

Hoff-Barthelson Music School

WESTCHESTER'S PREMIER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

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Early Childhood and First Instrument Classes Fall 2021



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Young children respond naturally to music. With spontaneous delight, they listen intently, sing along, and move to the beat. At Hoff-Barthelson, our teachers build on these early inclinations, inspiring a deep enjoyment of music while guiding the development of music-making skills.

Weekly classes for preschoolers incorporate exercises and games that involve singing, moving, improvising, and using small percussion instruments to promote keen inner hearing and rhythmic sensitivity. Props such as colorful balls, hoops, scarves, and puppets animate musical concepts and engage the senses and imagination. Even the very youngest children develop focus, spatial awareness, fine and gross motor skills, social skills, and the ability to work with others—all while having fun.

ADULT-CHILD CLASSES

The youngest students (9 months to 3 years) start with adult-child classes, where a joyful bond grows between children and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers as they sing together, listen, and move with the music.

CHILD-ONLY CLASSES

We offer a variety of music and movement classes for children beginning at age 3 who are ready to attend music class independently. Our Seasons of Song classes begin as adult-child classes and transition to child-only, helping children gain the confidence to attend class on their own.

YOUR CHILD'S FIRST INSTRUMENT

Young children take their first steps in learning to play an instrument in hands-on classes and pre-Suzuki classes. Group classes in piano, violin, recorder, and guitar introduce the joy of making music with others while teaching basic playing technique, and foundational musical concepts. As an example, our Suzuki Pre-Twinkler class for three- and four-year-olds and their grown-ups prepares children for violin study. Aspiring violinists begin playing on foam violins (Foamalins) and graduate to child-size instruments, taking their first steps toward proper violin position and playing.

Our Early Childhood Classes encourage and support the development of children's minds and bodies through Dalcroze Eurhythmics, a renowned teaching method that pairs music and movement. Hoff-Barthelson is known for one of the finest faculties of Dalcroze trained and certified teachers in the United States.

Adult-Child Classes

Guppies

9 – 24 months; must be 9 months by December 31

As children begin to explore the world around them, *The Guppies* invites them into the world of music, using songs and musical games to develop focus in a nurturing, fun-filled way. Supported by adults, children listen to music and develop their curiosity as they discover new concepts of sound and song.

SECTION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	INSTRUCTOR	TUITION
GUPPIESA	9/20 – 1/24	Mo	10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Barnet	\$450.00
GUPPIESB	9/21 – 1/11	Tu	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Jones	\$450.00

Tunes for Twos

Must be two by December 31

One 40 minute class per week

Perfect for two-year-olds, who love to learn through movement, *Tunes for Twos* features songs and musical games that help develop vocabulary, small and large motor movements, socialization skills, and the ability to follow instructions. Children also begin to explore a variety of instruments. Adults and children learn songs and activities to enjoy together at home.

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TTWOSA	9/20 – 1/24	Mo	09:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Barnet	\$495.00
TTWOSB	9/21 – 1/11	Tu	12:15 PM – 01:00 PM	Jones	\$495.00

Seasons of Song - Parent/Child Class Transitioning to Child Only Class

For threes; must be three by December 31

In *Seasons of Song*, three-year-olds explore musical concepts through songs, movement, musical games, instruments, and *Chalk Talk*, which introduces them to basic musical notation, helping to prepare for future instrumental study. Children develop vocal and aural skills, and enjoy singing in a group. Thematically structured around nature and the changing seasons, this session begins as an adult-child class and transitions to a child-only class as children become confident attending class on their own. A song list and playlist are included so families can continue making music at home.

Please note: This is a transition class that starts as Parent/Child and transitions to a Child Only class. More details on this transition will be provided by the instructor during the class.

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SEASONGPCCO	9/20 – 1/24	Mo	01:15 PM – 02:00 PM	Barnet	\$495.00

Child-Only Classes

Getting to Know You: Exploring the Instruments

For threes, fours, fives, and kindergarten; must be three by December 31

Much in demand, Getting to Know You introduces children to music from cultures around the world while developing music and language skills through singing, movement, Chalk Talk, and playing instruments including maracas, triangles, claves, and more. Getting to Know You brings professional musicians into the classroom to introduce children to instruments in the wind, string, and percussion families. Highly recommended as preparation for private instruction.

SECTION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	INSTRUCTOR	TUITION
GTKYA	9/29 – 1/26	We	02:45 PM – 03:30 PM	Charlesworth	\$495.00
GTKYB	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	08:45 AM – 09:30 AM	Miller	\$495.00
GTKYC	9/20 – 1/24	Mo *	02:45 PM – 03:30 PM	Barnet	\$495.00

** fours and fives only*

“Chalk Talk” introduces children to music notation. The teacher makes sounds with the chalk on the board while notating rhythm patterns. The chalk “talks” so that the children hear rhythms while they observe the notation.

Listening and Learning in Action

For fives and kindergarten; must be five by December 31

Children connect music, movement, expression, and notation in this joyful exploration of fundamental musical skills that contribute to success in instrumental study. Movement-based musical activities develop their sense of rhythm and awareness of musical expression. *Chalk Talk* teaches them the basics of musical notation as they clap and play rhythms on percussion instruments while the teacher notates them on the board. Aural skills are developed through singing accompanied by hand movements that show the motion and contours of the melody. Recommended for children who are taking instrumental lessons or are preparing to do so.

SECTION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	INSTRUCTOR	TUITION
KA	9/20 – 1/24	Mo	03:45 PM – 04:30 PM	Miller	\$495.00
KB	9/29 – 1/26	We	03:30 PM – 04:15 PM	Charlesworth	\$495.00
KC	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	09:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Miller	\$495.00

Petite Chorus

Grades K-2

Through this introduction to the world of choral singing, children in grades K-2 learn basic vocal techniques and develop their music-reading, listening, and performance skills while exploring diverse repertoire that introduces them to cultures from around the world. Musical and vocal games keep classes lively and fun.

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PETCHOR	9/18 – 5/21	Sa	11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Tibbetts	\$600.00

Saturday Songs

For threes and fours; must be three by December 31

Children explore musical concepts through songs, movement, musical games, playing instruments, and *Chalk Talk*, which helps to prepare for future instrumental study.

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SATSONG	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	8:45 AM – 09:30 AM	Hiruma	\$495.00
SATSONG	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Miller	\$495.00

Music exerts a profound impact in the lives of young children — they tune in naturally, listening wide-eyed and moving to the beat.

My First Instrument

Guitar Together

Group Guitar Classes for ages 4-6

This small-group offering is designed for children preparing for private guitar instruction. Class time is divided between learning the basics of guitar technique and activities away from the guitar that develop children's sensitivity to pitch, rhythm, and musical expression. Students play on appropriately sized guitars (*guitalele* or *requinto* guitars) and participate in an end-of-course, in-class recital. Students completing one semester of this class may be invited into our private lesson program or may be encouraged to continue for a second semester of Guitar Together. Students must have their own appropriate guitar for use in class and at home. A placement meeting is required for families wishing to register for this class.

SECTION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES	INSTRUCTOR	TUITION
GTRTOGA	9/20 – 1/24	Mo	03:45 PM – 04:30 PM	Marino	\$555.00
GTRTOGB	9/20 – 1/24	Sa	09:00 AM – 09:45 AM	Marino	\$555.00

Little Pipers Recorder Class

Kindergarten - Grade 1

Children love to play the recorder, which is perfect for the young hand and ideal as an early wind instrument. Group lessons introduce young children to the joy of making music with others while teaching basic musical concepts and note reading. Children learn at first by ear, then by reading independently. This class is excellent preparation for further instrumental study. Tuition includes a recorder. Please be aware the last five minutes of class is for pack-up and students' movement between classes.

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LPIPBEGA	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Piscitelli	\$555.00

Piano Together

Group Piano Classes for ages 3-5

This small-group offering is designed to prepare children for private piano instruction. Class time is divided between learning the basics of technique at the piano and activities away from the piano that develop children's sensitivity to pitch, rhythm, and musical expression. Students play on and acoustic piano and participate in an end-of-course, in-class recital. Students completing one semester of this class may be invited to our private lesson program or may be encouraged to continue for a second semester of *Piano Together*. Students should have a keyboard at home on which they can practice. A placement meeting is required for families wishing to register for this class.

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PNOTOGA	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Pakhomov	\$555.00
PNOTOGA	9/18 – 1/15	Sa	11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Miller	\$555.00
PNOTOGA	9/23 – 1/27	Th	04:15 PM – 05:00 PM	Miller	\$555.00

Suzuki Pre-Twinklers

A year-long violin class for older threes and fours; must be 3 ½ by September 1

This two-semester class, for three- and four-year olds and their grown-ups, is an introduction to instrumental study and features singing, movement activities, and *Chalk Talk*. Students begin the year with foam violins (Foamalins) and graduate to child-size violins, taking their first steps toward proper violin position and playing. Rhythm and pitch patterns drawn from the first Suzuki songs are also introduced as well.

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SUZPTWIA	9/20 – 1/24	Mo	02:00 PM – 02:45 PM	Barnet	\$555.00

For additional information e-mail registration@hbms.org or call 914-723-1169

Rates are per 15 week semester.

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

Register online at www.hbms.org

Fall Semester Classes start on the following days:

Monday, September 20
Tuesday, September 21
Wednesday, September 29
Thursday, September 23
Friday, September 17
Saturday, September 18