

Hoff-Barthelson Music School

DEVELOPING POTENTIAL, ENRICHING LIVES, CREATING COMMUNITY, AND WELCOMING ALL AGES SINCE 1944

2024-25 Tuition

Our private lesson packages for ages 4 through adult combine six elements of music education:

- **Individual weekly lessons**—Private instruction on more than 20 instruments and voice over two 16-week fall and spring semesters, 32 weeks per year. Private instruction is also available on a flexible schedule during summer months.
- **Musicianship Program**—30 Weekly classes that deepen and accelerate the learner's practice, performance, and understanding of music.
- **Performance Program**—Weekly performance workshop and recital opportunities, as well as opportunities to participate in the audition process, master classes, the Honors Program, and community concerts. Professional quality recordings and live streaming of performances.
- **Ensembles Program**—Orchestras, choruses, chamber groups, jazz ensembles, and instrument clubs for a range of ages and levels.
- **Progress Program**—Written critiques, progress reports, and access to advising from HBMS deans.
- **Accompaniment Service**—Tuition for string, wind, brass, and voice students includes regular access to professional accompaniment.

Students in grades K-12 and adults who take private lessons outside of the School may enroll in our group classes and ensembles for a fee—see a la carte offerings on page 2.

LESSON PLUS 1 CLASS OR ENSEMBLE

Includes 32 private lessons and one class or ensemble. Students wishing to take chamber music must register for a 45 minute lesson or longer.

Strings, Winds, Brass, Voice, and Guitar Together *

30 Minute Lesson	\$3,973
45 Minute Lesson	\$5,679
60 Minute Lesson	\$6,812

Composition, Piano, Guitar, Harp, and Percussion

30 Minute Lesson	\$3,755
45 Minute Lesson	\$5,336
60 Minute Lesson	\$6,355

LESSON PLUS 2 CLASSES OR ENSEMBLES

Includes 32 private lessons and two classes or ensembles.

Strings, Winds, Brass, Voice, and Guitar Together *

30 Minute Lesson	\$4,514
45 Minute Lesson	\$6,116
60 Minute Lesson	\$7,280

Composition, Piano, Guitar, Harp, and Percussion

30 Minute Lesson	\$4,316
45 Minute Lesson	\$5,783
60 Minute Lesson	\$6,833

LESSON PLUS 3 OR MORE CLASSES OR ENSEMBLES

Includes 32 private lessons and unlimited classes or ensembles.

Strings, Winds, Brass, Voice, and Guitar Together *

30 Minute Lesson	\$4,972
45 Minute Lesson	\$6,573
60 Minute Lesson	\$7,738

Composition, Piano, Guitar, Harp, and Percussion

30 Minute Lesson	\$4,764
45 Minute Lesson	\$6,240
60 Minute Lesson	\$7,405

SUZUKI PROGRAM

Includes 32 private lessons, a weekly group class, one weekly musicianship class or ensemble, and a weekly class for parents.

Strings and Flute *

30 Minute Lesson	\$4,514
45 Minute Lesson	\$6,116
60 Minute Lesson	\$7,280

Piano

30 Minute Lesson	\$4,088
45 Minute Lesson	\$5,679
60 Minute Lesson	\$6,833

PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

Includes 32 weekly private lessons, access to performance workshops, recitals, progress reports, and accompaniment service for strings, winds, brass and voice.

Strings, Winds, Brass, and Voice *

30 Minute Lesson	\$3,557
45 Minute Lesson	\$5,159
60 Minute Lesson	\$6,188
45 Minute Partner Lesson (per partner)	\$3,096
60 Minute Partner Lesson (per partner)	\$3,713

Composition, Piano, Guitar, Harp, and Percussion

30 Minute Lesson	\$3,339
45 Minute Lesson	\$4,816
60 Minute Lesson	\$5,731
45 Minute Partner Lesson (per partner)	\$2,890
60 Minute Partner Lesson (per partner)	\$3,439

75-, 90- and 120-minute lessons are available. For tuition information please contact the School.

* Includes accompaniment service in lessons, workshops, and performances.

K-12 A LA CARTE CLASSES AND ENSEMBLES

Musicianship: Music Theory and History Classes

(30 sessions)	
45 Minute Class	\$1,170
60 Minute Class	\$1,505
75 Minute Class	\$1,800

Group Instrumental and Vocal Classes (30 sessions)

Vocal Performance Workshop (60 minutes)	\$1,505
Class Piano for grades 6-12 (60 minutes)	\$1,505
Improvisation for Pianists - Level 1 (45 minutes)	\$1,295
Improvisation for Pianists - Level 2 (45 minutes)	\$1,295
Learn to Play the Guitar for grades 3-6 (45 minutes)	\$1,295
Learn to Play the Guitar for grades 7-12 (60 minutes)	\$1,505
Group Guitar (45 minutes)	\$1,295

First Instrument Classes

15 sessions (45 minutes)	\$650
30 sessions (45 minutes)	\$1,295

Jazz Ensembles (30 sessions plus 2 additional rehearsals)

Jazz Ensemble (45 minutes)	\$1,295
Advanced Jazz Ensemble (60 minutes)	\$1,510

Large Instrumental Ensembles (30 sessions)

Festival Orchestra (2 hours, 15 minutes)	\$1,170
Chamber Orchestra (90 minutes)	\$890
Young People's Symphonette (60 minutes)	\$680

K-12 Chamber Ensembles (24 sessions)

Chamber Music, Level 1	
Trios or Larger (45 minutes)	\$1,105
Duos (45 minutes)	\$1,295
Chamber Music, Level 2	
Trios or Larger (60 minutes)	\$1,295
Duos (60 minutes)	\$1,510
Piano Ensemble	
45 Minute Class	\$1,105
60 Minute Class	\$1,295

Instrument Clubs (30 sessions plus 2 additional rehearsals)

Viola Club, Beginner and Junior (60 minutes)	\$935
Viola Club, Intermediate and Advanced (60 minutes)	\$935
Junior Flute Club (45 minutes)	\$870
Flute Club (75 minutes)	\$935
Clarinet Club (Grade 6 - Adult, 45 minutes)	\$870

Choruses (30 sessions)

Petite Chorus (45 minutes)	\$830
Beginner Voices (60 minutes)	\$890
Junior Voices (60 minutes)	\$890
Chamber Choir (60 minutes)	\$890

ADULT A LA CARTE CLASSES AND ENSEMBLES

Musicianship: Music Theory and History (30 sessions)

60 Minute Class	\$1,505
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Jazz Ensembles

Adult Jazz Ensemble (30 sessions plus 2 additional rehearsals, 60 minutes)	\$1,465
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Adult Chamber Ensembles (20 sessions)

Trio or Larger (60 minutes)	\$1,105
Duos (45 minutes)	\$1,635
Duos (60 minutes)	\$1,910

Ring Your Bell (30 Sessions, 60 minutes)

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Instrument Clubs (30 sessions plus 2 additional rehearsals)

Adult Flute Choir (60 minutes)	\$1,400
Clarinet Club (Grade 6 - Adult, 45 minutes)	\$870

Adult Classes in Partnership with the

Scarsdale Adult School (8 or 10 sessions)	
Ring Your Bell! for New Ringers (45 minutes)	\$220/\$275
Adult Group Piano Class:	
Beginning and Intermediate (60 minutes)	\$305/\$380
Learn to Play the Ukulele (60 minutes)	\$305/\$380
Learn to Play the Violin (60 minutes)	\$305/\$380
Learn to Play the Cello (60 minutes)	\$305/\$380
Learn to Play the Guitar (60 minutes)	\$305/\$380
The Joy of Singing (60 minutes)	\$305/\$380

EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES

Early Childhood Program (30 sessions)

30 Minute Class	\$1,040
45 Minute Class	\$1,170

First Instrument Together Classes

45 Minute Class Year Long (30 classes)	\$1,295
45 Minute Class Semester (15 classes)	\$650

TRIAL LESSONS

Students are invited to observe classes or ensembles they may wish to join as part of their trial lesson.

30 Minute Lesson	\$105
45 Minute Lesson	\$151

60 Minute Lesson	\$180
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Policies

REGISTRATION 2024-2025

We take great care to assess each student's particular interests and needs before assigning teachers, classes, and ensembles. The first step for interested students and families is to request a placement meeting with one of our Deans. This meeting is not an audition, but a welcoming introduction to Hoff-Barthelson's individualized approach to music education.

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

For more information, email registration@hbms.org or call 914-723-1169.

CANCELLATIONS/MISSED LESSONS AND CLASSES

1) No individual lesson is made up except for:

- Illness under the following conditions:
 - If a message is left on the School's voice mail system by pressing "0" or by speaking with the Receptionist by 10:00 am the day of the lesson on weekdays.
 - The School must be notified by 8:00 am for lessons scheduled before 10:00 am on Saturdays. Notification must be made by leaving a message on the School's voicemail system and by sending an email to studentservices@hbms.org.
 - The School must be notified by phone and email by 9:00 am for Saturday lessons scheduled at or after 10:00 am.
- Mandatory academic school events if a week's notice is given.
 - Please note that extracurricular activities whether sponsored by the school or another organization are not considered an excused absence and are therefore not eligible for makeup.
- Lessons cancelled by the teacher.
- Lessons missed when School facilities are closed due to weather conditions or emergencies. By mutual consent, teachers and students may arrange online lessons instead of in-person lessons during such closures.

2) Only three absences per academic year will be made up.

- If makeup lessons are offered twice but refused, the lesson will be considered made up.

3) Scheduled makeup lessons cancelled by the student cannot be rescheduled.

4) No group or ensemble classes will be made up except those cancelled by the teacher.

- Exceptions: Early Childhood classes and Adult Trimester Classes.
 - Early Childhood classes will be made up when cancelled by the teacher. No more than one class will be made up due to weather cancellation.
 - Adult Trimester Classes will be made up when cancelled due to weather or by teacher.

5) No other lessons missed by the student will be made up and no refunds will be issued.

FINANCIAL AID

Partial financial aid is available for students who require and qualify for financial assistance. Guidelines and application forms are available at <https://hbms.org/register/financial-aid/>.

The deadline for applications for the 2023-24 school year from *returning* financial aid recipients is May 23, 2024. Applications for renewal received by that date will receive priority consideration and applicants will be notified by June 25, 2024.

Applications from students applying for financial aid for the first time are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Because the School's financial aid funds are limited, early application is strongly encouraged.

Applicants must first register and pay the appropriate registration fee and deposit prior to submitting an application.

Please allow up to two weeks for the consideration of new requests. Note that incomplete applications cannot be considered.

PAYMENT PLAN

Families may choose an installment payment plan by completing a [Payment Plan Consent Form](#).

K-12 AND ADULT PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM FEES

Registration Fee (annual; non-refundable)	\$75
Deposit (applied to tuition)	\$425
Music and Materials Fee (per semester)	\$60

Music and materials fees cover the cost of all music and materials needed for classes, lessons and ensembles. These materials are accessible to our teachers to provide to you/your children when they are needed enabling continuity in instruction and saving you the time and trouble of shopping. The fee also covers software licenses for students in our Musicianship Lab, Music Technology, and Composition classes.

K-12 AND ADULT A LA CARTE PROGRAM FEES

Registration Fee (annual; non-refundable)	\$35
Deposit (applied to 1st semester tuition)	\$120

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM FEES

Registration Fee (annual; non-refundable)	\$35
Deposit (applied to 1st semester tuition)	\$120

DISCOUNTS

One discount per enrollment; discounts cannot be combined or applied retroactively. Amounts shown are annual; discounts are applied on a per-semester basis, and may be prorated based on time of enrollment.

New Student Discounts

For current HBMS students

• Moving from Group Classes to Private Lesson	\$200
• Moving from Group Classes to a Private Lessons package (lesson + class or ensemble)	\$300

Student new to private instruction at HBMS

• 30 minute comprehensive package except Suzuki	\$150
• 45 minute comprehensive package except Suzuki	\$175
• 60 minute comprehensive package except Suzuki	\$200
• Suzuki package of any kind	\$200

Second Instrument Discount

Students taking lessons on a second instrument will receive a 10% discount off the private lesson only rate. This discount also applies to lessons on a third instrument or beyond.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

All withdrawals and requests for tuition credits or refunds must be submitted in writing to registration@hbms.org

Tuition refunds for students enrolled in private lesson packages - Lesson Only, Lessons Plus 1 Class or Ensemble, Lessons Plus 2 Classes or Ensembles, Lesson Plus 3 or More Classes or Ensembles, and Suzuki Packages - please refer to the table below.

Notification of student withdrawal received by the School	Music and Materials Fee Refund	Withdrawal Fees	Amount of Tuition Refund
10 or more business days before the first lesson of the semester	100%	\$75 Registration Fee	100%
Fewer than 10 business days before the first lesson of the semester	100%	\$150 Withdrawal Fee \$75 Registration Fee	Balance of tuition after Withdrawal Fee
After the 1st lesson, but before the 2nd lesson of the semester	50%	Cost of 1st lesson \$200 Withdrawal Fee \$75 Registration Fee	Balance of tuition after Withdrawal Fees
After the 2nd lesson, but before the 6th lesson of the semester	50%	Surcharge equal to 2 lessons \$75 Registration Fee	Balance of tuition after Withdrawal Fees
After the 6th lesson of the semester	Fall semester: 50% Spring semester: no refund	\$75 Registration Fee	No refund. Student will be responsible for the balance of the semester's tuition.

Withdrawal from a la carte enrollments. Students who withdraw from classes, ensembles, or clubs in which they have enrolled a la carte (thus, not part of a lesson package) in our ECM, K-12, and/or Adult divisions will receive credits or refunds pro-rated for the remaining weeks of the semester, minus a \$30 withdrawal fee and the \$35 non-refundable registration fee.

Withdrawal from classes that are part of a private lesson package. Students enrolled in private lesson packages are not charged withdrawal fees for dropping classes, ensembles, or clubs. Rather, the changes may result in a change of package and an adjustment to their tuition, with a pro-rated credit or refund provided.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please visit <https://hbms.org/academic-year-calendar/> for the 2024-2025 academic calendar, and to view the first and last days of classes and lessons for the fall and spring semesters.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Hoff-Barthelson Music School admits students of any race, creed, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School.

The School does not discriminate on the basis of these factors in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid and loan programs, music instruction and other school-administered programs. Hoff-Barthelson Music School is wheelchair accessible.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

Hoff-Barthelson Music School is committed to being a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community that is welcoming to all. We strive to achieve diversity across all aspects of the school. We aspire to offer our students a diverse range of classes and to expand the repertoire studied and performed, so that our curriculum and programming clearly reflect our values of diversity and inclusivity.

We follow principles of equity and endeavor to implement fair and just practices so that all members of our community can thrive.

We work to create an inclusive environment where all community members feel visible, empowered, and welcome, no matter their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic status, language, age, religious commitment, political perspective, or physical, developmental, or intellectual ability.

HBMS will be intentional in its efforts to meet these goals and will aim for continuous improvement.