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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2026

REGULAR PROGRAMS RESUME SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2026

A brand-new season of music starts now! We hope you soaked up every bit of summer, and are looking forward to jumping back in to music programs. From September 2026 to June 2027, our full lineup of programs are back — ready for you to play, experiment, and make connections.

We're offering 8 performance ensembles for musicians looking for an audience, and 7 drop-ins and lesson options for everyone, including our supportive and fun Saturday Open Mics. Stick with your go-to group or shake things up and try something different — our flexible structure means you can explore freely and find your perfect fit. To sign up, visit our website, or stop by in-person at Eric Martin Theatre to fill out a membership form. All our programs are continuous entry, and can be accessed by self-referral.

Your musical community is here. Let's get started!

FALL PROGRAM INFO & EVENTS

CHANGES TO PROGRAM DATES & TIMES

Guitar Lessons - Now on Saturday's at 4:00-5:30pm

Open Mic - Now on Saturday's at 6:00-8:00pm

We're happy to continue offering these popular programs, formerly offered on Sundays, now on Saturday evenings. They will run from Sept through to June, except long weekends. Always check the program calendar (reverse side) prior to attending.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR AT UVIC

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2025 - 10:00am-2:00pm

At the Uvic Student Union Building (SUB) - Michele Pujol Room

Friends of Music will be tabling at this event, with dozens of other MHSU organizations! This event is free, and a great way to learn more about the mental health services and community resources available locally. Stop by and say hello! We will offer the 'Instrument Petting Zoo' again, as a fun and interactive way to engage with attendees. We need volunteers to represent us at this event, if you are interested, please get in touch at info@friendsofmusic.ca

FALL COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Settle in for a season of FREE, feel-good music at the Eric Martin Theatre! Our Fall Community Concert Series begins the week of September 8, and you're warmly invited to be part of it. Every Thursday from 6:00-6:45pm, enjoy a relaxed evening featuring a new band each week, adding their own unique sound and energy to the space. Doors open at 5:30, so come early, get comfortable, and connect with others. We'll have refreshments and snacks ready to make the night even more welcoming. (we are a substance-free event space) There's plenty of room for everyone, so bring your friends and family. Join us for great music and community all around. We'd love to see you there!

Support FOM Music Society in the
VICTORIA MARATHON
Marathon, Half-Marathon, 8K, 5K and Kids Run

FEAT. PERFORMANCES:
8:45am-12:45pm
UKULELIANS
DRUM & PERCUSSION
ROCK BAND
MINDS AT WORK

SCAN ME

JOIN OUR TEAM | VOLUNTEER | DONATE!
Friday-Sunday
OCT 9-11 | RVM

www.runvictoriamarathon.com

VICTORIA MARATHON - OCTOBER 2026:

Coming up on Thanksgiving long weekend, we'll be performing on the racecourse at the Victoria Marathon for a 4th year in a row. Our groups will be energizing runners with music and motivation, cheering them on from our usual spot at Saint Francis Manor by the Sea, at 1128 Dallas Road. We will set up at 8am, and performances are 1 hour each from 8:45am-12:45pm
FOM Music Society is proud to be an official CHEK Charity Partner, raising funds for music programs that support mental health. To make this day unforgettable, we need a community of champions — runners, walkers, volunteers, and music-lovers who believe in the power of healing through music.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

Join our team — Run or walk with the *Rockin' Racers for FOM*, led by Executive Director Janet Pryer. All ages, all paces, all distances welcome.

Sponsor a runner — Every contribution fuels music, healing, and mental wellness.

Spread the word — Encourage friends, family, and colleagues to run, walk, or support the team.

Perform with us — Volunteer as a musician and help keep the runners moving with rhythm and joy.

Volunteer — We need a team of helpers on Sunday the 11th to assist with loading and unloading equipment, transporting equipment, and/or set-up/clean-up. Racecourse cheerleaders are welcome too! Bring your camp chair, cheer on the runners and enjoy the music.

Join us and be a champion for Mental Health!

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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FRIENDS OF MUSIC IS LOCATED IN THE ERIC MARTIN PAVILION THEATRE. OUR MAIN ENTRANCE IS THROUGH THE GLASS SLIDING DOORS FACING FORT STREET. IF YOU ARRIVE AT THE 'VICTORIA MENTAL HEALTH' MAIN ENTRANCE, THEN PLEASE FOLLOW THE WALKWAY AROUND TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING.						
6	7	8 Drum & Percussion Class 1-3pm Learn Ukulele 3:30-4:15 pm UKULELIANS 4:30-6:00pm Moodswing Chorus 6:30-8:30	9 Beginner Band 11am-12pm Skills Band 12-1pm Jazz Combo 1:30 - 3:30 Recovery Rock Band 5-7pm	10 Eclectics 11:00-12:30 Fundamentals 1-3pm Community concert Eclectics 6:00-6:45pm Moodswing Orchestra 7-8:30	11 Haywires 1:30-3:30 Minds @ Work 3:30-5:30	12 Guitar 4:00-5:30pm OPEN MIC 6-8 pm
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 @fom_music_society
 @FOM Music Society

OCTOBER 2026

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HALLOWEEN SPECIAL EVENT ON THURS OCTOBER 29 6:00-6:4PM Wear your fave costume and come do the monster mash with Minds At Work R&B Band! We're hosting a special Halloween party at Eric Martin Theatre. Dress up, bring your friends, and dance if you want to! We'll have snacks, refreshments, and Halloween treats.				1 Eclectics 11:00-12:30 Fundamentals 1-3pm Community concert Rock Band 6:00-6:45pm Moodswing Orchestra 7-8:30	2 Haywires 1:30-3:30 Minds @ Work 3:30-5:30	3 Guitar 4:00-5:30pm OPEN MIC 6-8 pm
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