

# 2026 MKSS Fall Term Timetable & Program Overview

September 9<sup>th</sup> –November 28<sup>th</sup>

● **Beginner Level – Little Star Program- Beginner Vocal Training for Young Singers**

#	The Class Code	Lesson Time	Age Range
1	03L	Wednesday.....4:25-5:25pm	6-8yrs.....(Mix Gender)
2	05L(New)	Thursday.....4:25-5:25pm	8-11yrs.....(Mix Gender)
3	07L	Friday.....5:30-6:30pm	4-6yrs.....(Mix Gender)
4	09L+	Saturday.....10:30-11:30am	12-17yrs.....(Teen Girls Class)
5	01L+	Saturday.....1:00-2:00pm	8-11yrs .....(Girls Class)
6	10L	Saturday.....5:35-6:35pm	6-8yrs.....(Mix Gender)

● **Intermediate Level –Rising Star Program** – Training for Young Vocalist Ready to Shine

#	The Class Code	Lesson Time	Age Range
1	05Ra	Wednesday .....5:30-6:30pm	9-12yrs (Boys Class)
2	06R	Thursday .....5:30-6:30pm	8-11yrs (Girls Class)
3	05Rb	Friday.....4:25-5:25pm	8-11yrs (Girls Class)
4	07R	Saturday.....11:45am-12:45pm	8-11yrs (Girls Class)

● **Advanced Level -Golden Star Program** –Advanced Vocal Arts Training for Dedicated Young Performers

#	The Class Code	Lesson Time	Age Range
1	01G	Wednesday .....6:40-7:40pm	8-11yrs (Girls Class)
2	05G	Saturday.....2:10-3:10pm	12-17yrs (Teen Girls Class)
3	03G	Saturday.....4:30-5:30pm	9-12yrs (Boys Class)

# MK Singing School Vocal Programs

- **About Our Vocal Curriculum**

MK Singing School (MKSS) offers a progressive three-level vocal curriculum designed to support students from beginner to advanced levels. Students are placed according to age, experience, musical development, and teacher recommendation. Our programs combine healthy vocal training, musicianship, artistic expression, and performance experience in a supportive and encouraging environment.

At MKSS, we believe that every child can learn to sing with confidence. Whether a student sings for enjoyment, personal growth, examinations, competitions, or future artistic pursuits, our curriculum is designed to help each singer develop strong technical skills, musical understanding, and a lifelong appreciation for the vocal arts.

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- ***Little Star Vocal Program-Foundation Level***

The Little Star Program is designed for young singers who are new to vocal training or have limited singing experience. Through engaging, age-appropriate lessons, students develop healthy singing habits while exploring the joy of music in a nurturing and creative environment. Classes are carefully structured according to students' age and developmental stage, allowing young learners to build confidence while establishing a strong musical foundation.

## **What Students Will Learn**

- Proper posture, breathing, and healthy vocal production
- Pitch matching and rhythmic accuracy through interactive activities
- Ear training and introductory sight-singing skills
- Basic music theory and musical literacy
- Clear diction and age-appropriate vocal technique
- Musical expression through storytelling, imagination, and movement
- Students will learn and practice elements of drama, stage presence, character development, and acting techniques to enhance their overall performance skills.
- Confidence-building through performance opportunities and group participation

**Repertoire Focus**-Students explore a wide variety of age-appropriate repertoire, including:

- North American children's classics
- Musical theatre selections
- Disney and film songs
- English and French children's songs
- Folk songs and introductory art songs
- Age-appropriate Mandarin and multilingual repertoire

Each term may feature a different musical theme, allowing students to experience diverse styles while developing both technical and artistic skills.

**Recommended For Students who:**

- Love singing and music
  - Have little or no formal vocal training
  - Enjoy learning in a fun and supportive group setting
  - Are developing foundational musical skills and confidence
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### ● ***Rising Star Vocal Program-Intermediate Level***

The Rising Star Program is designed for students who have developed foundational singing skills and are ready to deepen their musical and artistic growth. Through structured training and increasingly challenging repertoire, students expand their vocal abilities while developing greater musical independence and stage confidence. This program introduces students to a broader range of musical styles and performance opportunities while encouraging creativity, discipline, and personal artistic expression.

#### **What Students Will Learn**

- Improved vocal technique, breath control, and tone development
- Advanced diction and multilingual singing skills
- Musical interpretation and expressive communication
- Stage presence and performance confidence
- Character development and introductory acting skills
- Sight singing, ear training, and musicianship development
- Solo and ensemble performance skills

- Students will learn and practice elements of drama, stage presence, character development, and acting techniques to enhance their overall performance skills.

### **Repertoire Focus / Students study carefully selected repertoire from:**

- Musical Theatre
- North American Art Songs
- European Art Songs
- Contemporary educational repertoire
- Folk and multicultural vocal literature
- Commercial Music

Students may also prepare repertoire suitable for school performances, community concerts, festivals, examinations, and competitions.

### **Recommended For / Students who:**

- Have completed at least one year of MKSS vocal study or equivalent training experience
- Demonstrate consistent attendance, commitment to learning, and regular practice habits
- Participate actively in performances, concerts, and class activities
- Possess basic music-reading, ear-training, and musicianship skills
- Have achieved positive results in school performances, local music festivals, examinations, or beginner-level vocal competitions
- Are interested in further developing their vocal technique, artistic expression, and stage performance abilities. Enjoy exploring different musical styles, languages, and cultures
- Demonstrate growing confidence, independence, and maturity as young performers

## ● **Golden Star Vocal Program-Advanced Level**

The Golden Star Program is designed for highly motivated students who aspire to achieve excellence in vocal performance and pursue advanced artistic goals. Many students enrolled in this program actively participate in music festivals, competitions, scholarship auditions, RCM examinations, and national-level performance events. Through intensive training in vocal technique, musicianship, dramatic interpretation, and stage performance, students develop the skills, confidence, and artistic maturity necessary to perform at a high level and compete successfully among some of the strongest young singers in the region and beyond. Instruction is individualized and goal-oriented, supporting each student's journey toward artistic excellence, competitive achievement, and personal growth.

### **What Students Will Learn**

- Advanced vocal technique and vocal efficiency
- Refined tone production and resonance development
- Breath management, phrasing, and vocal stamina
- Advanced diction and language skills
- Musical interpretation and artistic communication
- Stage movement, stage presence, and dramatic performance
- Students will learn and practice elements of drama, stage presence, character development, and acting techniques to enhance their overall performance skills.
- Independent repertoire preparation and study skills
- Professional audition and performance preparation

**Repertoire Focus/Students work on advanced-level repertoire that may include:**

- Musical Theatre
- North American Art Songs
- European Art Songs
- Classical vocal literature
- Competition and examination repertoire
- Concert and recital programming
- Commercial Music

Students may prepare repertoire for public performances, music festivals, scholarship competitions, RCM examinations, NATS events, and other advanced performance opportunities.

**Recommended For Students Who:**

- Have demonstrated strong vocal and musical foundations
- Have participated successfully in public performances, festivals, examinations, or competitions
- Show artistic maturity, self-discipline, and a commitment to consistent practice
- Can study, learn, and prepare repertoire with increasing independence
- Demonstrate strong musicianship, pitch accuracy, rhythmic security, and expressive communication
- Are interested in advanced artistic development, competitive performance, and scholarship opportunities

- Possess solid music theory and ear-training skills
- Have prior piano study or other instrumental training, which is strongly recommended to support advanced musical development

### **Performance Opportunities**

MKSS students may participate in a variety of performance experiences throughout the year, including:

- Studio concerts and recitals
- Community performances
- Music festivals
- RCM examinations
- Vocal competitions
- Scholarship auditions
- Choir and ensemble performances

Participation in examinations, competitions, festivals, and public performances is optional and determined by each student and family in consultation with their teacher.

- **MKSS-RCM Voice Exam Preparation Course – Jan 2027**

- MKSS will offer a comprehensive RCM Voice Exam Preparation Program to help students excel in their Jan 2027 RCM examinations. The program will include a total of 11 classes (no class during the winter break weeks), focusing on vocal repertoire coaching as well as sight singing and ear-training practice to strengthen both musical and technical skills.
- The classes will run from October 2026 to January 2027, with the RCM exam period scheduled between Jan 18 and June 20, 2027. MKSS is expected to open RCM Level 1/2/3/4 voice prep classes. Detailed registration information and class schedules will be announced in September 2026 please stay tuned for the official release.

<https://www.rcmusic.com/learning/examinations/examination-resources-for-students/examination-dates-canada>

**MKSS RCM Achievements:** Over the years, MKSS students have consistently achieved outstanding results in RCM voice examinations, earning numerous First Class Honours with Distinction. Several MKSS students have also received the prestigious RCM Gold Medal, awarded to those who achieve the highest exam score in their level across the province — a true recognition of excellence and dedication.

- Ms.Mao, Head Vocal Instructor of MKSS, has been recognized by The Royal Conservatory of Music as a Regional Gold Medal Teacher for multiple consecutive years, reflecting her long-standing commitment to excellence in vocal pedagogy and student achievement.
- RCM sight-singing and ear-training instruction is led by renowned pianist Dr. Mingli Sun, whose expertise helps students build strong musicianship, listening skills, and examination readiness. Together, the MKSS teaching team provides comprehensive preparation for all aspects of the RCM voice examination experience.

### **Benefits of Taking the RCM Voice Exam**

- **Structured Classical Vocal Training:** The RCM curriculum provides a clear, step-by-step pathway that helps students systematically build a strong foundation in classical vocal technique, musicianship, and artistic development. Each level serves as a milestone, creating a well-organized progression for long-term vocal growth.

- **International Recognition:** RCM certificates are highly valued by music institutions, competitions, and universities across Canada and beyond.
- **Comprehensive Musical Growth:** Through repertoire study, sight-singing, and ear training, students refine pitch accuracy, tone quality, musical literacy, and expressive ability.
- **Confidence and Performance Skills:** Exam preparation provides valuable performance opportunities, helping students develop stage presence, communication skills, and artistic confidence.
- **Motivation and Achievement:** Setting clear goals encourages consistent practice, self-discipline, and a strong sense of accomplishment as students progress through each level.

### **Our Philosophy**

At MK Singing School, we strive to cultivate confident, expressive, and well-rounded young artists. Our goal is not only to teach students how to sing, but also to help them develop creativity, discipline, communication skills, and a lifelong appreciation for music.

Every student progresses at their own pace, and every achievement—large or small—is celebrated. We are committed to creating an inspiring learning environment where students can discover their unique voice, grow as musicians, and develop confidence both on stage and in everyday life.