



Special note: Crescendo uses an online registration system. You can register for lessons/classes and pay for invoices at <https://go.asapconnected.com/?org=5630>



Music Together Classes

Three 10-week sessions of Music Together classes are held each year, beginning in September, January, and April, 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 \$195.00 for the first child; \$120.00 for the second child. One sibling under 12 months is free with payment for the first child. Register and pay by contacting the office during regular office hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday or online at <https://go.asapconnected.com/?org=5630>

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.

Music Together® Rhythm Kids

Rhythm Kids classes are for ages 4-6. Students and their adults will drum, dance, sing, and play games to various musical styles from around the world.

Music Together® Babies

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 introductory class allows babies and their caregivers to embrace, enjoy, and express their inborn musicality.

Group Classes

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. Students must provide their own instrument.

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.

Building Blocks Strings Classes

These weekly classes provide 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 (Pre-Twinkle through Suzuki Book 3). A variety of activities will be covered, including warm-up exercises, note reading, scale studies, and performance opportunities.

Crescendo Community Voices

This ensemble offers musical experiences for teens and adults with a variety of intellectual disabilities. 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 October, January, and April; a summer session begins in June. 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.

Crescendo Community String Orchestra

This chamber orchestra is for amateur adult string players; three or more years of instrument study is recommended. Led by Teaching Artist Dr. Joanna Steinhauser, the CCSO will rehearse weekly and present an end of session concert.



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; September - May the ensemble meets as Fiddle Club once a month.

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. Rehearsals will culminate in a recital.

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 member. 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 technique, music theory, aural skills, improvisation, and more.

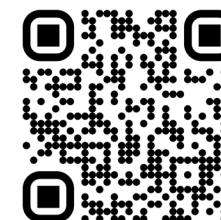
Recitals

All students are encouraged to perform at public recitals; there is no charge to participate. 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 have additional recital opportunities.

Want more details?

Visit our website for the most up-to-date schedules for all of our classes.

*Register or login
to your account:*



Private Lessons

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. The fee for a second family member is \$50. **Annual fees are not refundable.** Annual fee payments are accepted at any time from July 1 through September 30 of each year. Fees received after September 30 will incur a late fee of \$15 per person per month.

Lesson Payments

When registering, you will need to select Semester (16 weeks) or School Year (32 lessons). This will reserve that number of lessons on the student’s account. (If you would like to reserve a smaller quantity of lessons, please contact the office.) Lessons may be discontinued at any time with at least two weeks notice; any credit balance on your account will be refunded to you.

Lesson fees are payable either by the semester (16 weeks), the school year (32 weeks), or by the month (four weeks). When registering, you will have the option to customize a lesson payment plan in your account.

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 via your ASAP account. Semester payments (16 lessons) are due during the week of September 4, 2023 and the week of January 15, 2024.

Semester fees are:
30 min. lessons--\$416.00 (\$26.00/lesson)
45 min. lessons--\$624.00 (\$39.00/lesson)
60 min. lessons--\$832.00 (\$52.00/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.

Monthly payments are:
30 min. lessons--\$104.00 (\$26.00/lesson)
45 min. lessons--\$156.00 (\$39.00/lesson)
60 min. lessons--\$208.00 (\$52.00/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.

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 break. Students who wish to take lessons during the break must make arrangements with their instructor. **During inclement weather, Crescendo will close when Kalamazoo Public Schools close.** If you would still like a lesson on a closing day, you must contact your individual instructor(s). Closings will be announced on our website and Facebook pages and via our voice mail system (269-345-6664).

Financial Aid

Crescendo offers needs-based financial aid to qualifying students. All students must re-apply at the beginning of each school year. For full consideration, applications must be received by August 14; 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.

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