

Milton Success Stories

Kindermusik® Offers Unique Learning For Young Children

New Kindermusik Classes Starting Soon!

"Harmony is" (formerly Music and Me) is thrilled to be entering into their 6th year of providing Kindermusik programs for families in the Milton area. The year 2008 was one of transition and celebration. Owner Sommer Johnstone, BMT, B.Ed, MTA is enjoying motherhood, and has been able to experience the Kindermusik classes as a parent for the first time. "I have always enjoyed teaching the classes, but to be involved from a parent perspective constantly reminds me of just how great the program is. Both our teachers (Andrea McNeil, BFA and Christa Richards, B.Mus) are so creative, and the classes are educational and fun. Saffyre (Ms. Johnstone's 6 month old daughter) LOVES attending! It is amazing to see how interested she is in exploring the instruments, even at such a young age."

Kindermusik is a music and movement program that is developmentally appropriate for children newborn to 7 years old. Classes are divided into different age groups (newborn-18 months, 18 months- 3 years, 3-5 years, 5-7 years), and musical activities are designed to stimulate various areas of development (cognitive, social, physical, emotional, musical). Children are given the opportunity to experience music through a variety of mediums. "Whether they are tapping drums, ringing bells, swishing scarves, strumming the guitar (a favourite part

of the goodbye ritual!), or exploring creative movement, the children are learning, but most importantly having fun!" says Johnstone.

"Kindermusik at Harmony is" was awarded "Maestro Status" from Kindermusik International earlier in the year. "We are very honoured to be part of such an elite group of Educators" Johnstone comments. "Maestro Status means that we are recognized as having one of the top 5% of Kindermusik programs worldwide. We really owe this award to the community of families who have supported us for the past 6 years. Their enthusiasm and encouragement has been an enormous factor in the success of our program."

When asked what makes "Harmony is" unique, Ms Johnstone explained: "All of our Kindermusik Educators have University degrees in Music, Education, and/or Music Therapy. This additional training gives us an

advantage when preparing and teaching the classes. When you combine this with the experience we have gained over the past 6 years, the quality of our program speaks for itself. We have the knowledge and the flexibility to adapt the curriculum to suit the needs of each individual class, providing a stimulating and fun environment and an improved experience for both the parent and the child."

New classes for all age groups (newborn- 7 years old) will begin in February. "The "Family Time" classes are back by popular demand" says Johnstone. "We have had a lot of

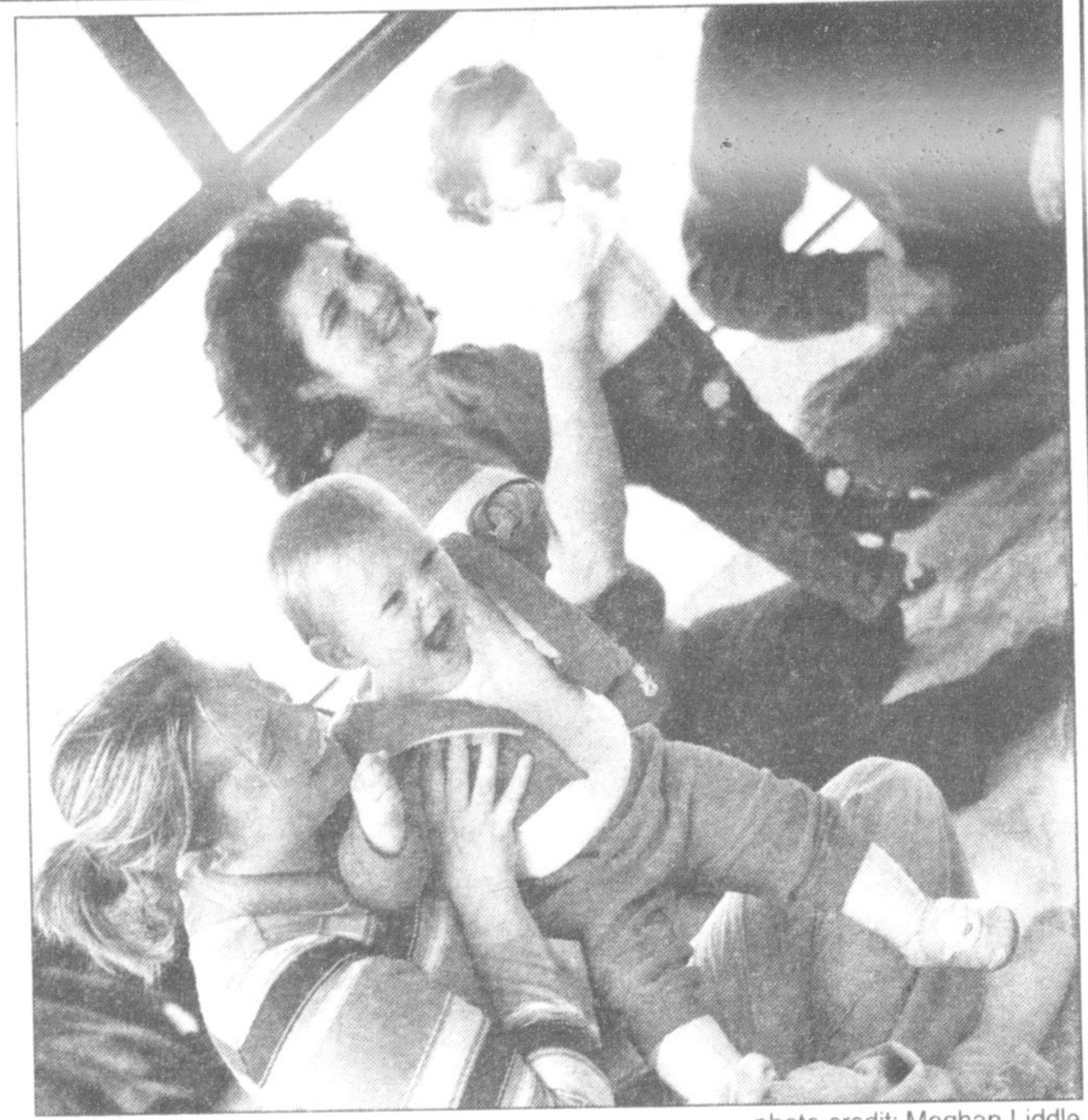


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requests for this class. The program is great for parents who have more than one child because both children can participate at the same time. This is especially good value, since children under 6 months old can attend for free."

All classes fill on a first come first serve basis. Call or email today to ensure your space in the class of your choice. Visit www.harmonyis.ca (winter schedule) for further details about the upcoming classes. "We are happy to have families come and participate in a FREE trial class. Please contact us for further details about this offer" invites Johnstone.

In closing Johnstone says "On behalf of all the teachers at Harmony is, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for your support in 2008. We look forward to sharing musical memories with you in 2009."

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