

DaySpring Arts & Education

23-24 Music Department

Orientation Letter, Policies & Calendar



Welcome to DaySpring Arts and Education! We are so excited to have you as a part of the Music Department this year. We are confident of the quality of education you will receive with your private lesson teacher. Our instructors are well-educated and experienced in their given disciplines. The bar is continuously being raised for DaySpring faculty and students. Rest assured, your student will benefit greatly from their time learning, progressing, and performing with our teachers. Thank you for trusting us to share our love of music with your family. This year is set to be a good one!

Highlights of DaySpring's Music Department include:

- Regularly scheduled recitals throughout the year provide optimum learning and performance experience. We highly encourage all students to take advantage of these! A calendar of all events is listed below on page 3.

Also, please note that this is a good time to review your instruments' needs. All instruments need to be serviced regularly and in good repair for students to develop appropriately when preparing for lessons and performances. If you need help, please ask your private teacher for assistance.

Please, carefully review the attached policies and dates. If you have any questions at any time, feel free to email me. We aspire to create a culture of communication throughout DaySpring, as communication is vital to a successful experience. Students and their success are our highest priorities!

Sincerely,
David Gregory, Music Department Head
Davidgregory@Dayspringarts.org

Music Department Policies

Please be sure to read DaySpring's General Policies below.

Music Lessons Registration and Payment

- Students are asked to commit to an 18-week semester.
- Tuition will be billed in five equal monthly amounts for each semester. The Fall Semester is billed over August, September, October, November and December. The Spring Semester is billed over January, February, March, April and May.
- For monthly payments, families can opt to have payment withdrawn on the 1st or 15th of each month. Any new registrations after the start of the school year will be evenly divided between the remaining months of the school year. Summer payments will be divided monthly for 2 payments, June and July.
- To register for the next semester you will receive an email reminding you that the second half of the year is coming. You will need to respond at that time if you would like to continue or discontinue lessons.
- Arrangements may be made for additional lessons. Later registrations will be prorated.
- One paid trial lesson is allowed before official registration by teacher arrangement.
- Your registration is not complete until payment has been arranged. If you fall behind on payments, teachers may not be able to continue instruction until payment is current.

Discounts

- If two or more immediate family members are enrolled in private lessons or if a student is enrolled in more than one instrument, a **5% discount** will be given for the lesser-valued lessons.

Refunds

- If a student chooses to withdraw from private lessons, the school will determine if a refund of any remaining lessons is available depending upon the circumstances of the withdrawal. Students will be charged a \$50 fee for withdrawals.

Missed Lessons

- Signing up for lessons means that your teacher will be reserving a weekly time slot. If a student cannot attend a lesson, the teacher is still required to reserve their time slot. Students will be charged the complete number of lessons for which they registered, even if they do not attend them.
- Each student will be allowed only one make-up lesson per semester to be used in case of sickness, vacation, scheduling conflicts, etc. Make-ups will only be given if a teacher has received proper notice of a student's absence. (Proper notification means at least 24 hours notice, except in the case of illness or emergency.)
- Most teachers will offer one make-up day per semester; teachers are not expected to go to extraordinary lengths to provide make-up lessons. Scheduled make-up lessons that are missed by the student will not be made up.
- Teachers may provide additional make-up lessons at their discretion.
- Make-up lessons must be given if the missed lesson is due to teacher absence or weather/building problems.
- Please be aware that teachers are not expected to adjust lesson times to accommodate sports schedules, after-school activities, rehearsals, etc.
- Teachers may replace a student who has not shown up or communicated after 4 weeks, even if the lessons have been paid.

Holidays/Snow Days

- The private lesson semester includes Thanksgiving and Winter break, as well as a Spring break. Please check with your teacher for possible revised schedules.
- Afternoon snow cancellations will be announced on Channel 2, 4 & 5 as "DaySpring School of the Arts", and morning cancellations as "DaySpring Academy". We will send out a text notification through our online portal regarding weather related cancellations. They will also be posted on the DaySpring website. Your teacher will contact you to arrange a makeup lesson.

Recitals

- DaySpring holds student recitals throughout the year (see the Music Department calendar). With our newly renovated space, most recitals will be held either in the Black Box Theater, the Rehearsal Hall, or the lobby. Recitals are free and open to all students and their families.
- We encourage every student to participate in recitals at least once per year. Learning to share their art with others is central to young musicians' development!

Parent and Student Responsibilities

- Students should arrive on time for lessons. Lessons will end on time even if the student arrives late.
- Children, under 16, should not be left unsupervised before or after lessons. Teachers have back-to-back lessons and cannot be responsible for watching students after their lessons have ended.
- Music books and sheet music are an essential part of private lessons. Please expect this expense when enrolling for lessons. If assistance is required, the teacher or dept. head can be used as a resource. If a student receives books or materials selected by a teacher, payment should be made to the office.
- Practice is expected and indispensable for progress. Please regularly speak with your teacher about how to assist students at home to make practice times successful and satisfactory
- If you wish to change teachers at Dayspring or make any modifications to your lesson, please contact your teacher and/or the Music Department Head, David Gregory (davidgregory@dayspringarts.org) .

DaySpring Music Department Important Dates 2023-2024 Season

August

- 19 Open House - 10am-2pm
- 21 Private Lesson Fall Term Begins

September

- 1 Enrichment Orientation - 9a-12p
- 4 Labor Day--No Classes/Lessons
- 8 Enrichment Begins

October

- 21 Family Dance Night

November

- 10 Recital - 6:30p
- 20 Makeup Day for Labor Day Lessons
- 21-25 Fall Break – No classes
- 27 Classes Resume

December

- 15 Recital - 6:30p Enrichment Classes Perform
- 15 Enrichment Last Day Before Winter Break
- 21-31 Winter Break - No classes

January

- 1-3 Winter Break
- 4 Classes Resume
- 15 Private Lesson Fall Term Ends
- 15 MLK Jr Day - no lessons
- 16 Private Lesson Spring Term Begins

February

- 12- 17 Arts Parent Observation Week
- 19 Presidents' Day - lessons still scheduled
- 24 Possible Federation Date

March

- 10 Daylight Savings time
- 25-29 Spring Break - No classes
- 4/1 Classes Resume

April

- 19 Recital - 6:30p

May

- 17 Recital – 6:30p Enrichment Classes Perform
- 24 Last Day of Friday Enrichment
- 26 Private Lesson Spring Term Ends
- 27 Memorial Day - No classes
- 28 Private Lesson Summer Term Begins

Music Classes, Ensembles, and Private Lessons Available for Enrollment

Class	Day	Time	Teacher(s) ALL TENTATIVE	Age Range
VOICE:				
Pre-Musical Theatre	Friday	12:00-1:15p	DS Staff	5-7
Intro to Musical Theatre (10-13)	Friday	10:15-11:30p	Katie Orr	10-13
Intro to Musical Theatre (7-9)	Friday	9:00-10:15a	Katie Orr	7-9
Musical Theatre 1	Friday	9:00-10:15a	April McCandless, Alicia Plotzke	8-11
Musical Theatre 1	Tuesday	5:00-6:15p	Rachel Yarbrough, Alicia Plotzke	8-11
Musical Theatre 2	Monday	6:15-7:30p	Eliana Steele, David Gregory	12-14
Musical Theatre 3	Monday	4:15-5:45p	Claire Baur, David Gregory	14-18
INSTRUMENTAL:				
PreTwinkle Suzuki Violin	Friday	9:00a-10:15a	Betsey Karako	5-6
PreTwinkle Suzuki Violin 2	Friday	10:15a-11:30a	Betsey Karako	7-11
Suzuki Violin 1	Friday	2:30-3:45p	Betsey Karako	by invitation
Suzuki Violin 2	Friday	12:00p-1:15p	Betsey Karako	by invitation
Guitar/Ukulele 1	Friday	9:00a-10:15a	Rob Miller	10+
Guitar/Ukulele 2	Friday	10:15a-11:30a	Rob Miller	by invitation
Piano 1	Friday	1:15p-2:30p	Journee Carter	7-9
Piano 2	Friday	2:30p-3:45p	Journee Carter	by invitation
Beginning Band	Mon/Wed	2:30-4:00p	DS Music Staff	12+
Beginning Woodwinds	Friday	9:00-10:15a	Kaisey Jaspering	9-13
GENERAL MUSIC:				
Music Discoverers	Friday	10:15a-11:30a	Kaisey Jaspering	5-6
PRIVATE LESSONS:				
Piano			Ann Ahrens, Journee Carter, Doris Lam, Rachel Moose, Lydia Rosensteel	

Voice			David Gregory, Christina Goetz, Jermaine Smith, Brent Stater	
Violin/Viola			Betsey Karako, Samuel Larson, Jessie Youngblood	
Cello			Gary Lee	
Ukulele			Rob Miller	
Guitar			Rob Miller	
Clarinet			Lydia Rosensteel	
Flute			Rachel Moose	
Percussion			Dr. Chrystal Sharp Chu	

*NOTE: All the musical theatre classes fall under the Performing Arts Department. To register for these classes, some cross communication will need to occur.