

Hoff-Barthelson Music School

Adult Ensembles, Musicianship Courses and Performance Opportunities: 2018-19

ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITIES

One of the benefits of studying at Hoff-Barthelson is the opportunity to make music with others through ensembles guided by superb coaches and conductors. These experiences can greatly enhance the joy you derive as a member of a community of music makers. Fees are waived for those enrolled in private instruction.

Chamber Music Program

The adult chamber music program combines coaching sessions with performance opportunities for players at all levels. Coaching can begin at any time during the school year, with sessions typically held weekly or bi-weekly. Individuals interested in participating should contact the School for a placement interview. Pre-formed ensembles are also welcome.

Adult Jazz Ensemble

A no-pressure, instructional jazz band experience for adults. Music is arranged to accommodate the skill level of each individual participant. All instruments and levels are welcome. Players who do not improvise are provided written solos.

Flute Choir

The adult flute choir welcomes all flute players eager to share their talents, improve their skills, and perform. This congenial group often combines with the Junior Flutes and The Flute Club to form the HBMS Flute Orchestra, an intergenerational flute ensemble. With an extensive library of music, including many commissions, the group performs at each of the School's major festivals and presents an annual Flute Choir Concert at year's end. This annual event has been host to many of the flute world's luminaries for over 40 years. All levels welcome!

MUSICIANSHIP CLASSES

Musicianship classes provide opportunities to deepen your understanding of music and build additional skills that will make you a more capable and sensitive musician. These classes are great places to form friendships with other music-lovers.

Level 1

(A1)

Explore the fundamentals of western music, starting with major and minor scales and intervals. Strengthen your ear and your music-reading ability through simple rhythmic and melodic dictation and vocalizing, and gain insight into the music you love to play through the analysis of your own repertoire.

Level 2

(A2)

Elements of Western musical language are explored including pitch, rhythm, timbre; scales, triads, and seventh-chords; harmonic function, counterpoint, phrases, cadences, and musical forms. You'll also try your hand at basic composition, including writing melodies and harmonies!

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Informal Performance Workshops

Sharing music with others can be fun...and anxiety provoking! These informal performance sessions for adults at the beginning and intermediate levels provide a relaxed, supportive workshop environment that does wonders for curing stage fright. A great place to meet other music-lovers and forge new friendships.

Adult Musicales

Solo and ensemble performances presented by adult students of all levels in a relaxed recital setting. Scheduled periodically throughout the year.

COMING THIS FALL!

Join us for a series of informal concerts, recitals with commentary, and lectures specifically targeted to adult audiences! These interactive performances and talks explore a wide range of musical eras, styles, and composers. Suitable for both music aficionados as well as the casual listener, these presentations are entertaining, educational, and enlightening. Each session is followed by a reception where you can get to know other music lovers.