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# Get The **BEAT**

**JAN - FEB 2021**



## HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!!!

What a wild year this has been! We want to thank everybody for hanging in there, and adapting along with us to a completely new format at FOM Music Society. We feel so blessed to see all of your lovely faces from week after week, whether it be on Zoom or in-person. The enthusiasm for music is strong in this community, and we haven't let a pandemic stop us from doing what we love. Great job everybody! We also want to extend a special thanks to our instructors, staff and volunteers, and board of directors, who rose to the occasion and have worked so hard to help FOM Music Society keep things going through 2020.

What's in store for the New Year, at Friends of Music? We plan to continue with our groups as usual, in a blended-format. You may attend either in-person or via Zoom, with the only exception being those with wind instruments. All wind instrument musicians can join over Zoom only. As always, be sure to get in touch with us if you're planning to attend via Zoom so we can send you the Zoom links. If additional help is needed, just email or call the office and we can walk you through or troubleshoot any problems.

**We remain committed to providing safe music programs and lessons for everyone, through 2021. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!**

**HAVE YOU VISITED OUR FACEBOOK PAGE? YOU CAN FIND US AT 'FOM MUSIC SOCIETY'**



Check out performances by FOM musicians through our Open Mic group on Facebook. Just type in the search bar: **'SUNDAY OPEN JAM @ FRIENDS OF MUSIC'**

## IMAGINE STUDIO CAFÉ COLLABORATION

Over the summer we had the awesome privilege of collaborating with Imagine Studio Café, a local non-profit business café and creative space. They hosted us for a series of recorded musical performances and interviews with some of our staff and musicians. This concert series featured The Recovery Rock Band, The Ukulelians, The Haywires Country Band, and Ken Beattie on the Accordion. You can enjoy video recordings of all of these performances and interviews on the FOM Music Society Facebook page newsfeed, as well as on the Imagine After Hours YouTube channel.

See the reverse side of the Newsletter for a few more pictures of our performers at Imagine Studio Café. Special thanks to Laurel Draper, for providing us with some great photos and the info below about Imagine After Hours.



Imagine After Hours is a drop-in place for people in mental health recovery, plus their friends, family and support network. It's located at 31 Erie St in James Bay and is in partnership with Imagine Studio Cafe. They are tentatively opening up for in-person events in January, but for now during Covid restrictions you can check out their virtual events on Facebook and YouTube by searching "Imagine After Hours"! For more info see their website:

<https://www.psrcollaborative.com>

## NEW PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!

**Looking to learn a new instrument or try a new group?**

### Fundamentals - Wednesdays 1-3pm

There is room for pianos (provided), bass (provided), drums (kit provided), guitars (provided), instrumental soloists and vocalists. (all lead sheets in concert pitch). Coffee and snacks at 2pm.

### Learn Ukulele - Tuesdays 4-5pm

Led by Music Director, Avram McCagherty. Fun and uplifting! Instruments and song books provided, no experience necessary.

### Beginner Band - Wednesdays 11-12pm

Learn a new Band Instrument with Music Director, Nick La Riviere. Some instruments are available to borrow.



# FRIENDS OF MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> Stat holiday	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 7pm	12 <b>PROGRAMS START</b> Learn Ukulele 4-5pm Ukulelians 5:00-6:30 pm Moodswing Chorus 7-9 pm	13 Beginner Band 11-11:55 Skills Band 12-12:55 Fundamentals 1-3 pm Eclectics 3:30-5:30 pm	14 Jazz Improv 1-2 pm  Moodswing Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 PM	15  Haywires 2-4 Minds at Work 4-6pm	16
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More photos from our Imagine After Hours Performances!



**DONATE TO FRIENDS OF MUSIC SOCIETY USING OUR VIRTUAL DONATION BOX:**

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