

Class Descriptions – AlgomaTrad Winter 2021 Learning and Sharing Program

Course Name	Instructor	Class Description
Beginner Fiddle	Chelsea Sleep	What's that? You've never explored the world of fiddling before and you're soooooo excited to get started? Well you're in luck because introducing people to the world of fiddling gets ME excited too! I'll get you set up from scratch, learning how to look after the violin and tune it up, how to hold the violin and the bow, and even learn a tune or two! All you need is a violin, a kitchen sponge and two big elastics (to use as a shoulder rest if your violin doesn't have one with it). Parents will need to be an active participant in the lesson learning along with your child so you can help them on your end , so please make sure your learning space is quiet and without distractions at the time of the lesson for best possible results!
Novice Fiddle	Chelsea Sleep	Get ready to fiddle! For this class I will anticipate that you already know how to hold your bow and fiddle correctly, know where to place your fingers (maybe you have some tapes on your fiddle to help) and you should be able to play an A major scale and at least one or two easy tunes using your fingers- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star or Boil Them Cabbages Down perhaps?! This class will be taught entirely by ear so no experience with reading music is necessary. Recordings of the tunes and music notation will be distributed at the end of the class.
Intermediate Fiddle	Kerry Fitzgerald	Learn new tunes and techniques to keep you inspired and excited about fiddling! Connect with other players across Ontario, and lets have some fun on the fiddle!
Piano by Ear	Julie Schryer	This session is geared to people who have basic piano playing skills but who want to branch out into playing by ear and learning more about the world of chords and chordal relationships...we will accompany/share songs and tunes throughout the 6 weeks.
Bagpipes	Pat O’Gorman	Learners will start on the practice chanter and learn the simple scale of the pipes, the beginnings of ornamentation and gracenotes, and some simple melodies to practice good finger and hand position
Tin Whistle Youth Beginner	Pat O’Gorman	A wonderfully simple but expressive instrument, learning the tin whistle is a great way to start anyone’s musical journey. Simple scales and melodies will be taught while learners learn the basics of music and proper finger positions and the beginnings of expressive ornamentation.
Tin Whistle Adult Beginner	Pat O’Gorman	Never too late to learn! Especially this simple but expressive instrument that has been the sound of so many great movie soundtracks and Celtic music records. You will learn the basics of how to play the tin whistle and some simple but lovely traditional melodies.
Sharing Music and Art	Julie and Pat	This is a time for you to share what you’ve been working on in terms of songs, tunes, poems, stories, art, and craft...which can even include the realm of food (yes please!). Let’s get inspired by each other!

Beginner ukulele and singing	Eloise Phillips	Beginners ukulele group classes, submit a song to play, learn chords, sing, socialize.
Songs and Games for Small Children and Caregivers	Hannah Naiman	If you're tired of singing Old MacDonald on repeat, join us! We'll learn new and interesting songs to sing each week- ones you will love to get stuck in your head! Parlez-vous français? We will sing a few songs in French each week! We will learn songs, rhymes, finger plays, knee bounces and easy dances for little ones and babes-in-arms.
Hootenanny!	Ian Bell and Judy Moore	Ian Bell and Judy Moore Lead a "folk orchestra" and chorus ("The Okay Chorale") from The Crooked Stovepipe, an old general store in the hamlet of Villa Nova. They love to host singalongs of everything from traditional folk songs to Hank Williams to Old Jazz Standards, and they like it best when everyone joins in!
Songwriting	Reenie	Spark your creative voice with some fundamental songwriting tools. String together chords, melody, and lyrics to craft a song of your own - all you need is a pen and the spirit of adventure!
Introduction to Stepdancing	Kerry Fitzgerald	Ottawa Valley Step Dance - Learn, move, and connect with others in this introductory class for Ontario's unique style of step dance! Guaranteed to keep you smiling and active from home
Fundamentals of Partner and Social Dancing	Josh Taylor and Emilie Pickell	Join us to learn some of the fundamentals of partner and social dancing! We'll learn the fundamentals, then try them out with a variety of dance styles, such as waltz, salsa, merengue, bachata, cha cha, swing, hip-hop, and more. We love to collaborate and tailor our classes to the people attending, so we would like to hear about the types of social dances that interest you. Let's turn your living room (or kitchen, or bedroom, or hallway... really, whatever space you can find) into a dance floor!