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# Get The **BEAT**

May-June 2022

## 2021 AGM RECAP

On Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>, we convened for our first all in person AGM since the start of the pandemic! We enjoyed wraps, cupcakes and refreshments outdoors under the blue FOM tents and were entertained with uplifting performances by the Moodswing Chorus, before getting down to business.

Thank you to all who came out to show their support and vote in our board. We had 29 voting members who attended in person and 3 on Zoom. We also had 4 non-voting members attending the AGM while 5 non-voting members came to enjoy the concert. We are happy to report that we are up to 146 voting members, as of the night of the AGM.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR **VANESSA MACDONALD!**



At the beginning of 2020 we hired Vanessa MacDonald as one of our core staff members (Communications Coordinator & Program Support). She quickly saw that our need was bigger than the job we hired her for. In 2021 when it became clear

that we needed a new website, Vanessa volunteered her time, on top of her paid hours, to deliver a complete website redesign. This was a huge feat and I just know we couldn't have done it without her. Wow! We can now proudly refer people to [www.friendsofmusic.ca](http://www.friendsofmusic.ca). Our site never looked better. It is bright, fun, easy to navigate and shows us at our best.

~Janet Pryer, Executive Director

## IMPORTANT DATES

**DRUMMING** - The drumming program has concluded on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**LOCATION UPDATE** - Starting the First Thursday in May and leading up to the Concert in the Park in June, **The Moodswing Orchestra** and **Minds At Work** will rehearse outdoors at EMP

**MAY 21 - 23<sup>RD</sup>** - MAY LONG WEEKEND (NO PROGRAMS)

**SUN JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>** - 'RIDE DON'T HIDE' EVENT

FEAT. PERFORMANCES BY THE RECOVERY ROCK BAND AND THE UKULELIANS

**WEDS JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>** - LAST DAY OF REGULAR PROGRAMS

**THURS JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>** - CONCERT IN THE PARK

Feat Performances by Jazz Improv, The Moodswing Chorus, The Ukulelians, The Moodswing Orchestra & Recovery Rock Band

## FOM MEMBER'S FEATURE

### CLARISSA AND HER GUITAR

BY Clarissa Dawn

My name is Clarissa Dawn and I have a strong passion for playing music. My journey with music started with learning to play my favorite instrument, the guitar, when I was still in Highschool. Gradually, I began teaching myself how to sing and added that coordination with guitar playing. I've been playing and singing for at least 11-13 years now.

I am very creative and inspirational. During my leisure time, I enjoy busking, Woodburning and building myself up as a strong professional musician. I also like to sing for folks who are struggling with mental illness and enjoy going to Open Mic at FOM, on Sunday's.

My kind and inspirational words for people to know is there is always hope and never give up on yourself. My intention for you is to be brave and never be ashamed of your talent, because you shine, and you have a lot of courage to be on that stage! I have a dream to be a professional musician in the music industry and having a music career one day. What is your dream and what would it be?

God Bless



Check out the 'FOM STORIES' section of our new website, for **CLARISSA'S STORY** and more photos!

<https://friendsofmusic.ca/stories/>

# FRIENDS OF MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Finance MTG 5:30pm BOARD MTG 6:00pm	3 Learn Ukulele 4-5 pm UKULELIANS 5:00-6:30pm Moodswing Chorus 7-9 pm	4 Beginner Band 11-11:55 Skills Band 12-12:55 Fundamentals 1 - 3	5 Eclectics 10:45-12:15 Jazz Improv 1-2pm *Community Concert Minds @ Work 6:30-7:15 Orchestra 7:30-9:00 PM	6 Haywires 1-3 Minds at Work 3-5pm	7
8 Recovery Rock Band 2-4 pm Guitar 4:00-5:30pm OPEN MIC 6-8 pm	9	10 Learn Ukulele 4-5 pm UKULELIANS 5:00-6:30pm Moodswing Chorus 7-9 pm	11 Beginner Band 11-11:55 Skills Band 12-12:55 Fundamentals 1 - 3	12 Eclectics 10:45-12:15 Jazz Improv 1-2pm *Community Concert M. Chorus 6:30-7:15pm Orchestra 7:30-9:00 PM	13 Haywires 1-3 Minds at Work 3-5pm	14
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29 Recovery Rock Band 2-4 pm Guitar 4:00-5:30pm OPEN MIC 6-8 pm	30	31 Learn Ukulele 4-5 pm UKULELIANS 5:00-6:30pm Moodswing Chorus 7-9 pm	*ENJOY OUR SPACIOUS INDOOR COMMUNITY CONCERTS AT ERIC MARTIN PAVILION.			

## JUNE 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Beginner Band 11-11:55 Skills Band 12-12:55 Fundamentals 1 - 3 pm	2 Eclectics 10:45-12:15 Jazz Improv 1-2pm *Community Concert Ukulelians 6:30-7:15pm Orchestra 7:30-9:00 PM	3 Haywires 1-3 Minds at Work 3-5pm	4
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26	27	28	29	30		

**SUMMER PROGRAMS START IN JULY!**

**REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:** Your membership lasts one year from when you last paid. If your membership is due, please fill out a membership form in person and pay with cash or cheque or head to our website and renew online:

<https://friendsofmusic.ca/become-a-member/>

We now have a 'pay online' option through Interac e-transfer!



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