



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

Music Together Classes

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

A \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot in a Music Together class. Class fees must be paid in full by the first day of each session unless using a payment plan. The fee per session is \$195.00 for the first child; \$125.00 for the second child. One sibling under 12 months is free with payment for the first child. Need-based financial aid is available.

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

In a Mixed Ages class, you will see infants, toddlers, and preschoolers (and the grownups who love them!) engaging with each other musically. We sing, dance, and play in ways that are fun while supporting the developing child. As the littlest music makers among us delight in musical play, the grownups create a sense of community through music. Each 45 minute class will fly by as we all become more confident music makers, together!

Music Together® Rhythm Kids

Rhythm Kids classes are for ages 4-6. Rhythm Kids and their accompanying adults will drum, dance, sing, and play musical games that support their development in all areas of learning, while learning music vocabulary and drumming various rhythm patterns from around the world.

Ensembles

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

BAM - Black American Music Ensemble

Led by jazz musicians, topics covered include BAM repertoire and history, improvisation, and more. A minimum of two years of private lessons or school ensemble experience is required; all instruments are welcome. For ages 13 and up.



Crescendo Community String Orchestra

This chamber orchestra is for amateur adult string players; three or more years of instrument study is recommended. The CCSO rehearses weekly and presents an end of session concert.

Crescendo Community Voices

This ensemble offers musical experiences for adults with intellectual and developmental differences. Led by a team of teaching artists, this program provides participants with a unique opportunity to work collaboratively learning and performing music. Sessions begin in October, January, and April. Cost for this grant-supported ensemble is \$40 per 10-week session.

Kalamazoo Mandolin & 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. More about the KMGO can be found at www.kalmando.com.

Chamber Ensembles

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

Summer Programs

Every summer Crescendo offers special programs, including Epic Broadway Musical Theater Camp (in partnership with Wellspring Academy), Training for Orchestra, Crescendo Fiddlers, and more.

Special Classes, Workshops & Masterclasses

Crescendo offers special classes and workshops throughout the year: instrument-specific group classes, workshops on audition preparation, music theory, and improvisation. Masterclasses are offered for a variety of instruments; most are free for Crescendo students to attend and open to the public.

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.



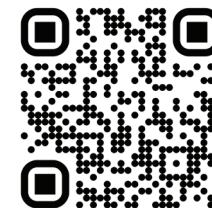
Community Outreach

Elementary students at Vicksburg Community Schools can participate in a before-school group string class. Crescendo provides chamber and sectional coaches to Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts. Through Marvelous Music, our partnership with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Crescendo provides Music Together In-School classes to over 800 4-year-old students in area public schools.

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 \$70 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 August 1 through September 30 of each year. Fees received after September 30 may incur a late fee.

Lesson Payments

When registering, you will need to select Semester (16 weeks) or School Year (32 weeks). 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 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 August 30, 2026 and the week of January 11, 2027.

Semester fees are:
30 min. lessons--\$448.00 (\$28.00/lesson)
45 min. lessons--\$672.00 (\$42.00/lesson)
60 min. lessons--\$896.00 (\$56.00/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 can incur a late fee of \$10.00. To arrange an alternate payment plan, please contact the office. Lessons may be discontinued when accounts are overdue.

Monthly payments are:
30 min. lessons--\$112.00 (\$28.00/lesson)
45 min. lessons--\$168.00 (\$42.00/lesson)
60 min. lessons--\$224.00 (\$56.00/lesson)

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 teaching artist 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 want a lesson on a closing day, you must contact your individual instructor(s). Closings will be announced on our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

Financial Aid

Crescendo offers need-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 10. Late applications will 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.

Financial aid is awarded based on household income eligibility. View program details and apply online at www.crescendoacademy.com/instruction/financial-aid.

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