinet, brass, percussion, bass, and harp.

Music Theory

Students enrolled in private lessons have the option of studying in our group theory classes, based on the recommendation of their teacher. RPSM teachers a progressive music theory curriculum that applies theoretical concepts to performance and composition. Students who are preparing for a Royal Conservatory of Music theory exam can also attend Theory Study Hall for additional exam support.

Youth Committee

Students in high school are invited to join RPSM's Youth Committee. The Youth Committee meets on a regular basis to plan and support a variety of events and initiatives at RPSM. For more information, please speak with the front desk or email programs@rpmusic.org.

Summer Camps

More information about Summer Day Camps will be available at www.rpmusic.org in 2019.



JANE & FINCH PROGRAMS

RPSM offers programs at several sites in the Jane & Finch Community, including:

- **Monsignor Fraser College** (45 Norfinch Drive)
- **Firgrove P.S.** (270 Firgrove Crescent)
- **Oakdale Park M.S.** (315 Grandravine Drive)
- **Westview Centennial S.S.** (755 Oakdale Road)

Priority is given to students living in the Jane & Finch neighbourhood. For information about all programs, contact RPSM's Jane & Finch Site Coordinator at 437.779.0504. (Do not contact the program sites listed above.)

Students can choose from several small **group classes** (up to 5 students) and larger **ensembles** (typically 10-30 students). We encourage all students in grades 1-12 to join one group class and one ensemble for a well-rounded musical experience.

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Group Voice *NEW!		
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Group Percussion *NEW!		
Grades 1-3	Students learn to play the drum set and percussion instruments (i.e. snare drum, hand drums, and more) in a group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	SATURDAYS: afternoon (60-minute lessons at Monsignor Fraser)
Group Piano		
Grades 1-12	Students learn piano technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	MONDAYS: 3:30-6:30 pm (60-minute lessons at Firgrove) WEDNESDAYS: 4:00-7:00 pm (60-minute lessons at Monsignor Fraser) THURSDAYS: 3:10-6:10 pm (60-minute lessons at Oakdale) SATURDAYS: morning (60-minute lessons at Monsignor Fraser)
Group Guitar		
Grades 3-12	Students learn guitar technique and basic music theory in a small group setting (up to 5 students in each class).	MONDAYS: 3:30-6:30 pm (60-minute lessons at Firgrove) THURSDAYS: 3:10-6:10 pm (60-minute lessons at Oakdale) SATURDAYS: morning (60-minute lessons at Monsignor Fraser)

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Play Out!		
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Songs & Stories		
Grades 1-3	Students create, adapt and present stories through a variety of musical activities. This class incorporates elements of song writing, movement, performance, and more.	SATURDAYS: afternoon (60-minute lesson at Monsignor Fraser)
Ukulele Ensemble		
Grades 1-3	Students learn ukulele technique and begin learning basic music theory while developing the skills required to play in an ensemble.	SATURDAYS: afternoon (60-minute lesson at Monsignor Fraser)
Keys & Beats		
Grades 1-12	Students practise piano skills in an ensemble, with a focus on rhythm, beat production and music theory. This class is an excellent co-requisite to group or private piano lessons.	SATURDAYS: morning (60-minute lesson at Monsignor Fraser)
Choir		
Grades 1-12	Students develop vocal technique and ear training, and sing as part of an ensemble.	WEDNESDAYS: Class 1: 4:00-5:00 pm (Grades 1-7, at Monsignor Fraser) Class 2: 5:00-6:00 pm (Grades 8-12, at Monsignor Fraser)



PROGRAM NAME (Programs run from September to June)		
AGE RANGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME & LOCATION (Subject to change)
Steel Pan Ensemble		
Grades 3-5	This program is only available to students attending Firgrove P.S. and takes place over the lunch hour. Students learn steel pan technique and music theory in an ensemble setting.	WEDNESDAYS: 11:40 am-12:30 pm (50-minute lesson at Firgrove)
Rock Band		
Grades 4-12	Students learn to play in a band, on piano, guitar, drums, bass guitar, and vocals.	SATURDAYS: afternoon (60-minute lesson at Monsignor Fraser)
Music Technology Lab		
Grades 4-12	Students use technology to understand, explore and create music. Past activities include using computers and iPads, creating soundtracks for movies and TV shows, and exploring modern recording techniques.	SATURDAYS: afternoon (60-minute lesson at Monsignor Fraser)



Additional Programs for High School Students

RPSM offers flexible music programs to high school students at Westview Centennial S.S. Programs are geared to students' interests and needs, and include a weekly drop-in program, as well as group and private instruction on various instruments. For more information, please call RPSM's Jane & Finch Site Coordinator at 437.779.0504.

Private Lessons

Advanced students may be considered for private lessons. Private lesson spots are very limited and are offered at the school's discretion.

Summer Camps

More information about Summer Day Camps will be available at www.rpsmusic.org in 2019.

New Programs

New programs are currently in development, based on feedback from our students and their families. Please call RPSM's office at 416.364.8900 for the latest updates, or to ask about program options that are not listed above.

FEE STRUCTURE

REGENT PARK PROGRAMS (pages 4–9)

FEE CATEGORY	GROSS FAMILY INCOME**	NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS	PRIVATE LESSON FEE (per 30 min.)	GROUP LESSON FEE (per lesson)
A	<\$20,000	n/a	\$2	\$1
B	\$20,000–\$39,999	n/a	\$8	\$4
C	\$40,000–\$49,999	2 or more	\$8	\$4
D	\$40,000–\$49,999	1	\$12	\$7
E	\$50,000–\$59,999	2 or more	\$12	\$7
F	\$50,000–\$59,999	1	\$16	\$10
G	\$60,000–\$69,999	2 or more	\$16	\$10
H	\$60,000–\$69,999	1	\$20	\$13
ENSEMBLE		GROSS FAMILY INCOME**	PRICE PER YEAR	
All ensembles		Less than \$70,000	\$40/year	

JANE & FINCH PROGRAMS (pages 10–14)

PROGRAM	GROSS FAMILY INCOME**	PRICE PER YEAR
All group programs & ensembles	Less than \$70,000	\$40/year
Private lesson (30 minutes/week)	Less than \$70,000	\$80/year

* There are a very limited number of spots available at market rate for students with a gross family income over \$70,000. Please call 416.364.8900 for more information and to find out if there are currently spots available. This fee structure is in place to ensure that RPSM can provide affordable music education and opportunities to families who would not otherwise be able to afford such activities.

** Upon enrolment, all families must present proof of total family income.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 (Sept 2018–Feb 3, 2019)	REGENT PARK	JANE & FINCH
REGISTRATION OPENS FOR TERM 1	Aug 21	Aug 21
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1	Sept 10	Sept 24
Thanksgiving Day (no lessons)	Oct 8	Oct 8
Regent Park Recital (no lessons)	Oct 23	-
Regent Park Recital (no lessons)	Dec 20	-
Winter Break	Dec 21–Jan 6	Dec 21–Jan 6
Lessons resume	Jan 7	Jan 7
Jane & Finch Recital (no lessons)	-	Jan 30
TERM 2 (Feb 4–June 22, 2019)	REGENT PARK	JANE & FINCH
REGISTRATION OPENS FOR TERM 2	Jan 9	Jan 9
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2	Feb 4	Feb 4
Family Day (no lessons)	Feb 18	Feb 18
Regent Park Recital (no lessons)	Feb 27	-
March Break	Mar 11–17	Mar 11–17
Good Friday (no lessons)	Apr 19	Apr 19
Easter Sunday (no lessons)	Apr 21	Apr 21
Victoria Day (no lessons)	May 20	May 20
Last day of lessons	June 21	June 14
End of Year Recital	June 22	June 15
SUMMER TERM 2019 (July 8–Aug 18, 2019)	REGENT PARK	JANE & FINCH
REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER CAMPS	Mar 19	Mar 19
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	July 8	July 8
Summer Day Camps	Dates TBD	Dates TBD
Civic Holiday (no lessons)	Aug 5	Aug 5
Last day of Summer Term	Aug 18	Aug 18

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration in a program is subject to availability. To register, please visit www.rpmusic.org or drop into our office at 585 Dundas St. East, suite 220 during one of our registration periods. For more information, please call **416.364.8900**.

TERM 1 registration opens on August 21, 2018. **TERM 2** registration opens on January 19, 2019. **SUMMER CAMP** registration opens on March 19, 2019. Registration in a program is subject to availability.