

# Hoff-Barthelson Music School

**WESTCHESTER'S PREMIER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL**

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FIRST INSTRUMENT CLASSES ONLINE

**FALL 2020**

Please note: In light of the many challenges and uncertainties created by the ongoing COVID-19 global health crisis, all of Hoff-Barthelson's Early Child and First Instrument Classes will be held online during the Fall 2020 Semester.

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. 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!

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.

We also offer a variety of music and movement classes for children beginning at age 3 who are ready to attend music class independently.

Please note: Parents/Guardians need to be available to assist their child while online classes are in session.

### YOUR CHILD'S FIRST INSTRUMENT ONLINE CLASSES

Young children take their first steps in learning to play an instrument in hands-on classes and pre-Suzuki classes. Group classes in piano and violin 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 largest faculties of Dalcroze trained and certified teachers in the United States.*

## Asynchronous Content

Our faculty have developed a playlist of videos designed to support learning at home. Videos include class activities and songs that children and families can enjoy together on their own time. Available at no extra cost to all students enrolled in Early Childhood and First Instrument classes.

### **The Guppies/Tunes for Twos** (9 – 24 months; must be 12 months by December 31, 2020)

Perfect for children who love to learn through movement, The Guppies/Tunes for Twos features songs and musical games that develop focus in a nurturing, fun-filled way. Students develop vocabulary, small and large motor movements, socialization skills, and the ability to follow instructions. Adults and children learn songs and activities to enjoy together at home.

**13 sessions, one 40-minute class per week - \$430**

Monday, 10:15 am

### **Saturday Songs** (For Threes and Fours; must be three by December 31, 2020)

Children explore musical concepts through songs, movement, instruments, and activities specially designed to introduce to introduce them to basic musical notation, helping to prepare for future instrumental study.

**11 sessions, one 40-minute class per week - \$365**

Saturday, 10:15 am

### **Getting to Know You: Exploring the Instruments** (For Threes, Fours, Fives and Kindergarten; must be three by December 31, 2020)

Much in demand, Getting to Know You introduces children to instruments in the wind, string, and percussion families. Children learn music from cultures around the world while developing music and language skills through singing and movement. A special feature of this class is a series of short online videos made by Hoff-Barthelson's own faculty members introducing their instruments. Highly recommended as preparation for private instruction.

**One 40-minute class per week**

Monday, 2:45 pm, (3-5 years-old) **13 sessions - \$430**

Saturday, 8:45 am (4-6 years-old) **11 sessions - \$365**

### **Petite Chorus** (Grades K-2)

Through this introduction to the world of choral singing, children 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.

**11 sessions, one 40-minute class per week - \$245**

Saturday, 11:00 am

### **Beginning Musicianship: Listening and Learning in Action**

(For Fives and Kindergarten; must be five by December 31, 2020)

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. 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.

**15 sessions, one 40-minute class per week - \$495**

Monday, 3:45 pm beginning on October 19; Two make-up lessons will be offered TBD

Wednesday, 3:30 pm beginning on September 23

Saturday, 9:30 am beginning on September 26

## **YOUR CHILD'S FIRST INSTRUMENT**

### **Piano Together – Group Piano Classes** (For Fours and Fives; Child -Only)

This small-group offering is designed for children preparing 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 should have a keyboard at home on which they can practice.

**11 sessions, one 40-minute class per week - \$410**

Saturday, 10:15 am

### **Suzuki Pre-Twinkler** (A year-long violin class for older Threes and Fours; must be 3 ½ by September 1, 2020; Adult-Child)

This two-semester class for three- and four-year-olds and their grown-ups, is an introduction to instrumental study and features singing, movement, and activities specially designed to introduce note reading. Students will use foam violins (Foamalins), 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. Students should purchase a 1/16 Foamalin online prior to the first class. Foamalins can be purchased at either [Amazon](#) or [Southwest Strings](#).

**13 sessions, one 40-minute class per week - \$485**

Monday, 1:15 pm

**For additional  
information  
registration@hbms.org  
914-723-1169**

Enrollment ongoing  
throughout the year

Tuition pro-rated based upon  
time of enrollment

Register online at  
[www.hbms.org](http://www.hbms.org)

**Fall Semester Classes  
start on the following days  
unless otherwise noted:**

Monday, October 19

Tuesday, October 20

Wednesday, October 21

Thursday, October 22

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

**[Register online here!](#)**