



York Mills Collegiate Institute
INSTRUMENTAL STRINGS CLASS
AMS 10 / 20 / 3M / 4M

“M” denotes University/College level

This course is designed for students who have been playing for at least two years

What do we do in Instrumental Strings class?

You will learn standard and advanced technique for your instrument. You will play string orchestra repertoire from notable composers, learn how to work in an ensemble, improve your playing skills, and experience a diversity of musical understanding. You will have the opportunity to conduct, to read scores, and to learn about performance practise through various eras of music history.

You will gain valuable performing experience by participating in our Winter and Spring Music Nights and Awards Assemblies at York Mills C.I, and for special occasions in our York Mills community.

How are we marked?

There are a set number of test pieces that you play for the teacher to demonstrate that you have understood the techniques and concepts. Ongoing evaluation and assessment during class, as well as individual reflection are vital components in the evaluation process. Enrichment units, such as chamber ensembles, and an understanding of pedagogy, are also offered.

Do we have to do theory?

Only a very little bit!

If you have already done a theory exam and have your RCM Grade 2 Rudiments certificate, you will be exempt from all theory and will automatically get 100% for the theory portion of this course.

Do we get to choose our own music?

For your culminating, you will have the opportunity to choose a level-appropriate solo piece. In-class repertoire includes a wide variety of genres and styles of music.

How do I sign up for this Grade 9 Instrumental Strings course?

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Bubble AMS 101 on your option form.