

# 'Music Together'

The Sunbury Arts Council's new music education program

'**Music Together**' will provide inclusive music classes for schooled age children in Northumberland County.

We believe that every child needs the opportunity to experience music. Due to difficult circumstances, countless families are unable to afford the high cost of private music lessons. We are dedicated to helping families with children interested in music by offering the low cost or free music lessons. With your support we hope to start enrolling students into our "Music Together" program, Fall of 2023.

All Classes will be taught by local, professional and college level students studying music.

Students will have the opportunity to give back to their community through recitals and performances. As well as the opportunity to earn a Free musical instrument after a 12-month commitment to learning.

It is our goal to bring our program to local schools and introduce students to music and instruments with a hands-on learning experience. Students who are interested in learning an instrument will be able to sign up for 'Music Together' classes.

## **How can you get involved?**

There are so many ways that you can help. We are always looking for volunteers who have a passion for teaching and music to help to with our programs, lessons, and instruction. We would love for you to reach out to us either by attending a Sunbury Arts Council meeting or through email.

**Sponsor our program** – We always need sponsors to make big things happen. Your sponsorship helps us provide more children with instruments and better instruction for every child.

**Donate** – Any donation big or small helps us reach our goals.

Bluegrass and Friends on Lake Augusta - On June 24th we are having a Bluegrass festival to help raise money to support '**Music Together**', This is a free event. With your individual or business sponsorship, you can help make this year's event a success.

Teaching children to play music or create art is one of the most valuable things that you can give to a child. It Teaches patience, Responsibility, enhances coordination, boosts self-esteem, helps with math and reading skills, encourages self-expression, and social skills. Ultimately the value of learning an instrument or creating a piece of art, either through self-expression or visual arts depend on so many things. Not just what you gain but what you enjoy. We will help them get started by finding an instrument that piques their interest.

**FAQ** – Doesn't the school offer music classes for students already?

While we are huge supporters of school bands and the value that they have in the community and to students, school bands require a different level of commitment that some students interested in music lessons may not want to make. The instruments are specific to that of a school band and focus on particular experiences in music. Our programs will reach students as young as 5 and will teach students a variety of styles, genres, and experiences of music.

\*\* "Art Together" is a separate program that will provide summer art instruction and opportunities for students.