

Welcome to the Lethbridge Branch of the Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association (ARMTA). We would like to take this opportunity to invite interested students and teachers to become members of ARMTA. For more information contact Christine Rogers at c4rogers@telus.net or 403-327-2073.

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 Grade 10: requires Grade 10 standing (plus theory requirements) from a recognized musical institution

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

Membership Fees: Annual provincial fees are currently \$145 (early bird \$140) which includes the following:

- \$35 for our annual national membership in the Canadian Federation for Music Teachers' Associations (CFMTA)
- \$35 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 to find branch contacts, membership lists, membership requirement and application form, convenors and other information.
- **Directory.** An annual Membership Directory of all the contact information for ARMTA members is available to each member.
- **Music Conference.** Annual conference with a variety of sessions available for members to attend.
- **Creative Music Competition.** Students of Registered Music Teachers are invited 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.** Activities and recitals organized by local branches.
- **CFMTA Piano and Vocal Competitions.** ARMTA hosts a regional competition to send a winner to the national competition. Prizes are awarded and a concert tour is arranged for the winner.
- **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. Free for the first year for new members.

Website: 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 - 1 ½ hours in length.
- **Recitals:** Our membership holds a number of recitals each 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 up to \$1500 annually in various categories.
- **Signboard plates:** Our branch has a signboard with members' names, addresses, teaching information and phone numbers at 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.
- **Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival:** The Festival takes place in the spring every year. In addition, we sponsor 2 Festival piano awards.
- **Piano Class Festival:** This Festival organized Lethbridge and area teachers takes place every year in May. It is open to all piano students. There are awards available and a final concert.
- **Socials:** Our branch often arranges to have lunch with the Royal Conservatory examiners during the January and June exam sessions.
- **Fundraising events:** Our branch usually organizes fundraising events 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. Most recently we have been sponsoring a practise-a-thon every two years.
- **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. The group rate is \$20 per year if 10 or more members join; \$40 for individual memberships.

Visit <https://armta.ca/become-a-member/> for more information