

**Welcome to the Lethbridge Branch of the Alberta Registered Music Teachers.** We would like to take this opportunity to invite interested students and teachers to become members of the Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association (ARMTA). For more information contact Christine Rogers at [c4rogers@telus.net](mailto:c4rogers@telus.net) or 327-2073.

## **PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP (ARMTA)**

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### **Membership Requirements:**

**Full Member**: requires an Associate or Licentiate Diploma granted by a recognized musical institution, or a Bachelor of Music degree; and some teaching experience

**Affiliate Member Level I**: requires Grade 10 standing (plus theory requirements) from a recognized musical institution

**Affiliate Member Level II**: requires Grade 9 standing (plus theory requirements) from a recognized musical institution

**Membership Fees**: Annual provincial fees are currently \$135 or early bird \$125:

- \$26 for our annual national membership (CFMTA)
- \$25 for general liability insurance
- remainder for ARMTA (provincial organization)

### **Benefits of Provincial Membership (for all 3 membership levels):**

- **General Liability Insurance.** This insurance covers not only your home and studio; it also protects a member from liability if a recital is given in a mall, a library, a church, or other venue. (In many cities this type of insurance is now required of teachers who wish to have students perform in public settings.)
- **Website.** Look up [www.armta.ca](http://www.armta.ca) to find branch contacts, membership lists, membership requirement and application form, convenors and other information.
- **Directory.** All members will receive an annual Membership Directory of all the contact information for ARMTA members.
- **Music Conference.** Annual conference with a variety of sessions available for members to attend.
- **Music Camp Alberta.** Students of ARMTA members are given the opportunity to attend Musiccamp Alberta, held in Red Deer during the summer.
- **Creative Music Competition.** Students of registered music teachers are encouraged to submit their original compositions and have a chance to win cash prizes and a chance to be recommended to represent our province at the national CFMTA level competition.
- **Canada Music Week.** Each branch is eligible to receive a grant from AMEF each year to assist in a Canada Music Week activity.
- **CFMTA Piano and Vocal Competitions.** ARMTA hosts a scholarship program each year for the winner and runner up of these competitions.
- **Tempo Magazine.** Topics of interest, articles, reviews, and information for members.

## **LOCAL MEMBERSHIP (LRMTA)**

**Membership Requirements:** member of ARMTA in good standing.

**Membership Fees:** Annual local fees are \$35.

**Website:** [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)

**Activities:**

- **Meetings:** There are usually 8 meetings a year, September to May currently held the first Monday morning of each month. Meetings are usually 1 ½ hours in length and often include a brief presentation or forum discussion on a teaching topic.
- **Recitals:** Our membership holds a number of recitals a year including a Canada Music Week recital, a Festival preparation recital, and two adult student recitals.
- **Awards:** In November we present awards to students achieving the top first-class honours marks for practical and theory exams for the previous year. We usually award \$1000-1300 annually in various categories.
- **Signboard plates:** Our branch has signboards with members' names, addresses, teaching information and phone numbers at 2 music stores in Lethbridge: Long & McQuade and The Music Court.
- **Workshops:** Our branch is committed to continuing education for our students and for ourselves as teachers. We try to sponsor at least one workshop or master class every year.
- **Kiwanis Festival:** The Kiwanis Festival takes place in the spring every year and a number of teachers support the Festival. We have a representative from our branch who attends the Festival Committee meetings.
- **Piano Class Festival:** This Festival organized by members of our branch takes place every year in May usually at the Lethbridge Public Library. It is open to all piano students. There are awards available and a final concert.
- **Socials:** Our branch usually plans a social each year and often arranges to have lunch with the Royal Conservatory examiners during the January and June exam sessions.
- **Fundraising events:** Our branch usually organizes a fundraising event each year to raise money for our awards program. Past events have included a practise-a-thon, a teacher's recital featuring a guest performer and members of our branch, and a family scavenger hunt activity. We have also received many individual donations.
- **AMEF:** The Alberta Music Education Foundation (AMEF) is a registered charity which promotes and supports music education in Alberta. It offers many programs including an annual conference and support of Canada Music Week Recitals. We encourage our members to become members of AMEF. The fee is \$20 per year.