



Summer Organ Academy 2022 July 10-15, 2022 in Montréal, QC

Youth Introductory Program (Age 13-17):

The Youth Introductory program offers an innovative opportunity for young, intermediate (RCM Grade 4 graduate) pianists to learn to play the pipe organ. Classes, activities and practice sessions will take place in a variety of performance spaces and churches located in beautiful downtown Montréal, including McGill University's Redpath Hall.

Instruction will be offered in traditional organ, jazz organ*, organ improvisation and 21st century/creative organ playing, and daily practice time at the organ will be provided. Participants will share several classes with students from each of the Summer Organ Academy programs, providing a unique chance to meet and learn with fellow organ students from across Canada.

Day 1 (Sunday, July 10, 2022)

- Welcome and registration
- Makers Class with Adrian Foster and Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Social time
- Welcome dinner
- All-Star Concert

Day 2 (Monday, July 11, 2022)

- Makers Class (1 hour)
- Organ improvisation [instructor TBC] (1 hour)
- Traditional organ with Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Intro to organ lecture with guest lecturer (1 hour)
- Romantic Repertoire Masterclass observation with Isabelle Demers (1.5 hours)
- Social time

Day 3 (Tuesday, July 12, 2022)

- Makers Class with Adrian Foster and Sarah Svendsen (2 hours)
- Jazz organ with Jeff McLeod (1 hour)
- Traditional organ with Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Intro to organ lecture with guest lecturer (1 hour)
- Concert by Adult Performance participants

Day 4 (Wednesday, July 13, 2022)

- Makers Class with Adrian Foster and Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Jazz organ with Jeff McLeod (1 hour)
- Traditional organ instruction with Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Intro to organ lecture with guest lecturer (1 hour)
- Concert by Adult Performance participants

Day 5 (Thursday, July 14, 2022)

- Makers Class with Adrian Foster and Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Organ improvisation [instructor TBC] (1.5 hours)
- Traditional organ with Sarah Svendsen (1.5 hours)
- Organ maintenance workshop with Alex Ross (1 hour)
- Jazz concert

Day 6 (Friday, July 14, 2022)

- Makers Class with Adrian Foster and Sarah Svendsen (1 hour)
- Jazz jam masterclass/drop in session with Jeff McLeod (2 hours)
- Makers Class dress rehearsal and presentations with Adrian Foster and Sarah Svendsen
- Final Concert

1 hour of practice time at the organ is also included Monday through Thursday.

* The jazz organ classes offer an orientation to the Hammond organ; a survey of jazz organ history and its important figures; and an introduction to the techniques of jazz organ/keyboard playing including: chord and bass-line construction, rhythmic concepts, improvisation, and lead-sheet realization. The classes will provide practical jazz skills that will be immediately applicable to musicians working in church, choral, and educational settings, as well as a path to those who wish to pursue jazz organ on a deeper level.

Accommodations, Food and Youth Supervision:

Participants will stay in residence with one roommate at McGill's Carrefour Sherbrooke building. There will be an opportunity to inform us of any preferred roommate pairings after registration is complete, and we will do our very best to accommodate all requests. Registration fee includes breakfast and all participants are responsible for purchasing their own lunches, dinners and snacks. Participants will eat lunch and dinner in supervised groups.

Youth participants will be paired into a buddy system upon check-in and assigned buddies will travel and practice together for the duration of the week. Two adult chaperones and a full-time youth counsellor will be on-site throughout the week for the safety and supervision of all minors.

Note about Ages and Recommended Skill Level:

This program is suitable for youth aged 13-17 who have completed their Royal Conservatory of Music Level 4 Piano and who have not previously received pipe organ lessons. Participants must be 13 years old as of July 10, 2022.

If you are unsure whether this program is suitable for you or your child, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@rcco.ca or 416-929-6400 to discuss program placement.

**Registration opens Feb. 1, 2022 and closes on May 15, 2022.
Early enrollment is encouraged as only 6 spaces are available in each program!**