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MAY - JUNE 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 VOLUNTEER OF YEAR ANNE DRAPER!

Anne is a very special type of volunteer. We are pleased to honour her for her outstanding contributions to FOM through 2020. Without Anne's help, many of the summer concerts would not have been possible, and there were many occasions where the Draper family car literally saved the day. She also leveraged her passion for volunteering, by getting her son Jeff, daughter Laurel and husband Bill, to volunteer. Anne is involved in many of our groups and is our unofficial welcoming committee. Anne's enthusiastic contributions to Friends of Music go much further than can be mentioned here. At the Annual General Meeting, we dedicated a song to her, entitled 'Ain't She Sweet!' A perfect tribute to who she is.

A few words from Anne about her involvement in FOM:

Friends of Music is the best! Affordable and inclusive, with a variety of programs and experienced dedicated instructors. I'm so happy to be part of this wonderful community! Friends of Music is playing a huge part in helping me through this pandemic. Through Zoom, in-person rehearsals, and performing concerts, my programs (Ukulelians, Skills Band, and Moodswing Chorus) are the highlight of my week. They keep me energized and socially connected. Thank you to the Board of Directors and the staff, volunteers, and instructors who keep Friends of Music going no matter what. I'm so grateful.

- Anne Draper



Anne Draper

"Friends of Music programs are not to be missed. The instructors are top notch and the people you meet are friendly and lots of fun. I am learning ukulele, drums, bass guitar, plus singing great songs including harmony parts. Don't wait! Come and join the fun!" - Bill Draper

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY LONG WEEKEND - SAT MAY 22nd - 24th
 No Groups and the office is closed.

LAST DAY OF SPRING - JUNE 16th

PROGRAMS

Don't worry, it's not the end! We will transition to our summer programs, so stay tuned for more info in the July/August Newsletter. Our regular music programs will resume in September, 2021.

CONCERTS & SPECIAL EVENTS - (SEE CALENDAR)

We're keeping them small, with outdoor performances planned throughout May & June, for Mental Health Housing Sites.

HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE

We are pleased to share that many of our members and staff have had their vaccinations, and we anticipate seeing a rise in in-person attendance for groups. While progress with vaccinations certainly does improve health and safety for everyone, we must still continue to be steadfast in following all the BC health guidelines, and adhering strictly to our Health and Safety Plan at FOM Music Society. What that means is continuing with 2 meter / 6ft physical distancing at the EMP Theatre, following sanitation and hygiene protocols, wearing masks, and taking our breaks with drinks and snacks outside rather than in the lobby or the theatre. We really appreciate how hard everyone is working to keep each other safe. Our goal is to get the musicians playing wind instruments, back in the theatre.

"I find FOM programs helpful to have a creative outlet and it's especially good for mental health. The many concerts I have taken part in have been fun and uplifting. It is nice to be part of diverse groups and I like the different styles of music. I feel like I have grown as an individual from the experiences of Friends of Music."
 - Jeff Draper



A MUSICAL FAMILY FEATURE

The Draper Family

"I've loved music from birth but had never seriously considered playing until I heard about the FOM Rock Band from my brother. The first time I played drums alongside everyone else in the band, I knew I had made the right choice. It was a powerful feeling to each be contributing something different - drums, guitars, bass, vocals - while simultaneously coming together to create something whole."
 - Laurel Draper

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

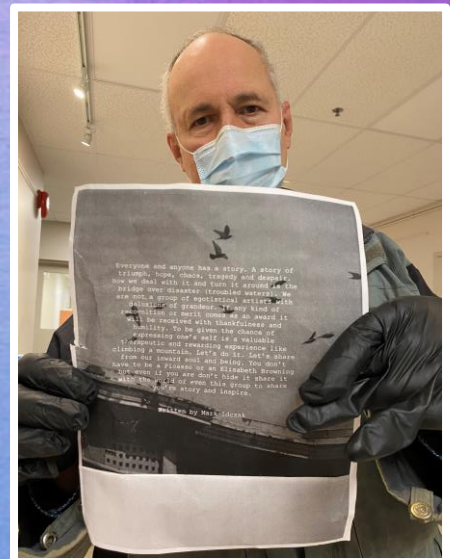
MAY 2021

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9 Mother's Day Recovery Rock Band 2-4 pm Guitar 4:00-5:30 OPEN MIC 6-8 pm	10 Concert Minds @ Work Caribbean 1pm BOARD MEETING 7pm	11 Learn Ukulele 4-5pm Ukulelians 5:00-6:30 pm Moodswing Chorus 7-9 pm	12 Beginner Band 11-11:55 Skills Band 12-12:55 Fundamentals 1-3 pm Eclectics 3:30-5:30 pm	13 Jazz Improv 1-2 pm Moodswing Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 PM	14 HAYWIRES 2pm Trillium Highgate No Haywires practice Minds at Work 4-6pm	15
16 Recovery Rock Band 2-4pm Guitar 4:00-5:30pm OPEN MIC 6-8 pm	17	18 NO UKULELE GROUPS TODAY Moodswing Chorus 7-9 pm	19 UKULELIANS Concert 1pm Beginner Band 11-11:55 Skills Band 12-12:55 Fundamentals 1-3pm Eclectics 3:30-5:30 pm	20 Jazz Improv 1-2 pm Moodswing Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 PM	21 Haywires 2-4 Minds at Work 4-6pm	22 MAY LONG WEEKEND
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20	21	22 COMMUNITY CONCERT UKULELIANS PERFORM @ Clover Point Care 1pm	23	24	25 SPECIAL EVENT RECOVERY ROCK BAND PERFORMS @ 1pm at McCauley Lodge	26
27	28 SP. EVENT @ Blackwood UKULELIANS 1pm	29	30 SPECIAL EVENT MOODSWING CHORUS PERFORMS @ 1pm Styles House			

Everyone and anyone has a story. A story of triumph, hope, chaos, tragedy and despair. How we deal with it and turn it around is the bridge over disaster (troubled waters). We are not a group of egotistical artists with delusions of grandeur. If any kind of recognition or merit comes as an award it will be received with thankfulness and humility. To be given the chance of expressing one's self is a valuable, therapeutic and rewarding experience, like climbing a mountain. Let's do it. Let's share from our inward soul and being. You don't have to be a Picasso or an Elizabeth Browning, but even if you are, don't hide it. Share it with the world, or even this group, to share your story and inspire.

~By Mark Idczak (Open Mic performer)



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