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VOLUNTEERS NOW BEING RECRUITED

for the 2015 Barrie Music Festival

REMINDER - The first 10 individuals to register and work as Volunteers for our Festival as Adjudicator Assistants (see responsibilities below) and sign up for a minimum of two sessions (morning, afternoon, or evening) will be given a free 20-minute Mini-lesson (workshop) with the adjudicator of their choice!!

We're looking for all types of volunteers...

- Adjudicator Assistants gather the classes together, record marks, prepare certificates, all while enjoying the performances! No experience necessary!
- Desk clerks for the venues to collect admission fees and welcome our performers as they arrive, helping to answer any questions they might have.

Even if you've never volunteered for the Festival before, have no fear as we hold a fun, short, training session in March. If you're able to give a few hours, we'll guarantee you a great time during our annual Music Festival!

Here's what some of our past volunteers had to say about their Festival experience...

This year I was fortunate enough to volunteer at the Barrie Music Festival. I chose a variety of instruments I am less familiar with and class times that fit into my schedule. I taught music previously in the public school system as well as Music For Young Children so I've been used to preparing many individuals and groups for the Festival. This year was wonderful! I didn't have to get anybody ready, I was able to sit back and enjoy. I got to catch up with many old students and discover their marvelous advancements since our time together. Watching apprehensive, anxious students enter each class morph into the proud, jubilant young musicians exiting, can't be measured. I enjoyed myself so much, it was only when parents thanked me for volunteering I remembered I was helping out as well. I'm truly looking forward to this April in anticipation of witnessing further evolution of some of the participants I've heard before and those who are about to challenge themselves for the first time.

I enjoyed volunteering and hearing wonderful music and hearing the comments from adjudicators. It personally inspired me and gave me new ideas to assist my own children in their music studies.

- S. Carter

When I attended the information meeting for volunteers to learn what my responsibilities would be, I was assured that it was a job I could handle. Indeed it was! The adjudicators were all so pleasant and easy to work with----not a bit intimidating. I "worked" at three events and attended two as a spectator. I had no idea that the range of talent in and around Barrie was so varied and good. Sign me up for next year!!

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If you're interested, please visit our website: www.barriemusicfestival.com and click on the *Volunteers* tab. Or give us a call at 705-726-1764. See you at the Festival, and THANKS!!