



ASIMPA Newsletter August 2026

Words from the Director

Dear ASIMPA Community,

We hope your summer is filled with the joy of music!

Our inaugural summer camp was a resounding success, offering students a vibrant opportunity to discover and nurture their creative talents. Beyond the creative exploration, the camp fostered lasting connections among peers, cultivating a strong sense of community and belonging.

The ISKCON Rathayatra 2026 at the ISKCON temple in Edmonton was a memorable event, as our students delivered an exceptional kirtan performance that captivated the audience. This annual festival, celebrating the chariot journey of Lord Jagannath, provided the perfect backdrop to showcase their musical talents. Their dedication was evident in every note and rhythm, creating a powerful spiritual atmosphere that resonated deeply with everyone present.

We're excited to introduce two new programs: the "Bhajan Club" and "Home Concert." The "Bhajan Club" invites you to immerse yourself in traditional devotional music, creating a spiritual and cultural connection that resonates with your roots. The "Home Concert" series brings live music into your living space, offering intimate performances that bridge the gap between artist and audience. Both programs aim to inspire, entertain, and cultivate community and wellbeing.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of our journey. We wish you a wonderful rest of the summer, filled with melodies and rhythms that transcend boundaries, need no translation, and connect us all. Keep listening, playing, and sharing the universal language of music!

Warm Regards,
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Summer Camp Continues

August Themes



Bacha Party

Kids are in charge! Bacha Party is all about celebrating the “Naughtiest” and most energetic songs in South Asian Music. If it’s catchy, fast, and makes you want to jump around, we’re singing it!

Mighty Manira Makers

All about the power of the voice and the “Epic” stories of our favorite divine heroes. Whether you’re flying through the clouds with Hanuman or dancing through obstacles with Ganesha, this is about being bold, brave, and rhythmic.

Raga Rock

We’re breaking the rules and blending the ancient scales of Indian Ragas with the electric energy of Rock. It’s a week of soulful “Swaras” and stadium-sized “Strums.”

Red Carpet

All about vocal star power, stage presence, and the sophisticated side of cinema music. From sweeping orchestral ballads to the biggest award-winning hits, it’s time to find your inner celebrity.



JULY SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS





STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Misha Darji is receiving the student of the month award for August in recognition of her dedication, exceptional musical progress, and unwavering commitment to excellence in learning keyboard. Congratulations Misha!

DID YOU KNOW THESE FUN FACTS ABOUT MUSIC?

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- Playing a musical instrument helps strengthen your memory, focus, and problem-solving skills!
 - The violin is used in both Western and Indian classical music, but it is played differently in each tradition!
 - In Indian classical music, different ragas are traditionally associated with different times of the day or different moods!
 - The piano has 88 keys, while a harmonium has far fewer, but both can create beautiful melodies!

MUSIC FOR CULTURE SERIES (M4C)

ISKCON Rath Yatra 2026 Performance



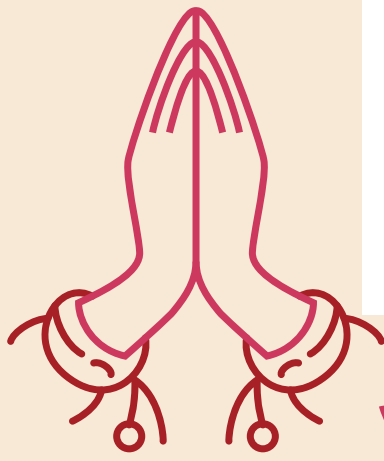
This year's Edmonton Rath Yatra gave us the opportunity to experience the beauty and devotion of traditional Hindu Kirtans performed at the ISKCON temple by our talented students and teachers. Rooted in India's rich musical heritage, these performances reflect the training and artistry cultivated at our school, where students of all ages learn Indian classical and devotional music in an inspiring and supportive environment.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Alberta School of Indian Music & Performing Arts is proud to support the community through sponsorships and participation in temple events, cultural celebrations, and local festivals. These partnerships provide opportunities to share the beauty of Indian classical and devotional music while bringing families together to celebrate our rich cultural heritage. We are always happy to collaborate with temples, community organizations, and cultural groups to support meaningful events. If you are interested in partnering with us or inviting our school to participate in an upcoming event, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us to discuss how we can work together to enrich our community through music and culture.



Our most recent sponsorship was for Rath Yatra at the ISKCON temple where we were able to reach out to a widespread community and promote our school!



HINDU HERITAGE MONTH



Hindu Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the rich history, traditions, and contributions of Hindu communities in Canada and around the world. It highlights enduring values and the vibrant cultural heritage expressed through music, dance, language, art, and festivals. At our school, Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to honor these traditions through the teaching and performance of Indian classical and devotional music. By learning this timeless art form, students develop a deeper connection to their cultural heritage while helping preserve and share these traditions with future generations.



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS



INDIAN VOICE



HARMONIUM



GUITAR



KEYBOARD



BOLLYWOOD DANCE



KATHAK DANCE

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- DHOLAK
- SITAR
- BOLLYWOOD CHOIR
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- FLUTE



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