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Subject: Re: Would you do it again?

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Heya Ray! This is my fifth kick at the academic can, after studying performance in bass at Vancouver Community College, Capilano University and the Banff Center at different life stages. I had 20 years off then felt the urge for some "freshen up" so I'm back at VCC, this time working on finishing a BMus in composition. I'm considering charging on to a Master's at Simon Fraser University after.

Yeah, I'm one of the old geezers there now, but a friend of mine once told another friend (a wise old guru of the drums) - "I wish I could go back to school for my Master's but by the time I got it I'd be XX years old...". The old guru said "how old will you be by then if you don't?". Cracked me up, but perfectly true - I'm going to get to XX years old anyway, so I might as well get there with it rather than without it; might as well chalk some things off the bucket list en route.

Any decent music school gives you the most essential ingredients: permission (more than that, a mandate) to take the time off to re-immense yourself in music, and a concentrated dose of the company of people who are really enthusiastic about digging deeply into it.

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