

2025-11-30



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Topics:

- Fall Events
- Fall Referendum Questions
- Merch
- Upcoming Projects
- Communications

Events:

1. Halloween themed cookie decorating and movie night
2. Social event/After-party at Frappé
3. November MUSA Bar
4. Collab event with MGSS: Clothing swap & arts and crafts (first collab with mgss in like 3, 4 years)
5. Free Hot chocolate bar
6. December MUSA Bar
7. First-year Social

Fall Referendum Questions:

Questions Released Tuesday November 18th, 2025

Voting opened November 24th

Voting closed November 27th

FEE RENEWALS:

1. Student Life Fund Fee Renewal:

- On March 20th, 2008, Music Undergraduate Students' Association (MUSA) members voted to create a fee of \$2.50/semester in support of the MUSA Student Life Fund.

Broadly, this Fund is used to support initiatives among music students. Successful projects could include events, conferences, publications, or productions that benefit the academic, social, or physical well-being of the student body, that increase the profile of students' creative output, or that enhance community within the Schulich School of Music.

The MUSA Student Life Fund Fee expired at the end of Winter 2025 and is no longer being collected.

Do you agree to reinstate the non-opt-outable "MUSA Student Life Fund Fee" at \$2.50 per semester, payable by all MUSA members, starting in winter 2026 until fall 2029 at which time it will be brought back to members for referendum? A majority "no" vote will result in the Fee being terminated, and this funding opportunity to no longer exist.

2. Music Library Special Fee Renewal:

The Music Library Special Fee is used to extend specific Music Library opening hours in the evenings and on weekends during the Fall/Winter terms. Funds may also be used to support access services and to purchase stapling supplies and other equipment for student use.

The Music Library Special Fee expired at the end of Winter 2025 and is no longer being collected.

Do you agree to reinstate the non-opt-outable "Music Library Special Fee" at \$12.50 per semester, payable by all MUSA members, starting in winter 2026 and ending fall 2029 at which time it will be brought back to members for referendum? A majority "no" vote will result in the Fee being terminated and will adversely impact service and opening hours on weekdays (between 5 pm and 7 pm) and on weekends, as well as the quality of access services (front desk staffing, shelving, and general information).

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

1. Area Representative application period extension

- a. Do you agree to add a second application period for Area Representatives at the beginning of the Winter Semester for remaining areas without representatives?

2. Signing powers

- a. Do you agree to reduce the number of MUSA Officers with signing powers required to approve all transactions from two to one?
- b. **N.B. This change would allow for MUSA to maintain normal use of the MUSA debit card and prevent executive members from having to cover MUSA-related expenses on their personal cards and wait for reimbursement, as some charges can be quite high, especially if purchasing supplies for an event like MUSA Bar. A majority "no" vote will result in the MUSA debit card becoming unusable for transactions, requiring executives to cover MUSA-related costs personally and seek reimbursement.**

3. Quorum for Special General Assemblies

- a. Do you agree to raise the quorum for Special General Assemblies from 10% to 15%?
N.B. Under the current quorum, approximately 45 students would be able to make decisions on behalf of around 460. The proposed quorum would raise that number to about 70 students. The goal with this is to provide broader representation for the student body and thus, makes any respective decisions more reflective of the overall student body opinion.

4. Addition of Student Life Fund (SLF) description, eligibility, and procedural process to the constitution

- a. Do you agree to add the following description, eligibility, and procedural process about the SLF to the constitution?

Description:

On March 20th, 2008, undergraduates in the Schulich School of Music voted to create a fee in contribution and support of the Music Undergraduate Students' Association (MUSA) Student Life Fund. This fund is intended to support initiatives among music students. Successful projects could include events, conferences, publications, or productions that benefit the academic, social, or physical well-being of the student body, that increase the profile of students' creative output, or that enhance community within the Schulich School of Music.

Procedure:

A parity committee comprised of students and faculty will once a semester (excluding summer) to allocate the funds on the merit of the proposals received. The selection committee will consist of the President of the MUSA; two other MUSA executive members appointed by the Executive Committee; the Dean or an Associate Dean; a professor in the Department of Performance; and a professor in the Department of Music Research. The committee may withhold any amount of the fund in the absence of appropriate proposals.

Eligibility:

The fee applies to both full- and part-time undergraduate students in the Schulich School of Music, and is non-opt-outable. This fee can only be changed following a student referendum conducted by MUSA and may be renewed every three years.

5. Addition of the Music Students Employment Fund (MSEF) description, eligibility, and procedural process to the constitution

- a. Do you agree to add the following description, eligibility, and procedural process about the MSEF to the constitution?

Description:

On April 23rd, 2025, undergraduates in the Schulich School of Music voted to create a fee in contribution and support of the Music Undergraduate Students' Association (MUSA) Music Students Employment Fund. This fund was created to help subsidize performance, professional development, internships, and job opportunities, thereby addressing the known financial barriers and other funding shortfalls resulting from the lack of paid professional work and learning opportunities. Specific funding opportunities could include reimbursing travel or accommodation expenses related to unpaid or partially paid performances, contributing honorariums for professional engagements, and providing financial assistance for students pursuing unpaid internships in music and arts-related fields where paid opportunities are limited. The fund also aims to make professional development opportunities, such as conferences or masterclasses, more accessible by subsidizing related costs (e.g. registration and travel fees).

Procedure:

Applications for this fund will be made available at the beginning of the Fall and Winter semesters and close on December twentieth (20th) and April first (1st). Students will apply via

an application form and should be prepared to state their reason for application and provide sufficient supporting documentation. Funding requests will be reviewed and approved by a committee composed of the President, Vice President (Internal Affairs), and Vice President (Financial Affairs).

Eligibility:

The fee applies to both full- and part-time undergraduate students in the Schulich School of Music, and is non-opt-outable. This fee can only be changed following a student referendum conducted by MUSA and may be renewed every three years.

Merch:

Merch has been successfully ordered.

Upcoming Projects:

Community outreach series to provide performance opportunities for our students and also connect with our community. Planning to partner with local nursing homes, schools, hospitals, and shelters

Communications:

Bi-Weekly Newsletter: The Soundcheck

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THE SOUNDCHECK

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
MUSA COMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER

2025

Hello Schulich! ❄️🌟

The snow is falling, and winter has officially begun. As the end of the semester approaches, things can get busy very quickly, so this is your friendly reminder to stay grounded and use the resources around you. We'll be hosting a few events this month to help you unwind, recharge, and connect with your fellow Schulich peers. Come take a break from the work and enjoy some time together! 🍵🎧

SCHULICH NEWS

Merch Pickup

Did you place a merch order earlier this semester? If so, you can pick it up next week during MUSA office hours:

Monday-12:00-1:00pm

Tuesday-12:00-2:00pm or 3:00-4:00pm

Wednesday-12:00-3:00pm

Thursday-12:00-1:00pm or 2:00-3:00pm

Friday- 1:00-3:00pm

🍵❄️ Hot Chocolate Bar - Next Tuesday!

Join us on Tuesday, November 25th from 12-2 PM by the red couches in the Student Lounge for a build-your-own hot chocolate bar! We'll have warm cocoa, marshmallows, whipped cream, and all the cozy winter vibes.

🌟🌿 MUSA x MGSS Wellness Event — November 28th!

Take an afternoon to reset and recharge with us on Thursday, November 28th from 12-3 PM in the 8th Floor Lounge! We'll have a **clothing swap**, **arts & crafts**, a **relaxing movie** afternoon, and plenty of tea to keep you warm. 🍵💚

If you have anything you'd like to donate or swap, feel free to bring it along.

🧘🌟🌿 Tension Release Workshops – Drop In & De-Stress! 🌟🧘🌿

Feeling the mid-semester stress? Attend a **Tension Release** workshop, check the poster here for times and dates.

COMPETITIONS

🌟 Classic Cello International Competition – Deadline Coming Up!

The deadline to apply for the 2026 Classic Cello International Competition is approaching!

📅 Applications close December 1, 2025

Held March 26 – April 6, 2026 at London's Royal College of Music, this will be the largest cello competition ever hosted in the UK, featuring:

- €130,000+ in prizes
- Final Round with the Philharmonia Orchestra, London
- An elite international jury

An incredible opportunity for emerging cellists to perform on a world-class stage.

👉 Apply at: www.classiccello.com

TENSION RELEASE WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

If you're struggling with stiffness or pain, **JOIN US for a 30-MIN** relaxation session led by kinesiology interns!



Nov 10 Full-Body Tension Release for Students

Nov 17 Full-body Tension Release for Staff

Nov 24 Back & Shoulders Tension Release for Students

Dec 1 Back & Shoulders Tension Release for Staff

12:30 to 1 pm

- Room A-833, Wirth Building (8th floor)
- For all levels, no prior experience required
- Resources provided at the end of the workshop!
- Mats will be available, but feel free to bring your own



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