



FINE ARTS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME!

Fine Arts Parents Association (FAPA) is a volunteer, not-for-profit group providing advocacy and support for Halifax's Regional Arts Music (West) program that provides free weekly programming to students Grades 4-12 in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Through the program over 1300 students participate in strings instruction, various choral groups, string ensembles, jazz bands and symphony orchestra. The Association is open to all parents and guardians whose children participate in the Halifax Regional Arts Music (West) program. Meetings are held monthly on **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at The Music Centre in Oxford School** based on the following schedule:

- September 17
- October 8
- November 12 - Annual General Meeting
- January 14
- *January 28 (Reserved for Winterlude Committee Planning)*
- *February 11 (Reserved for Winterlude Committee Planning)*
- April 14
- May 12
- *June (Reserved for Group Dinner – date to be confirmed)*

Volunteering with FAPA

We are always looking for people to contribute ideas at our monthly meetings, provide connections to resources, and volunteer time at our events. There are many ways you can help - currently we are looking to fill the following positions:

- Ensemble Representatives (1-2 per Ensemble) to attend monthly meetings
- FAPA Co-Chair
- Coffee House Planning Committee Members
- Winterlude Planning Committee Members

Please contact us at fapahrm@gmail.com or join us at one of our monthly meetings to let us know how you can help!

OUR EVENTS

Annual FAPA Clothing Swap

Thursday, Oct 17, 5-6:30 pm, The Music Centre at Oxford School

Please donate your gently used white or black tops, black bottoms, and/or black shoes to the Music Centre between 4-7pm on Monday Sep 23 - Thursday Sep 26 (bins located in hallway outside instrument rental office). Donated items will be available for pickup before the FAPA Coffee House on Thu Oct 17th, 5-6:30pm. Please drop by to pick up concert dress clothing and/or learn more about FAPA.

FAPA Coffee House

Thursday, Oct 17, 7-9 pm, The Music Centre at Oxford School

The Coffee House is an informal evening of music to provide opportunity for students in the program to showcase their talent. Come out to enjoy hot coffee, sweet treats and musical entertainment! Stay tuned for more information for interested performers.

Winterlude

Saturday, February 22, Dalhousie Student Union Building

Afternoon performances 1-3 pm, Evening performances & dance 7-11 pm

Winterlude is FAPA's annual fundraiser, showcasing the vocal and instrumental talents of each of the ensembles. The event includes silent auctions, basket raffles and balloon pops and attracts over 400 attendees. Proceeds from the event go directly to support performing groups and fund student bursaries (via the 50th Anniversary Bursary Fund) and prizes to increase participation of students in music. Additional information about the event and the performance line-up will be made available in January – please visit the Winterlude website at <https://winterlude.ednet.ns.ca> for updates.

OUR FUNDING SUPPORT

FAPA 50th Anniversary Bursary Fund

In 2017, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Halifax Regional Arts Music (West) program. To mark this milestone, FAPA established a 50th Anniversary Bursary Fund intended to increase participation of students in music, offered through the Halifax Regional Arts Music (West) Program or the HRSB Music Program, who due to financial circumstances would find participation difficult. Parents, guardians or a music teacher may make a request. Please contact us at fapahrm@gmail.com if you see a need that can be met by this fund.

FAPA Scholarships (applications due April 15th)

The Fine Arts Parents Association (FAPA) administers three scholarships for outstanding music students in the Halifax Regional Arts Music (West) program. They are the Kaye Dimock Pottie Scholarship, the Karen Oxley Kennedy Scholarship, and the Chalmers Doane Scholarship. For more information, please consult the FAPA website <https://fapa.ednet.ns.ca/scholarships> .

FAPA Junior High and High School Prizes

At the end of each school year, HRCE music teachers are asked to nominate students for a "FAPA Certificate of Music Excellence". These are awarded to students in their final year of junior high and senior high to acknowledge outstanding music performance.