

## Dear Parents,

It's time to begin a new semester of *Musikgarten of Lexington* classes and lessons. In addition to our group classes for children and adults, we also offer **private lessons** for all ages and levels on many different instruments. Studies show that children participating in musical activities tend to score higher on IQ (intellectual) and EQ (emotional) tests. There is also a strong correlation between music education and better math and science skills.

Our program is Lexington's largest, longest - running *Musikgarten* studio. We are Kentucky's most nationally award-winning *Musikgarten* program! Jennifer won the **2004 Teacher Achievement Award** (a once-in-a-lifetime award) and our school has earned the **2004 - 2016 Exemplary Program Award** (one of only 5 schools in the U.S. to win all 13 awards). Our new semester will begin the week of **May 2, 2016**. Here is some information about each class, feel free to give me a call if you have additional questions.

### **FAMILY MUSIC for BABIES (birth – 18 mo.):** \$9 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee + \$15 baby instrument kit = **\$165**

*Family Music for Babies* is a 30-minute *Musikgarten* class specifically designed for the bonding and nurturing needs of the youngest children. Parents and babies will enjoy rocking, singing, massage, dancing, and learning new games to play at home. Children will be starting to play with rattles, rhythm sticks, scarves, and drums. Parents will learn new songs and games to use for diaper changes, bath time, bedtime, etc. Most importantly, children will be guaranteed their parent's undivided attention with fun, developmentally appropriate nursery rhymes, songs, dances, and baby massages.

### **FAMILY MUSIC (walking 15 mo. - 3 yr.):** \$10 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee = **\$165**

*Family Music* is a 30-minute class for children and parents. Activities often include finger plays for fine motor skills, traveling activities for gross motor skills, free dance, focused listening (such as animals, trains, instruments), circle songs, bouncing /rocking songs, and hello/goodbye songs. This age group uses scarves, hoops, parachutes, rocking bands, animal pictures, rattles, jingles, rhythm sticks, sand blocks, and drums in class. Parent participation at this age is a great way for children to practice independence in class while still having grownups there for comfort. Parents enjoy learning many new songs and games to play at home together.

### **CYCLE of SEASONS or GOD'S CHILDREN SING (2.5 yr. - 4.5 yr.):** \$10 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee = **\$165**

These are 30-minute classes just for kids (with a few parent helpers if needed). This age group begins to incorporate longer discussion times, listenings, and more complex physical movements. We likewise begin the addition of more intricate rhythm and tonal patterns using drums, jingles, rattles, tambourines, bongos, rhythm sticks, sand blocks, the glockenspiel, metallophone, and resonator bars. Each child has several opportunities every semester to play fun, impromptu instrumental solos while the rest of the class sings along. This often helps prevent performance anxiety later.

The *Cycle of Seasons* class has an ecological theme that emphasizes the beauty and music found in Nature. We study each of the 4 seasons with 8 new animals introduced for every season with pictures, listenings, and mini-discussions. Natural and seasonal elements such as leaves, wind, rain, snow, seeds, and gardens are also the subject of many of our songs and poetry.

The *God's Children Sing* class is a non-denominational religious curriculum in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Popular figures and themes from the Bible are the subjects of many of our songs, stories, and poems.

### **MUSIC MAKERS: AROUND THE WORLD (4 yr. - 7 yr.):** \$11 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee = **\$180**

In this 45-minute class, students use flashcards to begin learning about rests, common melodic and rhythmic patterns in duple and triple meters, as well as dynamic markings. In the earlier *Musikgarten* age groups children learn elements of music like steady beat, rhythm, melody, and expression by "doing." *Music Makers* is the first of the *Musikgarten* classes to begin actively discussing "how" music is read and written. *Music Makers* is a wonderful preparation for the group piano, guitar, or recorder classes and lays the foundation for success in future private music lessons.

There are four units to class: 1) British Isles, 2) American-Indian, 3) Germany, and 4) African-American. Each unit offers a respectful study of the music, dances, customs, clothing, food, and people. We likewise study the popular/historic songs, composers, and instruments from each area. This curriculum includes beautifully choreographed social dances, as well as lots of ensemble development for the advanced musicianship used in piano lessons, orchestras, and bands.

### **MUSIC MAKERS: AT THE GUITAR (5 yr. - 8 yr.), (8 yr. - 12 yr.), and (13 yr. and up):**

\$13 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee + \$80 materials = **\$290 Semester 1**

This 60-minute class offers a fun environment for building guitar skills. After completing the 1-year program students will be prepared for private lessons. Students will need a guitar for practice at home. The Semester 1 curriculum includes a lesson book, CD, foot stool, pack of picks, and metronome/tuner. Due to the distribution of materials, the cost of this class is less every semester of the year. (Ex. Semester 1 = \$290, Semesters 2 & 3 = \$195 each). Please consult Jennifer Tutt before mailing enrollment.

### **MUSIC MAKERS: AT THE PIANO I (6 – 9 yr.) and II (7 – 10 yr.):**

\$13 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee + \$56 materials = **\$266 Semester 1**

This 60-minute class offers joyful opportunities for building keyboarding skills – along with singing, dancing, drumming, ensemble playing, writing and reading music. Students will use scarves, hoops, maracas, drums, bongos, tambourines, rattles, jingles, sand blocks, rhythm sticks, resonator bars, glockenspiels, pianos, and the metallophone in class. After completing the 2-year program, students are equipped with the aural, music-reading, and technical skills to be successful in private piano/instrumental lessons.

Students must have either a piano or a keyboard for practice at home (small is okay). Year 1's curriculum includes 2 student books, 14 notation games, and 4 CD's. Due to the distribution of books and CD's, the cost of this class is less every semester of the year (Ex: Semester 1 = \$266, Semester 2 = \$251, Semester 3 = \$195). Please consult Jennifer Tutt before mailing enrollment.

**MUSIC MAKERS: AT THE RECORDER (6 yr. - 10 yr.):**

\$13 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee + \$47 materials = **\$257 Semester 1**

This 60-minute class offers a fun, rewarding environment for learning to play the soprano recorder. Classes will cover the basics of reading music - such as learning note names, note values, and time signatures. Students will also be practicing the technique for good breath support needed for playing woodwind and brass instruments later. The Semester 1 curriculum includes a soprano recorder, book and CD for practice at home. Please contact Jennifer Tutt before mailing enrollment.

**MUSIKGARTEN CHORUS I (6 - 11 yrs.), and II (10 - 18 yrs.):** \$11 per class x 15 classes + \$15 reg. fee = **\$180**

This 60-minute group ensemble offers a great choir experience for children and teens. Students will be practicing the techniques for good vocal breath support while working with our professional voice and piano instructors. They will enjoy a fun repertoire of varying styles including Classical, Contemporary, Patriotic, and Broadway. Every semester will include a concert/performance.

**WEEKLY CLASSES OFFERED**

**Family Music for Babies (0 – 18 mo.)**

Monday 11:30 – 12:00

Tuesday 10:45 – 11:15

Thursday 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 or 12:00

**Family Music (walking 15 mo. - 3 yr.)**

Monday 10:45 - 11:15

Tuesday 10:00 - 10:30

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Friday 10:00 - 10:30

Saturday 11:15 - 11:45

**Private Lessons:** TBA individually

**God's Children Sing (2.5 - 4.5 yr.)**

Tuesday 11:30 - 12:00

Thursday 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

**Cycle of Seasons (2.5 - 4.5 yr.)**

Monday 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Friday 10:45 - 11:15

Saturday 11:15 - 11:45

**Music Makers: World (4 - 7 yr.)**

Monday 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Thursday 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00

**Music Makers: At the Guitar**

(6 - 11 yr.), (11 yr. - adult)

**Music Makers: Piano I and II (6 - 10 yr.)**

Schedule TBA, please call for times

**Music Makers: At the Recorder (6 - 10 yr.)**

Schedule TBA, please call for times

**Musikgarten Chorus I and II**

(6 - 11 yr.), (10 - 18 yr.)

Schedule TBA, please call for times

**Music Makers: At the Ukulele**

(6 - 11 yr.), (11 yr. - adult)

**TUITION**

There is a \$15 per child registration fee due along with tuition when you begin classes/private lessons; this registers a student for the Fall – Fall school year. There are three 15-week semesters in a year. Student visitors (friends, neighbors, relatives, siblings etc.) are welcome to attend class with a regular student. Participating student visitors can pay just for the class they attend.

The tuition for **private lessons** varies by teacher, length of lesson time, and instrument; please call Jennifer for information. **There is a \$30 discount for families that have 2 siblings enrolled in group classes and a \$45 discount for families with 3 siblings enrolled, etc. Students who attend group classes twice a week receive the same \$30 discount as siblings.** All party, tuition, and registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable except in the cases of extreme illness or an out-of-state move.

**All tuition and registration checks should be made payable to Musikgarten of Lexington, or MOL.**

**MAKEUP CLASSES**

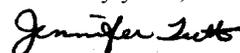
You are welcome to do a makeup for a missed group class. **Please call the teacher of the makeup class for scheduling.** Make-ups must be done during the same semester as the missed class.

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Let *Musikgarten of Lexington* make your next **birthday party** wonderful. If you'd like to have a 30 to 60 minute music program at your child's party, please consult Jennifer about dates, prices, and instruments for party guests. We bring everything we need to make your party great, or use our studio location for only \$35 more!

All classes are held at our studio: 121 Malabu Dr. #1 and #2. If you are definitely planning to join a class, **please mail in your registration form, registration fee (\$15), and tuition** as soon as possible for placement in the day and time of your choice. Classes will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis; many classes fill up early. If you are undecided at this time about beginning class, you are also welcome to attend a trial class and pay just for that class (**please call beforehand to schedule an available day/time if you would like to attend a trial class**). Our new semester will begin the week of **May 2, 2016**.

Musically yours,



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