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Recent Events:

1. December 5th Holiday MUSA Bar
2. Igloofest Ticket Giveaway
3. Well Week from January 19th to the 23rd (Donut Giveaway, Paw Therapy, film screening, arts & crafts etc.)
4. January 22nd Bar Frappe Event

Upcoming Events:

1. February 6th MUSA Bar (Valentine's Day themed)
2. March 13th MUSA Bar 7 (St. Patrick's Day themed)
3. Collaboration with SUS: February 13th Gala
4. End-of-year Semi-Formal
5. Potential partnership with McGill Women in Leadership

Other News

1. MOA Renewal (status: waiting to hear from DPSLL)
2. Student Life Fund applications are open; due February 13th
3. Area Representatives

Communications:

Bi-Weekly Newsletter: The Soundcheck

SOUNDCHECK



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MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH
MUSA COMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER

2026

Hello Schulich!

We hope you're bundling up, staying warm, and taking care of yourselves during these record-breaking temperatures. The semester is on a roll, and MUSA is here to support you every step of the way. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming MUSA events, opportunities, and ways to get involved – we can't wait to share what's ahead!

SCHULICH NEWS

⌚ Winter 2026 Area Representatives Announced

We're excited to announce the Area Representatives for Winter 2026! Thank you to everyone who applied – we're so grateful for your interest in supporting the Schulich community.

Area Representatives:

- Brass: Henry Baker
- Early Music: Alyce Reynaud
- Jazz: Cyrus Felstrom & Armita Saini
- Percussion: Xavier Quinlan
- Strings: Layla Park

Congratulations to all our new reps—we're looking forward to working with you this semester!

❖ Schulich Ticket Promotions

With so many exciting performances coming up in 2026, we'd like to remind Schulich students how to attend ticketed concerts for free or at a discounted rate. Students may claim one free ticket to paid on-campus Schulich events through the Schulich Box Office. Discounted tickets are also available for select off-campus performances, including those at Place des Arts (Monument-National and Maison symphonique) and Salle Pierre-Mercure.

To claim your free ticket for paid on-campus Schulich events, follow the steps below:

1. Visit the Schulich School of Music Box Office online
2. Select the "Student" ticket rate and click Add to Cart
3. At checkout, enter the promo code StudTix26
4. Click the green checkmark to apply the promotion
5. Log in using your McGill email credentials
6. Complete the transaction and receive your ticket by email

Check your outlook inbox for more details!



⌚ Applications are still open for Music Minors at Schulich

The Schulich School of Music offers a range of undergraduate minors that can complement your BMus degree. Courses in each minor may double-count as electives and provide registration access to minor-specific courses.

Minors are available in Applied Performance Sciences, Music Entrepreneurship, Jazz Performance, Early Music, Musical Science & Technology, Jazz Arranging and Composition, Music Composition, Choral Conducting, Music History, and Music Theory.

Note: The Musical Applications of Technology Minor will be retired in Fall 2026, with its content merging into the Musical Science & Technology Minor.

Application period: December 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026
(for Fall 2026 admission)

For questions or more information about any of these minors, please contact the Schulich School of Music.

💡 MUSA Student Life Fund Applications Now Open

Applications for the MUSA Student Life Fund (SLF) are officially open! The SLF provides grant funding for student-led projects that enhance the Schulich student experience – whether social, academic, or artistic. Past projects have included **masterclasses, performances, workshops, publications**, and more.

This year, students can apply for the SLF Large Grant, offering up to **\$1,000** in one-time funding for a Winter 2026 project that makes a meaningful and new contribution to the SSM community.

Deadline: February 13, 2026 at 11:59 PM

All undergraduate Schulich students are eligible to apply. If you have an idea that could improve student life at Schulich, we highly encourage you to apply! Questions? Reach out at internal.musa@mail.mcgill.ca

Course or University Withdrawal
with refund deadline: Tuesday,

OPPORTUNITIES

✓ **Performance Opportunity: Science Undergraduate Gala**

The Science Undergraduate Society is seeking a 4–5 piece **jazz combo** to perform at their Science Undergraduate Gala on February 13 at Espace Paddock, Parc Jean-Drapeau (200 Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve, Montréal).

The evening's theme is jazz, speakeasy, Valentine's soirée, with a focus on slow jazz to set the mood. This is a paid performance at **\$150 per musician**, with free drinks after the performance and full access to enjoy the gala. Transportation will be provided.

📅 Event Date: February 13

📍 Location: Espace Paddock, Parc Jean-Drapeau

💰 Pay: \$150 per musician

👥 Ensemble: Jazz combo (4–5 musicians)

💡 Theme: Jazz / Speakeasy / Valentine's Soirée

⌚ **Application Deadline: January 31**

Interested? Apply via the link in our [Instagram bio](#).

● **Mindfulness for Anxiety Group – Now Accepting Participants**

The Emotional Health CBT Clinic is currently accepting new participants for an upcoming **Mindfulness for Anxiety** group, beginning February 2026. While some logistical details will be determined based on participant availability, the core information is outlined below.

Program Details:

- Purpose: To cultivate mindfulness and develop effective strategies for coping with anxiety
- Duration: 8 weeks (starting February 2026)
- When: Mondays, 6:30 PM–8:10 PM
- Where: Online or in person (Le Plateau), based on participant availability
- Cost: \$55 per session (receipts provided)

Each session combines psychoeducation with practical, skills-based tools. Participants will explore mindfulness practices, learn about their benefits for anxiety, and gain strategies that can be integrated into daily life.

For more information or to register, please contact:
cbtclinicgroup@gmail.com.

Want to Be Featured in the Next Soundcheck?

Do you have an upcoming performance, event or opportunity you'd like to share with the MUSA community?

We'd love to feature you in our next edition of Soundcheck! ✨

Reach out to communications.musa@mail.mcgill.ca with your blurb, poster, or any details you'd like included.

💡 CSO Fellowship Program – Apply by March 22

Applications are now open for the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra Fellowship Program** for the 2026–27 season.

Auditions are available for **violin and cello**.

This program supports early-career musicians who have overcome adversity and offers the opportunity to rehearse and perform with a major symphony orchestra, work with leading conductors, and receive mentorship from CSO musicians.

📅 Video audition deadline: **March 23, 2026** (11:59 PM)

💰 No application fee

Learn more and apply at: cso.org/fellowship.

