

Sarah McLachlan school expands in Vancouver Music school grows from 145 to 280 students

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Carmen Lee (middle) listens to her piano instructor at the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.
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A Kensington-Cedar Cottage teen calls attending the newly expanded Sarah McLachlan School of Music "a great opportunity."

"You get to meet all these kids who have lots of raw talent," Elizabeth Barry said Oct. 27, when the school celebrated its opening.

"My mom, she probably wouldn't like [me] having choir and voice lessons twice a week when she'd have to pay lots of money," Barry added.

The 13-year-old, who attended a summer camp in the school's old digs in space borrowed from a church, thinks the new facility on East Seventh Avenue just west of Main Street is "great."

The school started with 145 students and 7,500 square feet. Now it can accommodate 280 students with 16,000 square feet of permanent space that includes a "sound lab" with computers and keyboards and a student lounge, which is a safe place for kids to hang out.