



May Newsletter

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M&M Group Courses

M&M Music is excited to announce that we are now offering group courses this June, and beyond. Check out below a brief description of each course.

The Art of Music Theory with Mr. Remy

Offered to students ages 11 and up. In this 6 week course you will increase your fluency of music theory in order to utilize your knowledge and unlock your creative freedom. Remy's primary focus is to help the student see music theory, not as a set of rigid rules, but a tool to open the doorway to endless creative options and to free the inner songwriter. The course culminates with a Showcase of each participant's creative works.

Summer 2023 Cohort

Location

Dates and Time

Saturdays, June through July, 2023

M&M Music Large Instruction Room

June 10	2-3 PM
June 17	2-3 PM
June 24	2-3 PM
July 1	2-3 PM
July 8	2-3 PM
July 15	2-3 PM
July 22	Showcase, 2-4 PM

Registration

\$25 one-time fee for students new to M&M Music.

Registration fee waived for existing M&M Music families

Tuition

\$190, paid in full at time of registration

Non-refundable after first class commences

Sign-up Today

By phone (412-385-5160) or In Person (31 Donati Road, Pgh., PA 15241)



Pictured above: Mr. Remy reaching his student, Bennett

Group Voice with Ms. Martina

Offered to students ages 8-11 (2nd through 5th graders). This 3-month course introduces students to healthy vocal pedagogy, numerous vocal genre stylings and proper performance etiquette. In each hour session, students spend the first 15 minutes practicing both physical and vocal warm-ups. The next 30 minutes are spent learning 1-2 musical selections. Students will keep selections in their vocal binder for home practice. The final 15 minutes are spent practicing group ensemble performance and sharing solo performances. Solos will be performed in class once per month, when tunes are learned, and the student is comfortable with the music. Each session culminates with a Showcase where family & friends can come and listen to their singer's solo performance, as well as participation in the group ensemble. Group Voice is offered 3 times per year. Each 3-month session has NEW songs so students can participate in each session without repetition. Repertoire includes the following genres: Folk, Holiday, Disney, Musical Theater, and Simple Classical Selections.



Pictured above: Ms. Martina teaching a Children's Music Academy Class

Summer 2023 Session

Location

Saturdays, June 10 through August 26, 2023

M&M Music Large Instruction Room

Dates and Time

June 10, 17, 24 12:30-1:30 PM

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 12:30-1:30 PM

Aug 5, 12, 19 12:30-1:30 PM

Aug 26 **Showcase, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

Registration

\$25 one-time fee for students new to M&M Music

Registration fee waived for existing M&M Music families

Tuition

\$285, paid in full at time of registration

Non-refundable after first class commences

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Group Guitar lessons are planned to begin soon! Stay tuned for more information :)

Private Lesson Corner

Student Recital

Thank you so much to everyone who RSVP'd for our first ever Spring Recital! As a reminder, it will be held on Friday, May 19th at 6:30 pm. The location is 126 Fort Couch Road Pittsburgh, PA 15241, and doors open at 6:00 pm. A Pittsburgh style cookie reception will follow the performances! We cannot wait to showcase our fabulous private lesson students and all the hard work they've put into learning their instruments!



Teacher Feature

Jason Washington Jr., Drums



Pictured Above: Jason playing drums

Jason Washington Jr. grew up playing music in his church. He went on to study music in high school at CAPA, and then in college at Temple University. Jason received his first drum set at two years old and has been playing ever since! He has been a professional drummer for 10 years. His favorite musical genres are jazz and gospel, which have the heaviest influence on Jason's sound.

You can catch Jason Washington Jr. playing gigs with various artists around the city! You can also book lessons with him at his M&M Music studio!



Pictured Above: Jason and his student Sophia

Use the button below to schedule your free trial lesson with Jason!

Sophia (pictured above), has been taking lessons with Jason since March of 2023. "He is a great teacher that has a ton of patience when I'm learning a new fill or beat," Sophia said. "Jason is kind and incredibly enthusiastic when he teaches. I have never seen a better drummer than him in my life."



CMA Corner



What does a CMA Course have to offer?

Junior Course

Our primary emphasis at CMA is our Junior Course. This is a beginner course designed for the preschool and kindergarten-aged child. This is the prime age to musically train a child's ear. The duration is three and a half years. Juniors progress to a Graduate Course.

Intermediate Course

We also offer a beginner course for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders called the Intermediate Course. This is a two and a half year program. Intermediates progress to a Graduate Course.

Summer Break is on the way! This is a great time for CMA students to experience monthly private supplemental lessons and/or group voice lessons.

We will waive the group course registration fee for all existing M&M Music Families.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR ALL CMA FALL COURSES WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE

Fall 2023 CMA classes will be held on SATURDAYS.



Pictured above: Mr. Michael teaching students keyboard

Student Spotlight

We love all of our amazing students! Today, we spotlight:

Ashlyn Wilson



Pictured above: Ashlyn singing on stage

Ashlyn Wilson is in fourth grade at Baker Elementary School. She is a multi-instrumentalist, taking lessons at M&M Music in voice, piano and flute. Ashlyn loves to perform! This year, she participated in her school's talent show, singing a rendition of "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten. She will be performing in her school's musical this month as well as our spring recital on May 19th. Her kind heart and great sense of humor bring joy to our music school! We are so happy Ashlyn has chosen M&M as her music education provider. We look forward to watching her continue to grow in her musical studies.



Pictured above: Ms. Martina and Ashlyn smiling after talent show





Summer Music Camp!



It is not too late to enroll in Summer Music Camp. Camps will be offered in both June and August and are in conjunction with the Upper St. Clair Recreation Department

M&M Mini Musicians (AGE 4-7)

M&M Music will be hosting a “Mom & Me” Music Camp on June 13-16 and August 8-11 for Students ages 4-7! Camp will run from 9 AM until Noon each day. Dive into Beginners' Music Theory and Piano Basics, with our 4-Day intro into our Children’s Music Academy curriculum (all based around the keyboard and ear training/vocal studies). Additional activities the camp will offer include a snack, musical craft-time, group sing-alongs, and a daily Q&A Master Class with some amazing local musicians, giving children and families an opportunity to hear and explore several different instruments provided at our school!

M&M Master Musicians (AGE 8-13)

M&M Music will be hosting a 4-Day Music-Camp, this June 13-16 and August 8-11, for Students Ages 8-13! Camp will run from 10 AM until 1 PM each day. At camp, you'll start your day with a Music Theory Activity/Game, then dive into some break-away practice groups, based in Voice, Piano, or Guitar (your choice). Breakaway groups will be led by our incredible staff at M&M Music! Each day will end with a Q&A Master Class, with some amazing local musicians, and the final day of camp will end with a group performance, based on the child's studies/work during the week.

**Use the button
below to enroll**



**Pictured left: Upper Saint Clair
Recreation Center**

