



## **Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association**

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Dear Fellow Musician,

You are someone we would like to meet! ARMTA is a provincial organization which was started in 1932 and incorporated as a registered society in 1982. ARMTA currently has over 450 members province wide with six branches in the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer. We also include members in rural locations.

ARMTA has an enormous impact on the communities in our province and we work to educate and encourage teachers and students through programs, events, workshops, scholarships, and inclusion in the national Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association (CFMTA).

We are only as strong as our members. As a prospective member, your skills and education are valuable and of interest to us in growing our provincial organization, becoming one of our new and interesting colleagues and enhancing our province through our programs. We would like to encourage you to consider joining us.

Let us first give a brief listing of what we can offer you.

### **BENEFITS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL:**

1. Subscription to the Canadian Music Teachers' Magazine,
2. Beneficiary of \$5 million-dollar third party liability insurance,
3. The use of the designation R.M.T. (Registered Music Teacher) for full members,
4. Bi-Annual CFMTA National Music Conferences at reduced rates for members,
5. Association with a high standard of musically and academically trained teachers in a nation-wide professional organization with close to 3,000 members,
6. Participation in collaborative events on national and international levels,
7. Discounted rates for home and auto insurance are offered by The Personal Insurance,
8. Members of ARMTA can enter students in CFMTA awards and competitions such as the National Piano Competition, the National Voice Competition, Canada Music Week composition events, National E-Festival, National Essay Competition for high school to graduate studies level, and the Young Artist national tour event, among others.

### **BENEFITS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL:**

1. Subscription to TEMPO, our provincial ARMTA magazine,

2. Receive teacher and student referrals through the “Find a Teacher Directory” on the ARMTA website, [www.armta.ca](http://www.armta.ca),
3. Provincial Piano Competition and Provincial Vocal Competition, with winning students progressing to the National CFMTA Competitions. ARMTA is also working on developing a Provincial String Competition for students in the near future.
4. For teachers and students: the ARMTA Music Pedagogy Scholarship, the ARMTA Continuing Education Scholarship, the ARMTA Bursary, the Community Service Award, the Student Composer Competition, and the ARMTA Recognition Fund have all been established to support musical growth, development, and excellence,
5. You will be informed through newsletters/emails from the Provincial Executive of upcoming activities of interest to the general membership,
6. There is the annual three-day long “Music Conference Alberta” which our members can attend at a reduced rate.

#### **BENEFITS AT THE BRANCH LEVEL:**

1. Members of ARMTA Branches have a wide variety of local events including regular branch recitals, workshops, lectures, and social events which are planned with members’ interests in mind,
2. Some local branches offer their own newsletters and magazines such as Calgary’s bi-annual “Impromptu” where members write articles and share professional development with a personal and local touch,
3. Grassroots opportunities to expand your professional network,
4. Branches may provide mentoring groups to prepare students working towards the competition of their diploma, and beginning a studio of their own,
5. There are opportunities to build lifelong friendships while working together to support colleagues, programs, and the students we teach,
6. Branches may use local website ads and other advertising materials to help promote your studio.

Obviously, there are many considerations in joining any organization. We do have fees to join but as you can see there are many benefits that come with that membership. Our hope is that what we can offer you will get you to take that step. We hope you become one of us and grow to love ARMTA as many of our members have. We recently celebrated a Milestone Award recipient in our Edmonton Branch who had joined ARMTA 70 years ago. Seventy amazing years! There is much history here. We would like to invite you to build on our foundations and help us form our future.

For the love of music,



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