PRACTICE-A-THON PACKAGE FOR STUDENTS

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ABOUT THE PRACTICE-A-THON

Thank You for the Music Society and the South Fraser Branch Registered Music Teachers are excited to launch the first annual Practice-A-Thon to support music students and teachers in the Surrey School District. This year's Practice-A-Thon will take place from January 15-28, 2018. Musicians (students) will register online with a commitment to practice for a specific amount of time over 14 days. Family and friends will be encouraged to sponsor students in order to raise funds with the goal of providing new acoustic, hybrid and stage pianos throughout the Surrey School District.

How does it work?

- ❖ Register online at www.raiseathon.ca/thankyouforthemusic
- ❖ Collect pledges from family and friends
- ❖ Practice between January 15 and 28
- ❖ Win fabulous prizes
- ❖ Strengthen your practice habits while being empowered to help make a difference in your local music community

What can I win?

Everyone is eligible to win! All Practice-A-Thon participants will be entered into a prize draw with multiple prizes. The winners will be announced in early February. In addition to the general prize, the Practice-A-Thon participant who raises the most money will win a prize, **valued at $500.** All participants will also receive a certificate of participation.

Step 1: <u>REGISTER</u>

Registration is open from Dec. 15, 2017 until Jan. 14, 2018. Register online and personalize your profile – see page 4 for instructions
www.raiseathon.ca/thankyouforthemusic
** Please note: On the registration page, instead of your address, enter your music teacher's first and last name **

Step 2: <u>COLLECT PLEDGES</u>

See page 5 for an email template to help get you started.
You can start collecting pledges right away after registering! Donations for the Practice-A-Thon will close on Feb. 17, so you can even keep collecting pledges after the practice period (Jan. 15-28).

You can either ask your family and friends to pledge an amount per minute of practice time over the two-week Practice-A-Thon, or a flat amount. For example, if your friend pledges 10 cents per minute and you practice for a total of 300 minutes, the total pledge would be $30. Or, they can simply decide to pledge a flat amount of $30.

The easiest way to collect your pledges is to ask your sponsors (family and friends) to donate online through your personal profile. Those who are pledging a flat amount can make their donation any time from Dec. 15 through Feb. 17. Those who pledge based on your actual total practice time during the Practice-A-Thon will need to log on after Jan. 28 to submit their pledge money. Again, **the last day for donations is Feb. 17**, so make sure to remind all of your sponsors to get their pledges in before that date!

If you receive an offline (cash or cheque) donation, please log in to your profile and add it as an offline donation. Then submit all offline donations and pledge forms (see page 6) to your music teacher (team captain). Or, you can ask your parents/guardian to make the donation to your page with their credit card.

Step 3: <u>PRACTICE</u>!

From Jan. 15th through 28th, keep track of the amount of time you practice, and follow up with your sponsors for pledges – especially those who based their pledge on an amount per minute.

See page 7 for a form where you can record your practice time each day.

Step 4: <u>WIN PRIZES</u>

The top fundraiser will win a prize, **valued at $500**. In addition, all participants will be entered into a draw for fabulous prizes - the winners will be announced soon after the end of the Practice-A-Thon. All participants will also receive a certificate of participation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at tyftmsociety@gmail.com

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Website	Instructions

Create A Profile

Account Login Details

Are you registering as Team No

enter an annonymous nickname/codename. max i.e. 12 characters for username only This nickname will appear in the "Top Fundraisers" area. Letters/Numbers only. Spaces and symbols can not be used.

Username:

Password:

letters and at least 1 number (8-16 characters long)

Email Address:

enter a valid email address, like user@domain.com

Profile Information

First Name:

enter your first name.

Last Name:

enter your last name

Fundraising Goal:

the dollar amount you hope to fundraise. eg. 100

About Your Goal:

maximum 500 characters!

Profile Picture   Browse...

upload a picture to display on your profile. (.jpg, .png, .gif accepted. Maximum filesize: 2MB.)

Address

Address:

EG: 120 Avenue Road.

City:

Province/State: -- SELECT --

Postal Code/Zip Code:

EG: N1R 1C1

Country: -- SELECT --

Phone Number:

EG: 1-123-453-4343

Submit - Your Profile Link Will Be Emailed To You

Answer "NO" to Team

Pick a creative username

Write down your password and save it

Enter a parent or guardian email address here

Enter your name here

The dollar amount you hope to fundraise

Write a few words about why you are joining the Practice-A-Thon. For example, "I want to motivate myself to practice every day."

Choose your own picture

Instead of your address, enter your music teacher's first and last name here. For example: Shelley Gimbel

Enter your home city, and the remaining details of your home address

Use this e-mail template to request donations from your family and friends. Feel free to make changes to suit your personality, and don't forget to delete the instructions in italics!

Dear family and friends,

I recently signed up to participate in a Practice-A-Thon fundraiser, organized by Thank You for the Music Society and the South Fraser Branch of the B.C. Registered Music Teachers' Association.

I am passionate about the arts, and I want to develop my music skills while giving back to a good cause. Money raised through the Practice-A-Thon will go towards purchasing new pianos for the Surrey School District.

Between January 15 and 28, I am committing to practice piano for _____ minutes *(your goal practice time – total minutes over the full two weeks, not each day)*. My goal is to raise a total of $_____, but I can only do this with your support!

- Option 1: You can choose to pledge an amount per minute of total practice over the two-week Practice-A-Thon. For example, if you pledge $0.10/minute and I practice for a total of 300 minutes, your total pledge would be $30.
- Option 2: You can choose to pledge a flat amount.

You can sponsor me by donating online at: _____ *(insert link to your online page)*

 Online donations will be accepted until February 17, 2018.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

_____ *(your name)*

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Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

#	Sponsor Name	Pledge Amount and Type of Pledge		Minutes Practiced	Total Pledge
E.g.	Ms. Music	$ 0.10 ✔Per Minute	☐Flat Donation	300	$30.00
1		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
2		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
3		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
4		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
5		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
6		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
7		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
8		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
9		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
10		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
11		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
12		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
13		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
14		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
15		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
16		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
17		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
18		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
19		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
20		$ ☐Per Minute	☐Flat Donation		
				Grand Total	

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Thank you to our sponsors

PIANO TUNER VANCOUVER

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My Practice Log: January 15 – 28

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

January 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	**Weekly Total**	**Parent / Guardian Initial**
15 ___ Minutes	16 ___ Minutes	17 ___ Minutes	18 ___ Minutes	19 ___ Minutes	20 ___ Minutes	21 ___ Minutes		
22 ___ Minutes	23 ___ Minutes	24 ___ Minutes	25 Minutes	26 ___ Minutes	27 ___ Minutes	28 ___ Minutes		

TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES PRACTICED OVER 14 DAYS: _____