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Student admission to attend MPM involves a competitive process that begins in December each year. In this digital day and age, candidates audition online thereby enabling students from everywhere in North America and Latin America to apply. The student complement in 2017 includes children from Canada, the U.S., Guatemala, Mexico and elsewhere. Although the tuition to attend Music at Port Milford is comparable to the cost one would expect to pay for a child to go to a traditional summer camp, for those students' families experiencing challenging circumstances, scholarships are available to cover costs. However, tuition fees alone do not cover all the expenses to run the camp. As a registered not-for-profit charitable organization, donations to MPM from supporters and the public are most welcome and are tax deductible.

In order to qualify for acceptance, students must meet minimum requirements. Many of the applicants have been playing their instrument and studying since the age of four or five, and for 7 or 8 years before they apply. General guidelines for piano students are to have achieved at least the grade 9 level at the Royal Conservatory of Music (or its equivalent in other countries); students studying stringed instruments must have achieved at least grade 7 through the RCM or another adjudicating entity. As rigorous as the requirements are for admission, 90% of applicants that meet them are accepted.

Upon arrival in late July, the students are placed in groups according to their level and experience which may involve students of different ages playing together cooperatively. Each student also receives daily coaching sessions. Although the idea of a 12-year-old playing at the same level with an 18-year-old may not apply in other social groups (such as sports teams), it works in an environment such as MPM because the level of musical talent is so high. "The kids are driven and ambitious, but they love it," says Meg. "We had to set a morning curfew because some students were beginning to practice piano below my bedroom at 5:30 in the morning. Many will go on to careers as musicians in professional orchestras."

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Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Milford Town Hall

Milford Artisan & Flea Market

Milford Fair Grounds
Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
until October 7
Contact: Natalie Comeau
nacomeau@me.com

*To reserve the Milford Town Hall
or Mt. Tabor, please contact:
Bruce Dowdell at 613.476.8891
vidvar@kos.net **OR**
Leon McConnell at 613.476.6606*

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ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 9	Pork & Corn Roast
Saturday, September 30	Yard & Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 25	Christmas Bazaar & Tea

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