

Hoff-Barthelson Music School

WESTCHESTER'S PREMIER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

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HOFF-BARTHELSON HAS A NEW KEYBOARD LAB!

Thanks to generous donor support, the School has purchased a new, state-of-the-art keyboard lab. The keyboards have been installed and now ready for use!

The lab includes nine, 88-key, weighted keyboards that allow for individual, small group, and whole-class collaboration. Our sincere gratitude to all who contributed!

Four new group piano classes utilizing the keyboard lab are open for registration now:

- **Improvisation for Pianists, grades 2-6**
- **Class Piano, grades 6-12**
- **Keyboard Skills, grades 9-12**
- **Adult Group piano**

These classes are available as part of our comprehensive tuition structure for those who are enrolled in private lessons at HB. Or, they may be enrolled a la carte by those not otherwise enrolled at the School. Altogether, these new offerings provide learners at all levels with the opportunity to grow in their love, knowledge, and practice of the piano.



[Learn more about our Piano Program and request a placement meeting here.](#)

CLASSES IN THE HOFF-BARTHELSON KEYBOARD LAB

Improvisation for Pianists

Grades 2–6

Level 1: One 40-minute class per week

Level 2: One 55-minute class per week – (Level 2 is new this year)

Class size: 5-8 students

Instructor: Thomas Feng

Children love to experiment at the piano, a perfect instrument for imaginative exploration. Through improvising, students will have the opportunity to create and explore melody, harmony, and rhythm in action. Students may repeat Level 1 until they are ready to advance to Level 2.



For additional information contact Registrar Laura Kay: 914-723-1169, lkay@hbms.org

Enrollment ongoing throughout the year • Tuition pro-rated based upon time of enrollment

Class Piano

Grades 6-12

One 55-minute class per week, Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Class size: 4-8 students

Instructor: Delana Thomsen

This group class provides an opportunity for students new to the piano to develop skills that will support their study of music theory and development of their overall musicianship. It is also ideal for vocalists who wish to learn to accompany themselves, and for students who play other instruments. Students learn the fundamentals of piano playing – reading, technique, scale study, harmonic progressions, elementary repertoire, and basic accompaniment in this year-long class. Students who have completed two semesters of this class are encouraged to continue their studies via private piano instruction. Students wishing to repeat this class after completing two semesters must first obtain permission from the Dean. The class will occur in the School's new keyboard lab.

Keyboard Skills

Grades 9-12

One 40-minute class per week, Monday, 6 p.m.

Class size: 4-8 students

Instructor: Kathy Jones

Learn the skills necessary for collaboration with instrumentalists, vocalists, and ensembles. These include sight-reading, reading of clefs, transposition, and accompaniment skills. This class is an important complement to any advanced pianists' studies, particularly those who plan to study music in college or aspire to musical collaboration. This class is suitable for teens and adults who are advanced players. The class will occur in the School's new keyboard lab.

Group Piano Class for Adults

Adults

One 55-minute class per week, sections available on Wednesdays 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Class size: 4-8 students

Instructor: Delana Thomsen

Specially designed for adult learners new to the piano and to the elements of music, this course teaches foundational and continuing skills in piano technique, music reading, music theory, and listening. Students wishing to continue their study of the piano following completion of this class are invited to register for private piano lessons at the School.



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