

# winner's spotlight



Gold Awards for Best Musical Instruction & Best Learning Centre

## Learn to play music at Lippert

Being in business for almost 60 years means that somebody is doing something right, and at Lippert Music Centre, located in our midst at 970 Pape Ave, doing it right is what they do. Charleen Beard, Director of Lippert Music and daughter of Joseph Lippert, founder of Lippert Music, has managed the school since 1996. "Providing the students with an objective and helping them achieve it while imparting our love for music, that's what we're all about at Lippert."

While that mantra has been a constant at Lippert, there have been many changes over the years. When the school opened, Mr. Lippert taught accordion, a staple of 1950s Toronto. Today's favourites are voice, piano and guitar. Other specialties include bass, drums, violin, woodwinds and the School of Hard Rock. The other major change is the size of the school. Today's 450 students are a far cry from the original 11!

### TEACHERS ARE KEY

"I have been blessed with working with some of the best musicians in the city", says Beard.



The vast majority of Lippert's teachers have studied their instruments at the post-secondary level and have practical teaching experience. From playing in front of stadiums filled with tens of thousands, to intimate recital and club dates, to teaching in classrooms and one on one, all of the teachers are well-versed in communicating to both an audience and to students, and in instilling a passion for music.

### COMMUNITY

Being the oldest business in Pape Village, Lippert's is committed to the community. From per-

formances at WinterFest, East York Civic Centre, Canada Day Festivities, to recitals and festivals, students gain experience in many types of settings. Lippert's is a proud member of the Pape Village BIA and continues to support endeavours to make the neighbourhood thrive.

"Music is to be shared", says Beard. "Shared with family, friends and those around us. We are so fortunate to have this great community to share this love of music. To all in the Lippert community, a heartfelt thanks for all of your support."