



Music Together Classes

Three 10-week sessions of Music Together classes are held each year, beginning in September, December, and Marche, each focusing on a different song collection. A 6-week summer session begins in June. Free demonstration classes are available during a regular class; pre-registration is required.

Music Together class fees are due by the first day of each session. The fee for each session is \$185.00 for the first child; \$115.00 for the second child. One sibling under 15 months is free with payment for first child in Mixed Ages classes. Register and pay online or by contacting the office during regular office hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Music Together® Mixed Ages

Music Together Mixed Age classes are for children birth through age 5 and their parent(s) or caregiver. The Music Together award winning curriculum is used in a playful, developmentally appropriate environment which utilizes singing, moving, playing instruments, and making music in a fun 45 minute class.

Mixed Age classes are held at:

Crescendo Academy of Music,
Richland Area Community Center,
Excel Dance Centre (Texas Township)
Academy of Dance Arts (Portage)

Music Together® Generations

Music Together Generations classes expand the concept of “family” and/or community by including elder “grandfriends” as essential members of the class experience. Classes are held at Friendship Village.

Music Together® Babies

The Music Together® Babies Class will start you on the path to becoming a musical family. Specifically designed for infants eight months and younger, this 10-week introduction to Music Together allows babies and their caregivers to embrace, enjoy, and express their inborn musicality.

Music Together® Rhythm Kids

Rhythm Kids classes are for children ages 4-6 and a caregiver. Children learn to drum, sing, move to new rhythms, work in ensembles, conduct, and improvise in this 45-minute class. *Important note:* This is an instrument-learning class. There will be djembe drums for use in class, but your child will need a djembe drum to use at home. If you need an appropriate drum, we will have a high quality, African-made djembe for purchase or you may make your own arrangements for a drum. Teachers will confirm drum purchase in advance of the first class.

Group Classes

Orff Music Studio

The Crescendo Academy Orff Studio provides group music lessons for ages 5 and up. Students have the opportunity to experience and learn music through movement, instrument ensembles, and voice. The goal is to develop fundamental musicianship by experiencing pulse, rhythm, melody, harmony, form, and timbre. These skills allow students the freedom to express their own musical ideas as well as those of others. Sessions are held in the fall, winter, and spring; classes meet on Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$180 for a 9-week session. View the current class schedule online or contact the office for details.

Beginning Strings Group Class

This class provides students with the opportunity to review pieces they have learned in private lessons in an ensemble setting. Students will be placed in a class based on skill level. A variety of activities will be covered, including warm-up exercises, note reading, scale studies, and weekly performance opportunities.

Mando for Kids

This group class introduces kids ages 7 and up to the mandolin as a classical instrument. Instructors are members of the Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings; instruments are provided.

Introduction to Ukulele

This class focuses on basic skills and techniques for playing ukulele with an emphasis on having fun while learning. Instruction includes proper playing position, reading ukulele music and tablature, and commonly played chords and rhythms.

Introduction to Guitar

Designed for students who want to learn in a small group setting, this class introduces the basics of acoustic guitar technique and music reading. Students must provide their own instrument.

Crescendo Community Voices

This ensemble offers musical experiences for teens and adults with a variety of mental and/or physical challenges. Led by a board-certified music therapist with assistance from community teaching artists, this program provides participants with a unique opportunity to work collaboratively to learn and perform music. Sessions begin in September, January, and April; classes meet on Thursdays from 4:05-4:55 pm. A summer session begins in June, meeting on Thursdays from 3:05-3:55 pm. The cost for this grant-supported ensemble is \$30 per session.

Ensembles

Ensemble membership is by teacher recommendation and/or audition. For more information on any of our ensembles, contact the office.

Chamber Ensembles

These small ensembles are for students interested in exploring chamber music repertoire. Crescendo faculty will form and coach the ensembles based on playing level, instrumentation, and age. Ensembles are available for strings, winds, piano, guitar, and voice, including

jazz ensembles. Rehearsals will culminate in a recital. You do not have to take private lessons at Crescendo to be a member of an ensemble; however, **students not currently taking private lessons at Crescendo will be charged a \$20 administrative registration fee per year.** Pricing is \$20 per student per one-hour coaching session.

Crescendo Fiddlers

This ensemble welcomes violin, viola, and cello players of all ages who have played for at least three years. Members learn different styles of folk and fiddle music, including Celtic, American, Swedish, Scottish, and Chinese. The group performs extensively at farmers’ markets, folk music events, and festivals throughout the summer months. Summer session runs June - August with a weekly class and gigs for a one-time fee; September - May the ensemble meets as Fiddle Club once a month for a \$15 drop-in fee.

Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra

The Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra is a plucked string ensemble consisting of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, guitars, and string bass. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings at 7:15 pm at Crescendo. Membership is by audition. Registration fee is \$75 per student. More about the KMGO can be found at www.kalmando.com.

Workshops & Masterclasses

Throughout the year, Crescendo offers masterclasses for a variety of instruments; most masterclasses are free for Crescendo students to attend and open to the public. Workshop topics vary, but may include music theory, composition, aural skills, improvisation, jazz, music appreciation, and more.

Fees and Attendance Policies

Annual Fees

Each student pays an annual fee of \$60 per academic year. This fee assists with rent, recitals, the recital accompanist, and administrative costs. Fees for subsequent family members are reduced incrementally by \$10 per person. **Annual fees are not refundable.** Annual fee payments are accepted at any time from July 1st through September 30th of each year. Fees received after September 30th will incur a late fee of \$15 per person per month.

Lesson Payments

Lesson fees are payable either by the semester (usually 18 weeks) or by the month (usually four weeks). For your convenience, you may pay by cash, check, or credit card. Credit card payments can be accepted by phone or in person during regular office hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. Online payments may be made at squareup.com/store/crescendo-academy-of-music. Semester payments are due during the week of September 1, 2019 and the week of January 5, 2020. Semester fees are:

- 30 min. lessons--\$450.00 (\$25.00/lesson)
- 45 min. lessons--\$675.00 (\$37.50/lesson)
- 60 min. lessons--\$900.00 (\$50.00/lesson)

Monthly payments are due by the 25th of the preceding month; i.e., payment for October is due on September 25th. Payments received after the 1st of the month will incur a late fee of \$15.00. When payment is not received by the 15th of the month, lessons will be discontinued until full payment is received. The monthly payments are:

- 30 min. lessons--\$100.00 (\$25.00/lesson)
- 45 min. lessons--\$150.00 (\$37.50/lesson)
- 60 min. lessons--\$200.00 (\$50.00/lesson)

Adjustments in the rates will be made for holidays. Credit balances at the end of the semester or month will be applied to the following semester or month. The returned check fee is \$30.00. During the months of June, July, and August, students may either pay for lessons monthly or at the point of service.

Attendance Policy

Students must give 24-hour notice of an absence to be offered a make-up lesson. If a make-up lesson cannot be arranged, the student will not be charged for the lesson. When notice is not given, the student will be charged for the scheduled time. **Same day cancellations and no-shows will be charged.** Repeated absences could result in termination of lessons. When the instructor is absent for an extended period, a qualified substitute teacher may be provided. If a substitute cannot be provided, the student will not be charged.

Academy Closings

Crescendo will be closed during the Kalamazoo Public Schools winter (Christmas) break. Students who wish to take lessons during the break must make arrangements with the individual instructor and pay for their lesson at the point of service.

During inclement weather, Crescendo will close when Kalamazoo Public Schools close. If you would still like a lesson on a closing day, you may contact your individual instructor(s). The closing will be announced via our voice mail system (269-345-6664) and on our website and Facebook pages. Students will not be charged for lessons.

Financial Aid

Crescendo offers need-based financial aid to qualifying students. All students must re-apply at the beginning of each school year. To receive full consideration, applications must be received by August 17; late applications may be considered if funds are available. Limitations in the amount of aid available may mean that not every student with a demonstrated need can be assisted; Crescendo will assist as many students as possible.

Recitals

All students are encouraged to perform at public recitals; there is no charge to participate in a recital. Crescendo provides an on-site accompanist for the performing students. Recitals are usually held monthly; teaching artists may also choose to present their own studio recital or other performance event. Ensembles may also have additional recital opportunities.

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