



Welcome letter 2021-01-01

To parents of students in our Line 2 "Att växa med musiken"

Dear parents,

We wish you a great start to the new year. Here are some important information:

Please begin the year by watching our "Niko i rutan". We made five movies in Magle konserthus and the rest was sent from home. All musicians can be found here: http://www.lundsmusiksalong.se/?page_id=9776

Personal music-making, the individual contact with a teacher and the sense of development and accomplishment means a lot to our students. For many young people these uncertain times, with many changes and experiences of sickness, can be a burden. But through music we can find a vent for our feelings, some hope going forward and the joy of living in the moment. As a pure music school with our own house we have a good control over our teaching, our staff of 24 teachers and around 500 students.

Because of that, we try to the greatest possible extent to give physical individual lessons for all students and we start the spring term week 2. But we have also made it easier to flex to digital lessons and we have given the teachers the possibility to flex. Digital flex lessons must always be given on your regular lesson time. **We have temporarily changed the rules so that notice time for flex is shortened from 48 to 24 hours.** Should Lund Municipality decide to close the compulsory schools, LIMUS will move entire teaching weeks to reserve weeks at the end of the semester. This would be communicated in a new info letter.

Here is the list of current rules and adjustments:

- Students who are feverish, have a runny nose or a severe cough should not come to the lesson but rebook it according to our flex rules, see below.
- If you have come into contact with a person who has been infected with Covid – 19, we ask you to follow folkhälsomyndighetens rules. Sick parent? If your child is allowed to go to preschool / primary school, it can also come to us.
- Everyone who enters our houses must carefully wash their hands with soap and use disinfectant afterwards. We show respect, keep a good distance from each other and avoid physical contact.
- Only students and teachers are allowed to enter our houses. All other people must stay outside. OBS! Parents have sometimes not been consistent regarding this rule. If you see someone who does not follow this rule, it is permitted to make a friendly reminder.
Parents who have special reasons to participate in their children's lessons need to obtain the school management's permission and must be entered in the teacher's schedule (for possible infection tracing).
- **TWO lessons can be flexed. This term the student can either flex to digital lessons or to another lesson week.** We have temporarily changed the rules so notice time for flex is shortened from 48 to 24 hours. Notice of cancellation later than 24 hours before the lesson starts will mean that the lesson is forfeited.
Music cheque students can still not flex to another week, but to digital lessons.
- **More than 2 digital lessons:** The teacher (not the student) must receive permission from the school management. We will be restrictive and make decisions case by case. It is very different how digital lessons work for our students. In general, online lessons are allowed more frequently for students born in 2005 and earlier.

Here is what we do to adapt even further:

- Teachers can now also flex a maximum of 2 physical lessons to digital lessons, granted that the student agrees. If the student do not agree, the lessons is flexed to a physical replacement time. Notice time for flex is temporarily shortened from 48 to 24 hours. **The maximum number of digital lessons per semester is now FOUR, two from the student and two from the teacher. This is only valid during the spring of 2021.**
- Teachers still have the possibility to flex two lessons to replacement weeks, i e weeks not booked for teaching in advance. Teachers must before all flex be granted permission from school management. The total amount of flex lessons should not exceed 4.

- Our teachers have been given an extended time resource/paid working hours to be able to talk to you on the phone. We try to keep the dialogue going!
- We have doubled the number of cleanings of common areas, disinfection of door handles, etc. Soap, paper towels and hand disinfectant are available in several places.
- Instruments used by many people, like our pianos are disinfected daily.
- We have rearranged the schedules to avoid crowding at the entrance.
- The music cheque ensemble is ongoing but are divided into smaller groups during the lessons.
- Music Kindergarten is ongoing but with longer time between lessons and in smaller groups.
- Substitutes: No outside substitute teachers. Teachers back up for each other.

Regarding concerts:

We know that LIMUS is appreciated for our many concerts. But we must adapt to the current circumstances. During the spring term of 2021 we have cancelled all the family concerts, the ensemble concerts and unfortunately also the Musiksgaga for pre-school kids. We are planning to go through with the following:

- **LIMUS Contemporary**, with the music cheque ensemble and Young Academy: moved from 14th of February to the 18th of April.
- **Papa Bachs Birthdfay**: 21st of March. Ten short concerts of 15 minutes, like the Beethoven jubilee on KulturNatten Sept 2019. As usual you will also hear our harpsichord and be able to buy Bach-cookies!
- **A total of 8 "Con Animas"**, class concerts with few participants. See the concert calender on our web page.
- **Piazzolla 100 years** – a celebration in tango style the 8th of May.

See our entire concert schedule here: http://www.lundsmusiksalong.se/?page_id=48

ABRSM exams:

Last years exam was cancelled and many students felt let down. This year, ABRSM will open for applications as late as the 1st of March and it is very uncertain whether we can have an examiner here in May. In other case, they will give digital exams, which we do not think will be very satisfying.

Because of that, we have decided to arrange our own exams 2021, in the spirit of ABRSM.

We will use the same material and keep the same requirements regarding scales and arpeggios, a vista, repertoire and aural tests. We will also charge an exam fee. We will invite an external examiner to collaborate with us and give the students the external feedback that we know is appreciated.

Do not forget that LIMUS have a high competence in this area, with several teachers with exams through the entire system, and 20 years of experience. It will not be ARBSMs own golden diplomas, but everything else will be quite similar. For next year we will return to the original exams 😊

All exams will be in week 19. Application latest the 8th of February.

Easter holiday camp for all who applied will be held. Application latest 7th of March.

Read more here: http://www.lundsmusiksalong.se/?page_id=617

That was all for today. Please become a member – our renew your membership – in our nonprofit organization MoV, Mozarts Vänner. Here we can coordinate voluntary work and practical help that makes our school more than just a regular music school. This is needed now more than ever. www.mozartsvanner.se
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Warm greetings and all the best for 2021!

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