

LIMUS Letter to all students 2020-04-11 To parents on our line 2 "Growing with music"

Dear parents,

Happy Easter from all of us at LIMUS! Here comes some important information.

It is a very strange Easter, when a virus can cause such big changes. We know that making music is extra important during these troubled times, and at the same time we try to carefully calculate risks. We have an ongoing discussion in the Board and among the colleagues on how we best can handle all the new challenges.

As you know, we have decided to continue with individual lessons as long as the swedish authorities and Lunds kommun assess that primary schools should stay open. But we cancelled the class concerts in March and repurposed the two ensemble concerts as teachers' concerts. No larger ensembles are active right now. We have purchased computers and trained our teachers to use digital tools for teaching. Students who have two replacement lessons in their course (line 2), can now use these for digital lessons, granted that the teacher has approved. To be able to do so, you have to follow our terms and conditions for cancelling and rescheduling.

New info:

After the Easter weekend, we want to limit the amount of people who are in our facilities at once. We now kindly ask you to wait outside the facilities during the lesson. Leave your child at the door – don't forget to give him/her the homework folder and the music notes – and remind your child that the first thing to do inside is to wash your hands thoroughly. After the lesson you will meet your child at the door. The teacher will write down homework and information in the homework folder. If you do not have a homework folder yet, you may buy our red LIMUS homework folder for 95 SEK. We also kindly ask that no parents are in the room during the lessons.

The only exception is our youngest students, up to 5 years old, and students in our Music Kindergarten. To further stop the flow of people, **we have disabled the door code at Helgeandsgatan.** Currently, only the teachers have access and it is they who let the students in. These limitations are valid until at least the 15th of May.

Now, Easter Eggs! : 😊

Egg nr 1: The courses for "**Musicera mera**", our flexible punchcards valid from May-August, are ready. They are valid for children and adults alike! On our 7-punchcards, two of the lessons can be chosen as digital lessons if the teacher approves. For those of you who are finished with your regular course already in April, you are welcome to start one of these punchcards directly. Application: https://svlimusmusikskola.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/CourseList/4

Egg nr 2: For our music cheque students, we arrange a **day camp** – 4 days during Midsummer week (week 25). Instead of canceling this, we have reduced the number of participants to a maximum of 24 children over three groups. As with the day camp during the sportlov week, we will work with movement improv, note-reading and this time, even more ensemble playing on your instruments. Application is open through the link above, course 7.

Extra!! We have ordered and received our own composition for our music cheque students! It is composer Johan-Magnus Sjöberg who has written it and the title is "Skrylle Walk". During W 25 we will start to practise 😊

Egg nr 3: The music cheque in Lund is valid for children born 2013, 2012 and 2011. From the Autumn 2021 it will also be valid for children born **2014 and 2010!** This is really good news. The decision will be taken in Lunds fullmäktige in June, but there is a political majority for this. The music cheque in Staffanstorp is valid for all young people 7-20 years of age.

Egg nr 4: The courses for Line 2 this fall 2020, are ready.

We have temporarily introduced that students who have the right to two replacement weeks can choose to have them as digital lessons. You do not need to reapply to continue in the Autumn – this is the case also for our music cheque students.

If however, you do not wish to continue, you need to cancel your place! 1st of June at the latest we need a written cancellation to <u>info@lundsmusiksalong.se</u> (OBS! other rules for music cheque students!). In the beginning of June we will send out invoices for the fall term.

Around midsummer 50% of the course fee for the fall should be paid. This is to guarantee the teachers their employments and secure our rents and recurring expenses. Read our terms and conditions on cancelling and rescheduling on <u>www.lundsmusiksalong.se</u>

Egg nr 5: Younger siblings? **The courses for Music Kindergarten** this fall 2020 are also ready. We have a total of 15 courses from the ages of 2-6. We have temporarily reduced the group sizes further to a maximum of four children in the group 3-4 years old, and a maximum of five children in the older groups. We are happy to invite you to "Parents in Tune" on Saturdays, where a teacher can learn to play guitar/ukulele together with their small child.

Egg nr 6: Upcoming concerts:

Music fest 1st of May in Maria Magdalena Kyrka we have remade as internal concerts. Every player can have a maximum of TWO people with them. It will be short concerts where you can sit far from each other. Application time has expired, but for latecomers the absolutely last date to apply is 2020-04-14. Times for the concerts are 10.00-12.00- and 14.00. Gather 20 minutes before each concert with tuned instruments.

LIMUS 10-year anniversary the 31st of May in Clara Schumann-Salen we will remake into a concert with only invited guests. We will choose a few players who will make this concerts extra festive. The concert time is 14.30.

Both of these concerts are given under the condition that no new guidelines arrive from the authorities and Lunds kommun.

A lost seventh egg!

It is incredibly frustrating that our international music examinations, **ABRSM exams**, have been cancelled. This year, we had 59 candidates, which was simply amazing! To the students, we still say that "the road is the goal", even if they won't have a gold-lined certificate to show for it. Many will be able to receive their diploma next spring and then perhaps already on the next level. We thought about having internal LIMUS-Grades-exams, but instead made the decision that the students who deliver their entire program 1st of May will receive an extra reward 😊

Remember that music theory is needed in this system. We now apply students in the course 4a for the school year 2020/21. It will not be many groups, so don't miss the chance to secure a place early. For those who want to specialize in music theory, we have an evening course during week 25. Apply here: <u>https://svlimusmusikskola.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/CourseList/5</u>

That was all for today. I admit that I miss the contact with you that I otherwise get on our concerts and arrangements. If you wonder about something, feel free to call me. Best time is before 10.00 in the morning. Or write me a text and I'll get back to you.

If you wish to help us, please become a member of our non-profit organization Mozarts Vänner-MoV. Here we can direct voluntary work and practical help that makes our school more than just a regular music school 🕲 www.mozartsvanner.se Swish 123 157 47 14.

Many greetings and have a great continued Easter weekend!

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PS1. Photos and videos you always find on our Facebook: LIMUS Musikskola. Do you have your own? Share with us? DS1.

PS2. You who think about taking lessons yourself – you do know that we have a line 3 only for adults? DS2.