

Music Brightens the Day & Gladdens the Soul! with Janet Hammock jhammock@mta.ca
Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 in her Skyloft Studio, 14 Devon Ave, Sackville
6 weeks starting on November 3, 2011

Maximum 12

Storm Policy: No classes when schools are closed in Sackville

Music Brightens the Day & Gladdens the Soul! is a music appreciation course. It will be suitable for people who have no "formal" training in music, as well as for those who have. While the course is fairly informal and a regular class format will not be followed, during the first hour, I will often present a musical composition or style and speak about it. In my studio I have a beautiful grand piano and will illustrate on it. As well, I will utilize my computer for YouTube performances and Naxos, a wonderful online library source of beautiful classical recordings, as well as my CD and DVD players when we want to listen to recordings -- I have an extensive personal CD and DVD library. Sometimes I will choose a piece that will be performed during the upcoming week in a live recital; at other times it may be a recording of music that I particularly love or a DVD performance that is exciting and thought-provoking.

The second hour will be much less structured, with sharing and lively discussion arising often from recordings of favourite music that people will be invited to bring in, or from concerts that many will have attended during the previous week. I have found in the past that this course changes, depending upon the students enrolled, who contribute so much from their own experiences that is interesting and thought-provoking, and who ask such fascinating questions! Free-wheeling, unplanned discussion often leads to wonderful new approaches to the deep and satisfying enjoyment of music. For all of us, the exploration together of ideas & feelings about music, and discussions about our assumptions about music and what it is, are of paramount importance as the course unfolds.

A concert-going component will be built into the course. The concerts will be mostly free (many at Mount Allison) and class attendance will be encouraged but not mandatory.

Instructor Bio:

Janet holds an Artist Diploma, University of Toronto; Master and Doctor of Musical Arts, Yale University. She was a professor of music at Whittier College 1970-1975, and at Mount Allison University 1975-2001 and was appointed Professor Emeritus of Music at Mount A in 2003. Janet is a concert pianist, giving recitals across Canada, the United States and in Europe. She has taught many music appreciation courses at the Tantramar Seniors' College over the past several years, and each has been very well-received!

Some people are very sensitive to perfumes and other scents. Please respect a scent free environment by not using scented products. Thank you.

A note to seniors about class attendance and absenteeism....

As you know, our instructors are all volunteers, who work very hard at putting courses together. Your cooperation is appreciated in letting them know if you are unable to attend any of the classes as most instructors plan weekly classes that are appropriate to the number of registered students in the course.

If circumstances change between registration and the first class, or if you decide to withdraw after the first or second class, please email tsccordinator@nbnet.nb.ca or call 364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place. Sometimes, seniors have travel plans or medical appointments made in advance. It would help instructors to know this at registration, if possible, so that class material may be adjusted accordingly. Illness, as well as other unanticipated and unavoidable conflicts can occur. If you are able, please let your instructor know as soon as possible if you will miss a class.

Thank you!