

# Hoff-Barthelson Music School

**WESTCHESTER'S PREMIER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL**

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FIRST INSTRUMENT CLASSES ONLINE SUMMER 2020

**Y**oung 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.

Classes for preschoolers incorporate exercises and games that involve singing, moving, and 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!



### **Seasons of Song** (Ages 2-3 with Parent/Guardian)

In Seasons of Song, two- and three-year-olds explore musical concepts through songs, movement, musical games, and instruments. Children develop vocal and aural skills, and enjoy singing in a group. Each two-week session will be thematically structured and families will learn how to make simple rhythm instruments. Video links are included so families can continue making music when not in class.

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30 am - 10:00 am - \$180**

### **Getting to Know You: Exploring the Instruments** (Ages 4-6, Child Only)

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.

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:45 am - 12:15 pm - \$180**

## THREE 2 WEEK-LONG SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Register for any one or two sessions, or for all three!

**Session 1: July 6 -17**  
Summer Songs

**Session 2: July 20 - 31**  
Nature Songs

**Session 3: August 3 - 14**  
Around the World and Back

\$10 non-refundable registration fee

## All Ages Sing-Along!

All students, families, and caregivers of students in the School's Early Childhood Music Program are invited



to join a weekly sing-a-long led by HBMS Faculty Member and Dalcroze Certified Instructor Laura Barnett. Children will see friends and sing songs they know and love.

**Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:00 am**

**Free of charge!**

### 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 ECM Summer participants.

### Beginning Musicianship: Listening and Learning in Action *(Ages 5- Kindergarten, Child Only)*

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.

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 - 11:30 am - \$195 plus \$20 one-time materials fee**

### Piano Together – Group Piano Classes *(Ages 4-5, with Parent/Guardian)*

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.

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 - 11:30 am - \$180 plus \$20 one-time materials fee**

### Suzuki Pre-Twinkler Violin *(Ages 3-4 with Parent/Guardian)*

This class for three- and four-year-olds and their grown-ups, is an introduction to instrumental study and features singing and movement activities. 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](#).

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 - 11:30 am - \$180**

*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.*



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