



Term 1 Calendar

Teaching begins:	Saturday 10th September
Saturday Sessions begin:	Saturday 17th September
ABRSM Theory Exams:	Saturday 12th November
Eid Al Adha Holiday:	Thursday 3rd to Friday 11th November
ABRSM Practical Exams:	November TBC
Saturday Sessions end:	Saturday 10th December
Teaching ends:	Wednesday 14th December
Teaching begins term 2:	Tuesday 3rd January 2012

ABRSM Exams

The next round of ABRSM theory exams will take place on Saturday 12th November and the next practical exams are scheduled for November / December TBC. Good luck to all students who have entered for an exam, don't forget that you can sign up for our aural and sight reading workshops in order to get some extra practice before the exam itself. The ABRSM website also has lots of helpful hints and tips about sitting exams, you can check it out at www.abrsm.org. Finally, don't forget that practice makes permanent so keep up your hard work over the term as the exam approaches!



New and Improved Website

We are delighted to announce that the new and improved www.cmadubai.com is launching very soon! After working closely with Zed Communications for most of last year we have updated our website with the purpose of being more user friendly and informative for both current and prospective students. All the important information is still there in an easier to navigate layout and there are also lots of new and exciting features and photo galleries. Keep up to date with what we get up to week by week in the CMA Blogs, check out links to other interesting music sites, find out who the student of the month is. You can also read the newsletter and keep up to date with our events calendar, which can be synced to your iCal, Microsoft Outlook or Google Calendar, ensuring you never miss out! There is so much to see and do there that the best way to discover is log on and see for yourself. Any feedback after we go live would be much appreciated, why not log on to facebook and write on our wall or send us a tweet?



Tala Badri - Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the new term and new academic year begins, we welcome back students old and new. We are also delighted to welcome 3 new members of staff to our CMA family, you can read more about them inside. We trust you all had a relaxed and enjoyable summer break and are ready for a new year of fresh challenges and achievements in your instrumental lessons.

Kindermusik® (ages 0 - 4), Music for Little Mozarts (ages 4 - 6) and Saturday Sessions (ages 6 - 18) all resume over the coming weeks. If you'd be interested in any of these courses please ask for more information at the front desk. It's always nice to see some new faces and we promise that the courses are fun, informative and will enhance every child's musical development - as either an introduction to music or as a companion to instrumental lessons.

Just before the summer our Saturday Sessions were out and about performing around Dubai. On Friday 24th June we were invited to perform as part of the Epic Dubai Sustainable Living Expo at the Dubai Mall and on Saturday 25th June we held our Summer Sizzler concert at Dubai College. The Saturday Sessions wind ensemble, string ensemble and orchestra performed a diverse programme of music, including classical, Latin, Arabic and jazz, and worked so hard over the year to make these performances a success. If you think Saturday Sessions might be your thing, come along to the Music Centre at Dubai College any Saturday between 10am and 1pm to check it out.

Another event highlight from the end of last term was our annual Summer School. The attendance reached record numbers this year with over 50 children attending our specifically tailored courses. If you missed it you missed out! You can have a look at the pictures of July's highly successful Summer School in the inside pages. Don't forget that a wider range will soon be available online at our new and improved website www.cmadubai.com and on our facebook page. If there are any shots that you particularly like you can purchase a hi-res image for 30Dhs from the front desk. CMA photographs are available to view online or on our photo boards at each Centre. Bring your memory stick to the front desk at GDP and we will upload the original image for you to use as many times as you like.

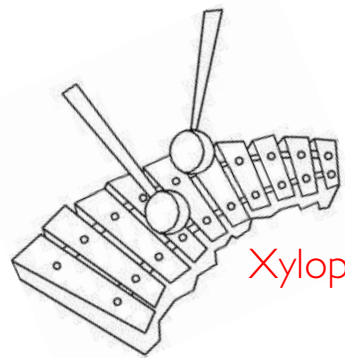
As our new term begins, there is already lots to think about - please make sure that you are fully registered and paid for the term and take time to check out the term dates and calendar to organise yourself for the months ahead. Those who have entered for an ABRSM exam should keep an eye out for news about dates and workshops over the coming weeks.

Here's to a productive term!

Tala Badri

Percussion Lessons

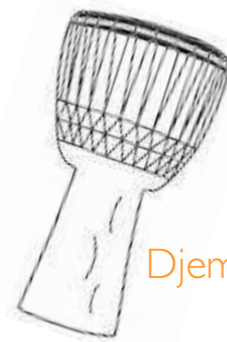
Now available at CMA



Xylophone



Snare Drum



Djembe

Ask at the front desk now to reserve a slot!

Meet our new staff!



Christopher Cameron - Percussion

Christopher joins the CMA management team as Teacher Mentor and Percussion Specialist. From the United States, Christopher studied for a Bachelors of Music Education at the University of Western Michigan and a Master of Arts at Sam Houston State University Band College. As well as being an experienced teacher, Christopher has also released several music publications, including band methods and tutor books, since 2007.



Gerry Lucero - Piano

Gerry comes from the Philippines and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Music and Piano Performance from the University of Santo Thomas Conservatory of Music in Manila. He has lived in Dubai for 10 years and has experience in a variety of piano methods including individual tuition, the Yamaha group learning method and Music For Little Mozarts - a piano course for ages 4 to 6.



Oleksandra Mazan - Piano

Interested in music from a young age, Oleksandra began her studies aged 7 at home in Ukraine and is a graduate of the National Music Conservatory in Lvov. She has extensive experience as both teacher and accompanist - working at the Conservatory in Lvov as well as in competitions in Warsaw and Bielostok, Poland. Prior to joining CMA, Oleksandra has been in Dubai for 3 years as a performing pianist and teacher.

Summer School July 2011



Music Courses at CMA

Here at CMA we are proud to be able to offer a variety of music courses on top of our instrumental programme.

Kindermusik® and Music For Little Mozarts are ideal for younger children under the age of 6 who are not quite old enough to begin instrumental lessons with us. Kindermusik® is an early years programme enhancing children's development through music, movement and play while Music for Little Mozarts is an early years keyboard, music and movement course offering an introduction to the piano and fostering general music skills through fun and games.

The Saturday Sessions enhance musicianship skills nurtured during instrumental lessons. Students participate in a musicianship and music appreciation class before rehearsing with an ensemble - wind ensemble, string ensemble and orchestra. An ideal companion to a term of lessons, the Saturday Sessions will improve students general knowledge of music, theory and aural skills and performance practice.

To find out more please pick up a brochure or ask at the front desk, log on to www.cmadubai.com or check out our facebook page.

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