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School of Fine Arts Newsletter

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INTRO TO MUSICAL THEATRE (Not offered at this time due to Covid-19 restrictions)

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[INSTRUCTOR BIOS](#)

NEW! Remote Art Classes for 2021-2022 year Mixed Media Art Class Saturday Mornings

**Mixed Media Art Class (grades 1-3) Virtual
Saturdays: 10:30-11:30 (24 classes, September 11- mid March)**

**Mixed Media Art Class (grades 4-6) Virtual
Saturdays: 9:00-10:00 (24 classes, September 11- mid March)**

\$399 includes supplies

Using visual literacy skills, SOFA art students will study famous artists from history and be inspired to create their own work in those styles! Students will get to explore a large variety of media including drawing, painting, clay, felt work, collage, oil pastel and block printing. Building on foundational skills from previous art experiences and exposure, students will grow and gain experience with new mediums while paying homage to the past.

*supplies will be available for pick-up at the school prior to the first lesson

***New* Five Week Intensive Drawing Class
(grades 4-6) Virtual**

Saturdays: 9:00-10:00am April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7

\$105 includes supplies

Learn how to draw from still life like a real artist, using shade and value to create dimension in your sketchbook! Students will do a blind contour study exercise and will explore different textures and depths that can be achieved with pencil techniques. This class will have sketchbook assignments and drawing prompts to complete between lessons.

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Art Class Instructor Bio

Marybeth Dirks is a working artist who specializes in abstracted acrylic paintings. Her current work explores themes of prairie landscape and structures, dissecting how they embody our experiences and shape our identities. Her work is fed by process and an overwhelming need for tactile discovery as she recalls and navigates past places and memories with paint. Resulting in a contemporary body of work that feels like coming home.

Dirks has a background in science and studied bioanthropology and art history at the University of Winnipeg and was fascinated by the convergence and intersection that exists between art, science and culture. She has passionately worked with children teaching art and counselling at Red Rock Bible camp and directing summer day camps with the Pembina Trails School Division. More recently she has worked as a docent and directed Spring Break Kids Art Camps with the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Dirks has worked in the Learning & Programs department for six years at the Winnipeg Art Gallery primarily coordinating tours and workshops for school groups and adult groups. She has also developed and instructed new adult workshops and programs with the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

She thrives on dreaming up new projects that encourage exploration and creativity. She firmly believes that art shouldn't be intimidating and that it should be accessible and fun for everyone – especially kids!



Registration for the 2021-2022 year

Register now to be ready for lessons in September!

Registration for the 2021-2022 year were emailed to continuing **private music lesson** students. Email sofa@lindenchristian.org to request additional forms or information.

Remote lessons are available for **summer lessons** through SOFA. Contact your teacher or email sofa@lindenchristian.org to arrange.

Registration for **Art Classes** are available [here](#) or contact sofa@lindenchristian.org to register.

Jason Weibe will conclude his time at SOFA at the end of this school year

Jason has been a well loved guitar teacher at SOFA for 13 years. He has instructed and inspired many dozens of SOFA students in his time with us. We wish him all the best in his new business endeavours!

"It has been quite a journey for our family, with all 3 boys involved with SOFA, starting with Demetrios when he was in Grade 2, in 2004! It has lead to them developing their talents playing guitar and with music in general. I thank your program for that, as well as all the dedicated teachers they have had over the years, but especially Jason. The boys all had a strong connection with him and really appreciated the time he spent with them.

Demetrios works part time ... teaching guitar, among other instruments. I attribute that talent to the education and love for guitar that he developed thanks to the SOFA program. The key was that the lessons were available during the school day. Driving to lessons, with such a young family at the time, would have been very difficult. That 2 of the boys continued their lessons well after they left LCS speaks to how much they enjoyed Jason as a teacher.

I wish your program well. I hope that many other families get the enjoyment we have had seeing our boys develop over the years."

SOFA Parent Lisa K

We welcome **Randy Bergman** to the SOFA staff as guitar teacher. Randy has many years of performing and teaching experience in acoustic, bass, and electric guitar. See his bio [here](#).

Examinations, Festival

Congratulations to the SOFA students who completed RCM Examinations in the past months and encouragement to the students who are working hard to prepare for examinations this summer!

Grace A. Received First Class Honours 86 for her RCM Piano Level/Grade 9 exam! Grace will be continuing her music studies at the U of M next year.

7 year old **Vivian L.** Received runner up in the PIANO SOLO, BAROQUE COMPOSERS, GRADE/ LEVEL 7 Class at the Winnipeg Music Festival!

RCM examinations continues to offer **Remote Practical Exams**. Online remote practical exams will continue to be open for registration on an ongoing basis for levels beginner to Grade 8. Advanced practical exams and Theory exams are also online.

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