



## Summer 2024 Music Together Classes

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Hello and welcome to the studio!

I want to begin by acknowledging that this studio is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. I'm still learning about what this means and I encourage you to do the same.

Thank you so much for joining me and trusting me to help you with your musical development. Although I like to be light-hearted, don't be fooled! I take my job very seriously. I am here to help you and I welcome any feedback or questions you might have. In my studio, I aim to provide you the following

- the safest space that I can for artistic exploration, expression, celebration, learning, and mistakes
- to respect your autonomy as a person, artist, and singer
- to treat you with kindness, respect, and good faith
- to do my very best to provide policies that benefit both of us
- to communicate if something is wrong, as clearly and kindly as I can

In return, I hope *you* will

- treat the studio and me with kindness, respect, and good faith
- read these policies, respect them, and ask questions if you have any
- bring your best self to your classes, whatever that looks like on a given day
- communicate if something is wrong, as clearly and kindly as you can
- to take chances, make mistakes, and do things that might be a little out of your comfort zone

This document has everything you need to know about taking Music Together® in the studio this summer. We want to ensure we're on the same page and that you have all the resources you need for a fun and productive time in my studio. I am so excited!

Sincerely,  
Bethany

## Expectations

We want to maintain a positive and respectful environment in the studio. To that end, everyone is expected to follow these principles:

**Respect:** Treat each other, including myself, with kindness, respect, and good faith. We value diversity and strive for inclusivity in our studio community.

**Engagement:** Bring your best self to each class (whatever that looks like on a given day), embracing new challenges and stepping out of your comfort zone. Be prepared to take chances, make mistakes, sound weird, and grow through experimentation.

**Safety for Kids:** To keep kids safe, we do not allow them to leave the space without their grownup. The safety of children is everyone's responsibility, so please do your best to keep an eye out for everyone in class.

**Communication:** If something is wrong or you have any concerns, please communicate with the studio as clearly and kindly as possible. Open and honest communication is key to resolving issues effectively.

## Music Together Classes

Music Together classes are a play-based music class for kids 0-5 and an accompanying grownup. These classes are an excellent time for you and your child to connect through music and movement.

Modelling musical behaviour is one of the most effective ways you can help a child learn to love music and grow musically. Your child is watching the grownups they love and trust for cues on music's role in their life. Whether you're humming around the house, singing a cleanup song, or jamming to your favourite songs in the car, you're showing your child that music is for everyone and that it makes everyday life more fun! Music isn't just for professional musicians, it's everyone's birthright.

Fun fact: We get a new set of songs each term! This term's song collection is called

🌟 *Harmonica* 🌟.

## Music Together Cost and Format

- **Music Together classes meet for five weeks during the Summer Term from July 30 – Aug 30**
  - Note: there is no makeup week scheduled for this term. If you need to miss a class, or if a class is cancelled, you're welcome to attend one of the other classes that week!
- Tuition for these classes is \$105 per family for the summer term
  - Payment can be made in one lump sum or two monthly instalments of \$52.50 due July and August

- Tuition includes
  - Weekly-ish 45-min classes
  - A beautifully illustrated songbook of this term’s collection, *Harmonica* (fun fact: the songs change every term and are on a 3-year rotation)
  - A digital download of this term’s playlist, *Harmonica*, on the *Music Together* app
  - Optional CD (you have to request it in advance so I can order them!)
  - A booklet about your child’s musical development

**Note: We will make every effort to provide 6 classes in the term, however, we cannot guarantee a specific number of classes. Please see “Invoicing and Cancellation” for more info.**

## How to Register for Music Together classes

1. Choose your payment method, then follow the appropriate link to register for the class date/time you want:
  - [Click here](#) to pay in a lump sum (\$105).
  - [Click here](#) to pay in two monthly instalments (\$52.50/month). Once you initiate the subscription, you’ll get a prompt to *schedule*. That’s your chance to choose the day/time you want!
  
2. Join us in class! You’ll get a reminder email 24hrs before the first class and a welcome email the week of your first class.

## Invoicing & Cancellation

- We use Acuity and Stripe payment processing.
- Alternative methods of payment (i.e. cheque, cash, e-transfer) can be accepted if necessary. Please talk to us if you need one of these ways.
- **Tuition for your Music Together class is due even if you decide not to continue classes.**
- Missing classes is totally fine! This the kind of class you cannot fall behind in :) However, there will not be refunds for missed classes.
- If you have to miss class or if class is cancelled, you’re welcome to attend one of the other classes that week instead. Please email me to let me know you’re coming!

## Studio Schedule & Important Dates

- **Music Together classes meet weekly during the Summer Term from July 30 – August 30**
- **Classes are held at Bethany Turpin Music Studio, 17 Cliff St, Yarmouth NS**

Class times are subject to change based on registration. You’ll be contacted if your selected class time does not go ahead.

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>9:30-10:15</b>	<b>10:30-11:30</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>10:30-11:15</b>	<b>11:30-12:30</b>

## Arriving to Your Class

- **If you're running a bit late, a text is always appreciated**
- If you arrive late to class, just come on in!
- We have an open-door policy! Feel free to bring visiting grandparents or other important grownups. If a young friend is visiting your child, they can come too!
- If you know a family who might like Music Together, they can visit one class with you for free! Just reach out to me and we'll schedule them in :)

## Bring A Friend/Refer A Friend

- **Registered families are welcome to bring another family with them for any class! Each guest family may attend once class for free.**
- If you refer a friend, you and your pal will get a discount for the next term!
- Thanks for your support as we build this program :)

## Accessibility and Neurodiversity

- The Studio is on the ground floor but is not technically wheelchair accessible. The bathroom is teeny tiny and not accessible (we hope to change this someday).
- In general, we'll be sitting on the floor. Chairs will be provided in case this isn't comfortable for you.
- If you want to, please let me know if you have any special considerations for accessibility.
- There's no baby-changing station at the studio, so please come prepared!

## The Studio is a Safer Space

I am fiercely and intensely committed to making the studio the safest space that I can. Racist, ableist, homophobic, or discriminatory comments of any kind will *absolutely not* be tolerated. I will *never* ask students to educate me on issues of race, racism, gender, sexuality, disability, or neurodiversity. If you want to help me, you are welcome to do so, but I recognize that it is not the students' job to educate others on issues with affect them personally. The studio is a place of safety and acceptance.

## Communication and Office Hours

For non-urgent communications, please email me. For time-sensitive or urgent communications, please call or text. I try to answer non-urgent items within 48hrs during business hours. You can contact me the following ways:

- Email: [bethanyturpinmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyturpinmusicstudio@gmail.com)
- Phone: 902-297-9945 (call or text)
- Summer Office Hours: Tues – Thurs 10-7