

X S O M

Xavier's School of Music Newsletter

Spring 2022

A season of **NEWNESS.**

Spring is a season of growth. We have been revamping and expanding our services and we're excited to share the good stuff with you! Music is in the air!

Leg.

A musical score featuring two staves. The upper staff contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff contains a bass line with chords and single notes. A dynamic marking *mp* is placed between the staves. Brackets below the staves indicate sections marked *Leg.*

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Is XSOM on social media?

Yes! Follow our social pages for practice tips, tutorials, teacher performances, trends, promotions, events, and more!

We have new videos out **EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.**

What platforms are you on?

We are on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube!

What's the channel name?

@XaviersMusicSchool on   

Xavier's School of Music on 

Check out some of our latest videos!



Key Events

SUMMER CONCERT SUMMER CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 @6pm

Join us for our online summer concert! Our students have been hard at work and this is the perfect opportunity for them to showcase their talents to an audience! All are welcome to attend, but please RSVP before the date of the concert. You can RSVP by sending an email to info@xaversmusic.com. See you there!

**Sign up
before June 1st
to receive an early
bird discount!***

*Subject to terms and conditions as mentioned in the XSOM 2022 Studio Policy. This offer cannot be combined with other promotions or discounts and can only be used once per student. Please visit xaversmusic.com for more details.

Register at xaversmusic.com

Accelerate your music
learning this summer!

SUMMER FAST TRACK

JULY 1 - AUGUST 31

Our Summer Fast Track Program is specifically designed for students to get the most out of their summer. Instead of having classes once a week, students in this program can have classes *up to* 5 times a week for a month!*

If you want to accelerate your music skills over the summer while having fun, then this is the program for you! **Sign up at xaversmusic.com before June 1st for an early bird discount!**

*Depending on the student's availability and the teacher's availability



8 MUSIC TIPS

on how to practice more efficiently

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STUDENTS BLOG | WWW.MUSICLESSONSRESOURCE.COM

"How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" "Practice, practice, practice!" You've heard that one, right? Well, it's a truism that we shouldn't forget as musicians. If you want to improve on your instrument, practicing is 90% of the process (we'll get into the other 10% later). Here are 8 music practice tips to make the most out of your practice time!

1

Set goals for your practice time.

In order to make the most of your time, you need to make a plan as to what you want to accomplish in that time. If you go into the practice room with a goal in mind, you will be focused and motivated to attain that goal.

2

Keep a practice log.

Write down the date and time you are practicing, as well as your goals for that practice session. When you are finished practicing, write down whether you accomplished your goal(s) or not, and any reasons why you could not accomplish this. Make sure you write down any questions you have for your teacher when you have your next lesson!

3

Divide your time.

Break up your practice time into smaller increments. Instead of aiming for 1-hour of non-stop practice every day, start with 10-15 minute increments and take short breaks in between.

8 music tips on how to practice more efficiently (continued)

- 4 Practice is not the same as playing.**

Remember that practicing is NOT just about playing through your music! Perfect smaller sections of your piece first, and then string a few small sections together to play a longer section accurately.
- 5 Quantity before quality.**

A common misconception is that quality is greater than quantity. What most people don't realize is that you need quantity in order to achieve quality. When it comes to practicing, you will not achieve good quality music if you only practice once a month. In order to form a new habit, you need to keep at it *daily without failure* until it becomes part of your routine. Consistency is key!
- 6 You need a designated practice space.**

Your practice sessions should always take place in the same space. You want your practice space to be free of distractions and set up with the tools you need to practice efficiently. Make sure it is quiet, at a comfortable temperature, and has enough light. Put your phone on silent, or better yet, turn it off and keep it away from you! Minimize any other distractions. These things will help you stay focused and you will be more productive.
- 7 Don't forget to warm up!**

An athlete doesn't complete a marathon without first warming up and doing some light stretches. The purpose of warming up is not simply to get your muscles moving - you are solidifying your technique. You are preparing your body and your mind for the work and you must be "present". Ask your teacher for warm up exercises specific to your instrument!
- 8 Record yourself.**

By recording your practice sessions (audio and/or video) you can catch some things you may have missed while playing. This puts you in the perspective of the audience. Listening to yourself can help you find tone issues, watching yourself can alert you to tension or posture issues that you didn't know you had, and much more!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH.



How do you become student of the month?

Practice, *Practice*, **PRACTICE!** Each month, teachers will submit their top contenders for the coveted **Student of the Month** title, and *one* winner will be selected by our admin team. Winners will receive a certificate and gift card, and will have a chance to showcase their skills in a video performance which will be featured on our social media channels!*

**Provided that XSOM has the consent of the student (if 18 or older) or the parents (if the student is under 18 years old).*

Instruments

Starting in June, the following instruments will be available to learn **both in-person and online!***



Piano



Drums

Learn a new instrument today!

Or recommend one to a friend :)



Voice



Saxophone



Clarinet



Flute



Guitar



Ukulele



Bass



Violin



Cello

*Depending on the teacher's availability and location.

Visit xaversmusic.com for more information or email us at info@xaversmusic.com with any questions.

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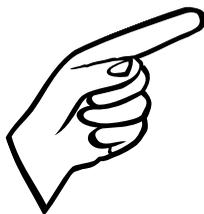
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OFFERS



**GET
REWARDED.**

Do you know someone who might be interested in signing up for music lessons?

XSOM has a referral program where you and the person you are referring will be rewarded with **1 free music lesson as well as a gift card or discount code** (whichever is available).*

HOW IT WORKS

Simply fill out the form [here](#). That's it!

Alternatively, you can email us at info@xaviersmusic.com or call us at 647-947-9237 with the contact info of the person whom you would like to refer for music lessons.

*The referee must first sign up for at least 1 month of music lessons at XSOM *before* both parties can receive the rewards. Once we can confirm this, we will reach out to you and the referee with the offer.



