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Special points of interest

- Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music
- Involvement at the Boston Children's Expo
- Referrals
- Ensemble Summer Camp

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Warming up this Spring

Now that the holidays are over and your new year has begun, we want to welcome you back to the spring semester at Artisan—even if it doesn't *feel* much like spring yet! We will be working on great things this season, so keep your eyes open for notices about recitals and other opportunities.

In this newsletter, please note some new information concerning our program with the Associated Board of the



Royal Schools of Music and our exhibit at the Boston Children's Expo. Also included is information about our involvement with schools and daycare centers, and our upcoming summer music camp.

Our studio is committed to giving you the highest quality music instruction in a convenient accessible fashion, so please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help you in any way. Thank you.

~Gus Miragias, Director

Important Note: If you are a returning Artisan student and have not yet registered for this spring, please contact our office:
(617) 323-8818

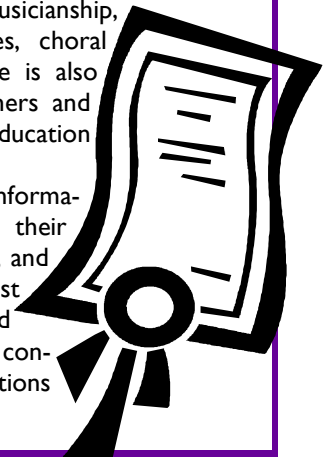
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Artisan Music Studios is now running a certification program from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). The ABRSM is the world's leading music exam Board and conducts over 600,000 exams per year in 90 different nations. We would like to encourage more of our students to take advantage of this prestigious program.

As musicianship climbs your list of priorities and values, you may find yourself wanting an authoritative and internationally-recognized distinctive program. The ABRSM is a charitable organization established by the Royal Schools of Music in the UK to provide highly reputable services and products in music performance as well as to influence political debate about music education. Currently they offer repertoire, diplomas, and teacher certification to benefit teachers and students spanning the Arts.

For your purposes, Artisan is giving you the opportunity to enroll for certification through our studio. The ABRSM offers a diverse range of assessments which range from the Prep Test and Music Medals for the early stages of learning, to professional diplomas at the highest levels of musical achievement. There are over 35 published syllabi in instrument, singing, practical musicianship, music theory, ensembles, choral singing, and jazz. There is also provision for adult learners and those with special education needs.

More specific information can be found on their website, www.abrsm.org, and we would love to assist you should you feel called to this pursuit. Please contact us if you have questions about this opportunity.



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"Music should strike fire
from the heart of man..."

~Beethoven



What's Coming Up?

CHECK IT OUT!



Boston Children's EXPO

Feb. 18 & 19, 2006
Boston, MA



Seaport World Trade Center
100,000 square feet of expo floor space
www.seaportboston.com

Coming this February, our music studio will be exhibiting at the Boston Children's Expo at the Seaport World Trade Center. All sorts of family-friendly entertainment

winter blues. Artisan will be right in the middle of the fun, offering exciting promotions and explaining some of our key features. We

Artisan's at the Expo!

including shopping, door prizes, music and dance attractions, rides and games, face-painting, and much more will be lined up to give your family a boost to the

hope you'll see us at this outstanding event, contributing to the fantastic opportunities for children in the city of Boston



Summer Camp Ensembles

Even while most of us are just starting to relish the winter blankets on our beds and snow tires on our cars, Artisan has its eye on Summer. Sign-ups for our Ensemble summer camp will be coming out shortly, and

we hope to have many students participate.

Ensembles are a great way for students to expand their musical experience beyond themselves. While solo practice and performance is important, learning how to play with others and value the synthetic nature of composition is an

important component of musical character and industry. We strive to aid our students in developing this appreciation and simply sharing music with others as proficiency increases. Currently, we have three types of ensembles in which to en-

courage this: chamber music, jazz, and contemporary rock/pop/funk.

Interested students will fill out the summer camp forms coming soon and let us know in which category they want to enroll. The camp will run in two-week sessions, for two hours per day (Monday through Friday), on three separate occasions. Groups will meet with their ensemble coach every week day to work on material that will be performed by the group in a **recital** at the end of each two-week session. There will also be master classes following daily ensemble rehearsals to give students a more in-depth training in specialized areas such as ear training or improvisation.

Please consider this summer camp as an excellent way to extend your music education through the summer and yet explore the fun side of what you've been learning with others.



Supplies. Call our office if you need books or supplies for your student.

Forms. If you are missing forms—or if you would like brochures or directions—please notify us.

Rentals: Please let us know if you need to rent an instrument. Our rates are set to be competitive, and our contracts convenient to renew.

Schedule of Events

- **No lessons:**
Feb 20-25
Apr 14-15,
17-22
May 29
- **Make-up days:**
Jun 13-15,
20-24, 26
- **Boston Expo**
(Feb 18-19)
- **Spring Recital** (May)

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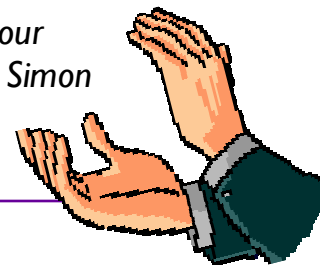
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\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

All students should have received their Spring registration packets, and tuition is now due by the first lesson of each semester. If you have not returned your form with payment, please do so as soon as possible. Also, students should have calendars and information about this year's schedule. If you are missing calendars or associated paperwork, or have other registration/financial concerns, please contact our office: 617-323-8818.

Contest Winner

Congratulations to the **SWEED FAMILY** for winning our early-bird registration lotto! They will receive a \$75 Simon  Mall gift card.



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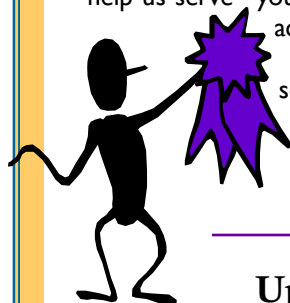
Currently, there are two possible ways to earn free lesson credits: 1) refer an individual student to us, or 2) refer a school or childcare facility.

Concerning the latter, Artisan Music Studios has expanded its after-school outreach to many more schools and childcare centers in the local area. Many of you continue to mention that it would be more convenient for you if lessons were available at your child's facility, and so help us serve you better by becoming more accessible to your location.

If you think your school or childcare center would be interested in adding an after-school lesson

program, give us a call and let us know the name of the facility, address and phone number, along with the contact name. We will forward our information packet onto them and talk with your contact about possible arrangements.

Or if you would rather talk to the appropriate authority yourself, simply call our office with the contact information of the staff member you spoke with, and we will work from there. Please remember that you earn **one** free lesson credit when you refer a new individual or family and **two** free credits when you refer a school or daycare center. It is our way of saying thank you for valuing our business and helping us extend it to others!



Upcoming Debut!

Culminating an extensive and careful development process, Artisan Music Studios is proud to announce the launch of [ArtisanMusic.com!](http://ArtisanMusic.com) The initial release will be at the end of next week, and while some individual pages will not be accessible immediately, the site will furnish detailed information concerning mission statement, faculty biographies, lessons and services, financial and registration information, and instrument rental/purchase.

We hope you find this resource an invaluable addition to your experience at Artisan. To celebrate its kick-off, we will conduct a drawing for **one free lesson** to a lucky person who discovers:

“What are three services we can offer schools/childcare centers?”

Email us your answer at: artisanchronicle@hotmail.com, and we will enter your name in the drawing.

