



A Quarter Note

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A Message from the Board of Directors

March 30, 2026

Dear Parents, Students, Supporters, and Everyone in the CCAC Community,

This spring term marks an important milestone at CCAC: Glen Loucks has stepped down as executive director of CCAC after many years of devoted service. There will be an opportunity to thank him publicly at the spring recital.

The CCAC board wishes to announce that Sevda Sinan has stepped into the role. We welcome her and look forward to working with her. Sevda brings many skills to CCAC, in early childhood education, arts education, translation and property management. We urge everyone to welcome Sevda. She has many ideas for helping to advance the mission of CCAC and we urge you to share your own ideas with her.



Sevda Sinan

Philip Girard
Board Chair, on behalf of the board of directors: Gillian Beresford, Brian Morgan, Blessie Matuan and Paul Nash



Glen Loucks

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Winter–Spring 2026 Edition

Welcome to **A Quarter Note**, the quarterly newsletter from Cabbagetown Community Arts Centre. This edition highlights recent program milestones, community performances, and opportunities to participate in affordable arts education in our neighbourhood.

This Edition Includes:

- Winter Recital Highlights
- Budget-Friendly One-on-One Music Instruction
- Saturday Arts Drop-In with Emily
- Musical Theatre Program Updates
- Piano Donation Appreciation
- Giving Tuesday Gratitude
- How to Get Involved

“Music enhances the education of our children by helping them to make connections and broadening the depth with which they think and feel. If we are to hope for a society of culturally literate people, music must be a vital part of our children’s education.” – Yo-Yo Ma



Winter Recital – A Community Milestone

Despite a cold winter evening, our hall was filled with warmth, excitement, and pride during our Winter Recital. Families gathered in full support as students stepped onto the stage to experience the courage and joy of performing for a live audience.

For many of our young musicians, this marked their first true performance experience — an important milestone in their artistic journey.

We extend our sincere thanks to:

- Our brave and talented young artists
- The families who encourage and uplift them
- Our dedicated teachers
- The supporters and sponsors who make these opportunities possible

The evening was a celebration of confidence, growth, and community.





A 1930s Steinway Baby Grand – A Meaningful Donation

We are deeply grateful to **Dr. Mark Nowaczynski** for his generous donation of a **1930s Steinway baby grand piano** to CCAC.

Dr. Nowaczynski joined us to share a short talk about the history of the instrument, offering insight into its legacy and craftsmanship. The addition of this remarkable piano significantly enhances our instructional and performance capacity.

The Steinway now supports:

- One-on-one piano instruction
- Student recitals
- Ensemble rehearsals
- Community performances



Access to an instrument of this calibre strengthens the artistic experience of our students and reinforces our commitment to providing high-quality, accessible music education.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Nowaczynski for this meaningful contribution to our community.

Accessible One-on-One Music Instruction

CCAC remains committed to providing **budget-friendly, high-quality private music instruction.**

Our one-on-one lessons are designed for students at all levels — from beginners to advancing young musicians — and focus on building strong technical foundations while nurturing artistic expression.

We believe meaningful arts education should be accessible to all families in our community.

Enrollment remains open throughout the year! ***The best time to start is now!***

Piano, Violin, Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Voice, Music Theory, Music Exploration for All-Ages.

Visit us at www.cabbagetownarts.org





Saturday Arts Drop-In We are pleased to continue our Arts Drop-In every Saturday at CCAC.

Saturdays 12:00PM -1:30PM

Led by Emily, our experienced local artist and educator, these sessions offer a welcoming and supportive environment where school-aged children can explore their creativity with confidence.

Designed especially for children ages 6–12, classes provide a calm and inspiring space to slow down, focus, and enjoy the creative process. Whether your child is just beginning or already loves to make art, all experience levels are welcome.

If you're looking for a meaningful arts activity that encourages imagination, self-expression, and connection, we warmly invite your child to join us.

Musical Theatre Program



Our Musical Theatre program continues to grow, offering structured training in:

- Vocal technique
- Stage discipline
- Improvisation and character development
- Movement and ensemble collaboration

Students build confidence, communication skills, and artistic discipline in a supportive group setting.

Mondays at 6:30 PM. New participants are welcome. Contact us at theccac@yahoo.com



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Giving Tuesday – Thank You

During Giving Tuesday, members of our community stepped forward in support of accessible arts education.

Every contribution directly supports:

- Lesson affordability
- Instrument access
- Program development
- Community events

We thank all donors and supporters for helping ensure that children and youth can continue learning in a safe, inspiring, and inclusive environment.

To make a donation please visit our Canada Helps site: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/4345>



GIVING TUESDAY

Keep music education accessible!

Donate to the CCAC today!

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Welcome New Students



Register for spring Classes!

Beginners welcome!



Piano, violin, drums, vocal, guitar, ukulele, music theory, and RCM preparation and much more!

Register online:
www.cabbagetownarts.org



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CCAC Community Advisory Committee

The CCAC Community Advisory Committee is a group of teachers, employees and parents that seek to develop initiatives on behalf of the community and propose them to the management. The committee aims to come up with ideas that address areas in which the CCAC can grow and prosper as a school. The following points are areas of interest and will be the topic of the proposals.

- 1) Community engagement - The CCAC can engage more with its community. By connecting with other local businesses and organizations, we could expand our community presence. This could include events and concerts.
- 2) Marketing - The school could take a proactive approach to marketing and advertising. It could gain insights into how to execute a marketing strategy with the collective experience of the committee.
- 3) Social Media - The CCAC could use a more consistent and creative approach to its social media.
- 4) Fundraising, seeking grants and funding opportunities.

We believe that a spirit of inclusivity is important for community organizations to thrive. We aim to achieve this by proposing our ideas to the board of directors. By giving representation to the voices of the community - teachers, staff, community members and parents - we could make a difference in the future of our beloved school.

Please sign up at the CCAC front desk for parents who are interested in joining.



Get Involved



Looking ahead to Spring 2026, we invite you to:

- Register for one-on-one music instruction
- Join Arts Drop-In on Saturdays
- Enroll in Musical Theatre
- Attend upcoming performances
- Share a testimonial
- Consider supporting CCAC with a donation
- Join the CCAC Community Advisory Committee

Community arts thrive when participation and support work together.



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