

Lifesong *MUSIC* Studio

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Information, Policies & Descriptions

2010-2011 Season 5

August 16, 2010 through May 28, 2011

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Piano • Voice • Violin • Drums • Percussion • Guitar • Saxophone

NEW Pre-School Music Program!

30 minutes weekly, \$35/month ... Music Supply Kit required upon enrollment, \$50

Music is a phenomenon for all ages, times, and cultures, and it begins and is nurtured in childhood. Lifesong presents a playful, age appropriate atmosphere of music making, where we will explore the concepts of beat, rhythm, tone color, dynamics, tempo, and form through singing, chanting, moving, guided listening, playing, and creating. Designed to enhance and enrich each child's inherent musicality and allow them to become familiar with a wide range of excellent music of many styles, genres and cultures, ultimately leading to children who are musically literate and expressive.

Pre-School Class (Age 2 yrs) ... Tuesdays, 9:30-10am in Studio C

Pre-School Class (Age 3 yrs) ... Tuesdays, 10:30-11am in Studio C

Pre-School Class (Ages 4-5 yrs) ... Tuesdays, 10-10:30am in Studio C

** Please note that our Pre-School music classes are scheduled to compliment our Pre-School dance classes giving an opportunity for the kids to enjoy a fun-filled morning of singing and dancing!*

Private Instruction

30 minutes weekly, \$110/month, one-on-one instruction

Lessons are scheduled based on availability. Stop by the Front Desk or call 817-421-0616 for available lesson times. Please see NEW Attendance & Make-Up Policy which apply to all private students.

Group Instruction

45 minutes weekly, \$75/month, 5+ students - Minimum enrollment for a class is 5 students

Elementary Vocal Ensemble (Grades 1-3) ... Mondays 4-4:45pm in Studio 1

Taught by Kristie Goodman, this is a fun, non-threatening entry into singing. Emphasis is on vocal production, how the various parts of the body work together to become the voice, and how to warm up and take care of your instrument. Using basic exercises, we will build a stronger, more versatile voice while building confidence. This is the perfect place to start for young vocalists!

Elementary Percussion Ensemble (Grades K-5) ... Thursdays 6:30-7:15pm in Studio 5

Taught by Ludo Baccherini, this group is open to students K-5th grade with little or no previous formal music training. The focus of the class will be note reading and basic percussion skills using snare drums, drum set, xylophone, orchestral instruments, and Latin percussion (bongos, congas, timbales).

Music Performance Group

Playing and performing with a group takes the student to the next level of musicianship. Along with the weekly practice time, the group will have opportunities to perform in our local community. Participation is by audition only. Enrollment in private lessons at Lifesong Studio is required. The Music Performance Group rehearses on **Tuesdays, 7-8pm in Studio 1**. For audition information, contact Ludo Baccherini, Lifesong Music Director at ludo.baccherini@lifesongstudio.com or call 817-421-0616.

Tuition

Music tuition is based on the number of lessons per semester and then divided into equal monthly payments.

Therefore, tuition is the same regardless of the number of lessons in a month. Tuition is due on the 1st lesson of the month and considered late if received after the 10th day of the month. Lessons are pro-rated ONLY if a student begins after the first week of the month leaving less than 4 lessons in that month. Exception: August tuition is pro-rated at half for all students. Tuition is NOT pro-rated or refunded for personal absences or studio holidays.

Lifesong Studio Registration Fee

\$40 First Family Member / \$10 Each Additional Family Member

Registration in the current Season is required for all students taking classes or lessons at Lifesong.

Music Recital Fees - \$20 Individual or \$35 Family

Students in the Music Studio are encouraged to participate in our recital at the end of each semester. Recitals are not mandatory but strongly encouraged. Performance is an important part of becoming a mature and confident musician. Performances also provide students with the opportunity to share their hard work with their families, friends and fellow students. Recital Fees are used to offset the costs of facility usage, programs, awards, and other expenses associated with the performance. Recital fees are due on or before November 1st for the Fall Semester and on or before April 1st for the Spring Semester. **Recital fees are non-refundable.**

NEW Attendance & Make-Up Policy

Tuition for private lessons is a reservation and guarantee of a standing weekly appointment with your teacher. There are two kinds of absences – EXCUSED and UNEXCUSED.

1. **In order for an absence to be EXCUSED and eligible for private make-up**, the following will apply:
 - a. Absence is due to illness or family emergency only
 - b. The instructor must be contacted directly by 12pm on the day of the scheduled lesson, although we appreciate as much notice as possible for any planned absences. **Each student will be allowed no more than 2 private make-ups per semester.**
2. **An absence will be considered UNEXCUSED if:**
 - a. Notification is made after 12pm on the day of the scheduled lesson.
 - b. No call, no show.
3. Lessons will be automatically terminated if a student misses 2 consecutive lessons with no verbal communication to the teacher.
4. Missed lessons due to the teacher's absence will be rescheduled for a private makeup.
5. **NO REFUNDS.**

Withdrawal Policy

Enrollment in classes or lessons at Lifesong continues from mid-August through May. **The Front Desk must be notified of withdrawal** from any class or lesson prior to the beginning of the month in order to stop tuition for the next month. All withdrawals are written in our "Add/Drop" book at the time of notification. **Failure to properly notify the Front Desk** will result in tuition continuing to be charged to your account. By enrolling in a class or private lesson, you have reserved a spot that could be released for someone else. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this policy.

Practice Time & Parental Support

Regular and consistent practice time outside of the lesson is vital to the progress and development of the student musically. Ideally, the student should be very comfortable and confident with new concepts by the end of a good week of practice. The teacher will advise each student individually regarding recommended practice time. The more you put into it, the more you will get out of it! Parental encouragement, support and involvement, especially for younger children, is essential to the student's progress.

Questions?

Contact Ludo Baccherini (Lifesong Music Director) at Ludo.Baccherini@lifesongstudio.com.

Visit www.lifesongstudio.com for headshots and bios of our music staff.