

KISSM Music Makers Kindy

For kids who have completed Grade K

The KISSM Music Makers Kindy program is designed to provide a broad range of musical experiences for students who **have completed Kindergarten**. Students in this age group will rotate through a variety of activities throughout the day. We will have a room dedicated to this group of children, and Jessie Smeall will be the teacher dedicated to this group. Our programs are designed to suit children who enjoy exploring music basics such as pitch, rhythm, note names, rests, ensemble playing, and the simple joy of making music. Movement, composing and fun music "action" games are included too! Kids will also take part in our many fun afternoon activities like the GREAT KISSM WATERFIGHT, Sports Days, and Wacky Wednesdays!

KISSM times are:

8:30 am - Arrival and Sign In

9:00 am - Official Camp Start Time

2:40 pm - Pick Up

ALL ACTIVITIES, LUNCH, AND RECESS ARE SUPERVISED.

Classes will include:

The Hum, Strum, No Bubble Gum

Course Description: In this block students will work at their level to learn basic of music. Activities will include kazoo buzz backs, kazoo solfege, improvisation. Students will also improve basic rhythm and pitch literacy

Activities will include:

- Kazoo buzz backs and solfege
- Improvisation
- Kazoo pre-teaching melody for recorder
- Note and rhythm literacy
- Ensemble concepts



The Boom-Whacka-Whacka

Course Description: In this block students will work at their level to improve their knowledge of percussion instruments. Instruments explored will include djembes, world percussion, boom whackers and Taiko drumming.

Activities will include:

- Djembe/World Percussion
- Boom Whackers
- Basic Rhythmic Literacy
- Percussion Technique

Movement Music

Course Description: In this block students will play a variety of singing games, music listening activities, and explore creative movement.

Activities will include:

- Singing Game
- Creative Movement and Dance

Crafts/Outdoor play time

Course Description: Students will be given lots of time to eat, play and explore

Activities will include:

- Stories
- Crafts
- Outdoor play item and games

Together Space

Course Description: In this time slot our Music Makers Kindy group will get lots of time to be entertained by the older kids at KISSM

Activities will include:

- Watching KISSM Choir and Musical Theatre
- Whole Group Activities
- Performances

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Your Music Makers Kindy Staff- 2017

Jessie Smeall Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, Orff

Jessie is extremely happy to be back at KISSM! After a one-summer break, Jessie will be returning to work with students who have just finished kindergarten in the Music Makers program. Currently working with Grande Yellowhead Public Schools in Hinton, Alberta, Jessie is a music and musical theatre teacher who has a passion for the arts. As a woodwind player who has also taken the challenge of piano and violin, Jessie is always open to exploring music in a hands-on way.



Although born and raised in Alberta, experiencing university in Kamloops was a wonderful change of pace, environment and culture. After spending 6 years in Kamloops, with 4 summers of KISSM, it was time to go home again. With great excitement returning to teach at KISSM this year, Jessie looks forward to reuniting with friends, students and having lots of fun for 3 weeks while at the Kamloops Interior Summer School of Music.

Rachel Casponi, KISSM Music Explorers Music Director Music Educator, Performer and Music Advocate

Rachel Casponi is a music educator, performer and advocate for music education. She holds Bachelor degrees in Music, Drama and Education, an Artist Diploma in Opera Performance and a Masters of Music. She achieved her Level One Orff certification, her Level One certification from the Canadian Wind Conductors Development Program and is a certified teacher in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. During her decade-long teaching career Rachel primarily taught band, but has also taught general music and choir. She served on the advocacy committee with the Saskatchewan Band Association; she helped organize the South Saskatchewan Junior Band program and served tirelessly on many music festival committees. She has taught every level of band from beginning band to senior band but is specifically passionate about beginning and middle years band.



In addition to her experience as a band and music teacher, Rachel has worked professionally as a choir director, theatre instructor, voice teacher, executive director, arts administrator, stage manager and performer. Most of her experience has involved working with young people, for whom she has steadfastly dedicated her time and energy. As an educator Rachel has experienced firsthand the life-changing role music can play in a young person's development. As an advocate for music education Rachel believes that access to a passionate music specialist is essential for young people, as is access to instruments, instruction and the opportunity to make music. No young person should be denied this opportunity, regardless of circumstance or socioeconomic situations.

Parents please note- the faculty listed above will form our core Music Makers staff at KISSM 2017, there are other staff on hand that will be assisting as well.

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