



## MUSIC TECH & BEAT MAKING PROGRAM

Our music technology courses are presented in three offerings. Beats By U! teaches beat making and electronic music production using laptops and MIDI keyboard controllers. Students learn to combine loops, samples and virtual instruments to create original music from scratch. Recording Arts 101 teaches recording, editing, mixing and mastering live instrument and vocal recordings. Finally, Live Sound 101 prepares teens to work as a sound technician and use a soundboard in a professional concert venue.

**Offered to: Ages 12 - 17 with an interest in electronic music, beatmaking, recording or editing music. Some musical experience is an asset but not required.**

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## JAMBASSADORS PROGRAM

JAMBASSADORS is a unique performance-based program that exposes students to the “ins and outs” of being in a band, with hands-on instruction and music industry insights from professional musicians. We provide rehearsal gear, and lead the bands through learning songs and preparing for gigs. Our bands have performed at Supercrawl, Collective Arts, Liuna Station, and other notable venues. Open to vocalists, drummers, stringed instruments (guitar, bass, ukulele, violin) and more.

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## INSTRUMENT GROUP LESSONS PROGRAM

Our group lessons in guitar, piano and drums are offered to students in grades 5 and up. Our instructors build on techniques and concepts learned in their AIFEC lessons. They also develop skills in harmony, melody, rhythm and sightreading. Students are provided with an instrument and taught in groups of 4-6 students. Lessons are open to the public and designed for students with some previous experience on their instrument.

**Offered to: Ages 11 - 15 with  
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## **STRING ENSEMBLE PROGRAM**

The classical string ensemble is an opportunity for students with experience on violin, viola or cello to play in a group setting. Playing in an ensemble equips students with important skills such as confidence, focus, and discipline. Students learn to follow a conductor, build technical proficiency, and train their musical ears.

Being a part of any musical ensemble gives students opportunities to meet new friends, develop social skills, and feel a sense of belonging.

**Offered to: Ages 8 - 15 with some experience on violin, viola or cello and reading music.**

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## VOCAL STUDIO PROGRAM

Our group vocal lessons are offered to students in grades 5 and up. Our instructors develop skills in harmony, melody, rhythm and sightreading. They also build proficiency in the important aspects of singing including including warming up, improving range and tone, and singing as a group. Lessons are taught in groups of 4-6 students and are open to the public. Being a part of any musical ensemble gives students opportunities to meet new friends, develop social skills, and feel a sense of belonging.

**Offered to: Ages 11 - 15 for beginner to intermediate students.**

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## OPEN JAM FOR YOUTH

Held in downtown Hamilton on the last Saturday of each month, our Open Jam for Youth is an opportunity for musicians and singers to take to the stage and showcase their talents. We provide the backline and a house band. Jammers are welcome to perform a song on their own, accompanied by other bandmates, or by our talented house band of AIFEC instructors. All styles and skill levels are welcome.

**Offered to: Ages 17 and under.  
Show up, sign up and perform!**

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## SONGWRITING PROGRAM

The process of Songwriting can help youth to better understand themselves and their emotions. The process has been proven to assist youth in building self-esteem and self-confidence. Guided by a trained musician, participants will explore lyric writing, the art of composition, and personal expression through music. Students have the opportunity to record their work and finish with an original song to share with friends and family.

**Offered to: Ages 12 - 17 with an interest in writing music. Some musical experience is an asset but not required.**

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# ALL OUR ADVANCED PROGRAMS AT THE GASWORKS:

**JAMBASSADORS  
BAND PROGRAM**

**VOCAL  
STUDIO**

**MUSIC TECH,  
PRODUCTION &  
BEAT MAKING**

**INSTRUMENT  
GROUP LESSONS  
SONGWRITING**

**CLASSICAL  
STRING ENSEMBLE**

**OPEN JAM  
FOR YOUTH**

Our Advanced Programs are open to the public and have a fee of approximately \$10/class in order to cover the cost of instrument loans, with subsidies available for families in need. Our classes rotate and evolve on an ongoing basis. Visit **[hamiltonmusiccollective.ca/programs](https://hamiltonmusiccollective.ca/programs)** to learn more.

## ABOUT THE HAMILTON MUSIC COLLECTIVE

Hamilton Music Collective (HMC) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2008 by a group of musicians, educators and community supporters who are passionate about music and believe in its transformative power to enrich lives and empower the youth. Our mission is to invigorate the music scene in Hamilton through professional live performances, education, events, and workshops.

Our programs, including the An Instrument For Every Child (AIFEC) initiative, are designed to create music opportunities for children and youth in Hamilton's neighbourhoods with the greatest need and fewest resources. Through their engagement with music, children become self-motivated lifelong learners, build self-confidence and become active members of their community.