

# Our Story



Beyond Music blossomed under the Community Collaboration model. VACS and UBC Shine On, together with the Musqueam Community seek to bring together individuals with different cultures to build greater possibilities for our children and grandchildren.

Together with the Musqueam Community Centre, we want to build a culture that is safe and inclusive, giving Musqueam youth a place to belong and to explore their culture.

From its initial conception, Beyond Music is a program that strives to help students achieve their full potential, not only in music, but also in life.

UBC Shine On, VACS and the Musqueam Community Centre are excited to bring this new collaboration to fruition! We are grateful to the Musqueam Community for their support.



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## Forming a Community Partnership



**Programming Sponsor**  
*Vancouver Arts Colloquium Society (VACS)*



VACS's mission is to widen public engagement with contemporary art in ways that involve, include and inspire. We promote the work of artists and we build cultural resilience in communities through art.

**Teaching Sponsor**  
*UBC Shine On Music*

Shine On Music is a non-profit, student run organization located at the University of British Columbia. Our goal is to promote the joy of music and provide quality music education to children in a fun environment.



For more info or to get involved, please contact [contact@myvacs.org](mailto:contact@myvacs.org). Or visit our website at [myvacs.org](http://myvacs.org).

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# Beyond Music

**Co-Create  
Resonate  
Celebrate**

# What Is Beyond Music About?

Beyond Music is a new pilot-program, designed to allow cross-pollination between neighboring institutions such as VACS, UBC Shine On Music and the Musqueam Community. Our idea is simple: we all have a gift to share. Our dream is one: creating a new community narrative through music for the sake of our future generations. Our doors are always open!

## We want to go beyond the music...

Beyond Music is about opening our hearts to the possibilities of the world around us.

### We want to inspire.

Beyond Music wants to inspire youth to reach their full potential.

### We want to connect.

Through sharing our skills and stories, Beyond Music looks to foster relationships between diverse cultures and generations.

### Together, we can resonate.

Our collaboration seeks to compose a bolder song with a deeper meaning... An echoing reverberation as we bounce off of each other like the notes on a page, *nurturing our sense of belonging through our interactions.*

## What can you expect from Beyond Music?

The program provides on-site violin and song-writing workshops for students in Grades 5-8 who have never had the opportunity to participate in musical education, but are keen to learn musical skills. The Beyond Music program is tailored to Musqueam youth and will include: field trips, cultural activities, mentoring programs, and community showcases and performances.

## Meet Our Featured Teachers

### Max Xie - Lead Teacher

Hello, I'm Max Xie. I have been playing the violin since I was 7 and had obtained a RCM level 10 Certificate before I started university. In the past I have played for different high school strings orchestras and also youth groups. After joining ShineOn I was able to recollect my years of experience from learning the instrument to put towards the younger generation.



### The Land of Deborah – Lead Mentor

Deborah is an award-winning singer-songwriter and composer who has been exploring the art of storytelling through music for many years.

As well as writing her own music she writes for many film and tv projects around the world. Whether writing for film or from the heart she believes that everyone has a story to tell and encourages people to find their own true voice.



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