

Why take piano lessons from Carillon Music?

1) Facilities

- Our classrooms, used for group teaching, are 625 sq ft which allows for full-sized digital pianos and enough room for the various musical activities that we incorporate into each lesson.
- Our private studios are large and equipped with either a full-sized digital or acoustic piano.
- We have a concert room which seats 70-80 people. It is equipped with a grand piano and spot lights for performances.
- Our building has over 10000 sq ft over 2 floors, conveniently located on King George Blvd. with lots of parking. Public transit is only a block away at the Newton exchange.

2) Unique programs

- Our programs for young children (ages 4 to 7 yr old beginners) are truly unique with a heavy emphasis on ear training and required parent participation. The programs and materials have all been developed by our own teachers. Our students learn to play both by ear and notes which is the ideal.
- Our Styles program, for more advanced students, covers a range of music styles rather than just classical. It is uniquely designed to alternate between group and private lessons on a weekly basis. The current material covered has been particularly successful in motivating boys to continue with piano lessons into their teens.

3) We hire our teachers as employees

- We hire our teachers as employees not sub-contractors like many schools. Sub-contractors basically rent studio space from the school and have significant control of what and how they teach. We wanted more control over the quality and content of the teaching within our academy. We have regular teacher meetings for training and admin to keep all our teachers on the same page. This also means that in the rare case of a teacher conflict or more often a scheduling conflict you can switch to another teacher in our academy and be confident as to the quality and consistency of the teaching.

4) Festival

- We have run a competitive festival since 1994. This festival is open to Carillon students as well as students of outside

teachers. Trophies and cash prizes are awarded to various winners. Classes are offered in both classical and contemporary genres in piano, guitar and voice.

- 5) Student piano discounts** - We offer a wide selection of new & used digital, acoustic and grand pianos for sale. Our students receive a 10% discount off the lowest sale price.
- 6) 50+ years old** - Carillon Music began in 1970 so has been serving the residents of Surrey for 50+ years. That is a lot of time to make mistakes but then get it right. Our academy is well respected with proven longevity.
- 7) Family run** - Roy and Frieda Hepworth started Carillon Music. Joan (their daughter) and John Clark joined the business in 1984. The staff is considered family resulting in many employees with more than 10 years of service.
- 8) Hire from within** - We often hire our own senior students as teachers. We know their character and quality of education. We are able to pair a senior teacher with each student to provide mentorship. The opportunity for employment is often a motivator to stay at their studies and achieve goals set by the senior teacher.
- 9) Teach a wide range of styles** - We hire teachers that can teach a wide range of styles rather than just RCM which is mostly classical music.
 - We still do RCM exam prep for all grades.
- 10) Focused** - We concentrate mainly on piano, guitar & voice. Our efforts are focused on these three main areas rather than spread between many, many instruments.
- 11) Recitals** - We offer regular Saturday recitals with a wide variety of levels participating. In addition, a large year-end recital is available for anyone in our young children's programs. All recitals are at no cost to the participants.