

ALBERTA REGISTERED MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

PROVINCIAL APPLICATION FORM

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association. ARMTA is a professional association of qualified music instructors. Please see the back of this page regarding qualifications.

Full Members of ARMTA are also automatically members of the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers Associations (CFMTA). Full Members will receive 3 newsletters each year from CFMTA. Also, CFMTA holds a 6-day conference every other year, in various cities across Canada, alternating between east and west. Other benefits from CFMTA include material to help you promote Canada Music Week, a Creative Music Writing Competition and the CFMTA Piano Competition.

ARMTA publishes and distributes a directory of members. This is done annually in the summer, with an update in the winter. We have resurrected the TEMPO magazine so that members can keep in touch with the happenings throughout the province. All Full Members of ARMTA have coverage of \$5,000,000 Third Party Comprehensive General Liability Insurance. This is a tremendous saving for you with your house insurance.

All Members of ARMTA are also members of the Alberta Music Education Foundation. AMEF is an open member, charitable association, whose mandate is to provide funding for the study and enjoyment of music. Currently our projects include MusicKamp Alberta held every July at the Red Deer College (Intermediate Piano Camp), Professional Development for you as a teacher, Student Scholarships, Traveling Workshops and keyboard lessons through an after school program. At present this program called Keyboards for Kids is running in Edmonton; however, this program can be run anywhere in the province through application of grant money via AMEF.

Through AMEF, we are a charter member of Music Alberta. The other charter members of Music Alberta are the Alberta Band Association, and the Alberta String Association. Music Alberta publishes and distributes a Magazine quarterly, with information from all the disciplines of the music community, including concerts, workshops, competitions and social events throughout Alberta.

Another benefit of membership in ARMTA is the waiving of the membership fee (\$3000) for the Alberta Music Conference held annually in October. This conference is 3 days of informative and educational workshops, concerts and presentations with world class clinicians and speakers. The Annual General Meetings of ARMTA and AMEF are held during this conference. All members are urged to attend.

Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to join the local branch in their area. Membership in one of the seven local branches affords the opportunity to participate in the many activities they have to offer. On the attached Provincial Application Form, please be sure to indicate which branch you will be joining.

For further information, visit our website at www.armtaedmonton.ab.ca. We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you as a member of our association.

ARMTA has TWO Membership Categories: FULL & AFFILIATE

FULL MEMBER:

- must hold a Teacher and/or Solo Performer Associate Diploma or Licentiate Diploma granted by a recognized musical institution accredited by the Board of ARMTA
or
be a music teacher holding a minimum of a Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Music, Voice or Theory
or
has passed such tests and examinations, and satisfied such conditions as to teaching experience as may be required by a Board of Examiners.
- must have at least 2 years teaching experience.
- is entitled to use the designation “Registered Music Teacher or the abbreviation R.M.T.”

AFFILIATE MEMBER:

- Permanent Affiliate Member
 - A. has full Grade X standing from a recognized musical institution
 - B. has at least 10 years teaching experience.
- Interim Affiliate Member
 - A. is granted to individuals who have full Grade X Royal Conservatory, Grade X Conservatory Canada or an equivalent from any other recognized musical institution
 - B. has a minimum of 2 years professional teaching experience
 - C. is studying toward a diploma or degree
- is entitled to use the designation “Affiliate of ARMTA”
- shall pay full membership dues

Examining Board Guidelines for Irregular Application:

To qualify for full membership an applicant must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Accept and abide by the Code of Ethics
3. Teach an average of six or more students each week

Furthermore, the applicant must submit documentation of two or more of the following requirements:

1. Formal academic and applied music studies, together with photocopies of degrees, diplomas, certificates, awards, etc.
2. Pedagogical studies, including workshops or seminars attended
3. Professional musicians who do not hold a degree but who are teaching must have at least 5 years teaching experience on the applied instrument. They must include documentation of student successes.
4. Performing experience

Annual Provincial Membership Fees are as follows:

\$110.00 for one full year (April 1 – March 31)

\$55.00 for one-half year (October 1 – March 31)