

Beginner Group Lessons - Here's What's in Store

Welcome!

I am absolutely thrilled you have chosen us for your child's musical journey.

And I cannot wait for your child to experience the exciting and unique music curricula available exclusively here at Sing Music Studio.

In our innovative beginner group lessons, your child will experience a small weekly class of up to 8 students learning the fundamentals of a singular instrument and/or singing. Your child's confidence will truly soar while exploring familiar and current music, building new friendships with peers and receiving support from an engaging and nurturing instructor. The concepts your child will learn in these classes will provide the knowledge required to easily shift into our exceptional Performing Artist Program at the Dreamers (age 8/9) or Players (age 10/11) levels where students come together as a band in multi-instrument/vocalist groups.

These classes are truly unique. I have put my heart and soul into creating curricula that are current, relevant, supportive and challenge the status quo of private music education. I know your child will absolutely thrive with us. There is much here to explore. Welcome to the Sing Music Studio family!

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Off to a Great Start

We know there are plenty of new things to navigate as your child's new musical journey begins. For this reason, we recommend that you get involved in your child's at home practice. Watch your inbox each week for notes from your group class instructor on what your child should be practicing at home. Send a message to your instructor through the message section at the bottom of the emailed lesson if you have a question. Ask your group instructor about the type of equipment and practice

environment you should have at home and how to support your child's musical journey with optimum success in mind. You are your child's 1st (and best) teacher after all! They look to you for encouragement and support and learn best with the presence of their most trusted adult! We've also built in three Connection Weeks a year to give you the opportunity to sit into the classes and learn about your child's progress (more info below).

How to Succeed with Musical Study

Being able to play an instrument and/or sing is an incredible joy! That being said, the actual process of learning music can bring emotions that range from exhilaration to defeat. Preparing mentally for study and knowing what to expect makes all the difference. Here's our best advice for you as you form new musical habits:

- Make a commitment to yourself and your musical goals
- Set short and long term goals with your teacher
- Complete your goals to earn ballots in our monthly draws
- Believe in yourself
- Stay positive, patient and encouraging
- Communicate your struggles and lean on us for support
- Find inspiration by listening to all kinds of music and seeing live concerts
- Use our Ignite the Spark contest to get creative and unleash your musical passion
- Participate in our performance opportunities
- Embrace your mistakes - they are the key to learning
- Don't give up, you can do it!

How to Practice

- Try to find time to practice every day. Start with 10 minutes, 4 times a week for beginners.
- Log your practice so you can keep track.
- Find a quiet place to practice so you can focus and concentrate.
- Don't try to practice too much all at once - break big ideas into smaller ones for the best success!
- Practice slowly and repeat small chunks until you have mastered them.
- Practice with friends! Connect in person or over online video chat.
- Don't forget to have fun! Be sure to practice some music you enjoy in addition to the hard stuff!

Monthly Draws

Each month, September through June, Sing Music Studio holds a monthly draw with a new exciting prize. By setting and completing goals with your instructor, there are no limits to the amount of ballots you can earn to win. Goals can include completing a weekly practice log, learning a new song on your own, performing for someone new, mastering something challenging, memorizing a song and much much more. Be sure to connect with your instructor about your goals each week so they can provide you with ballots to place in the prize drum. Good luck!



Every year in February, the Ignite the Spark contest takes the place of the monthly draw. At the beginning of the month, you will receive access to a bingo-style card and instructions on how to play. Fabulous small, medium, large and grand prizes contributed by local businesses are to be won by completing musical tasks that are sure to ignite your spark!

Performances

Sing Music Studio is proud to host two live performance opportunities every school year and our beginner group lesson students will perform together with their class at the Spring Recital in June! It's a wonderful way to build confidence and a passion for performance. We also provide lots of opportunities in-studio for students to perform in front of each other as we lead up to the recitals to build those performance skills. We highly recommend that our beginner group lesson students attend the Holiday Recital as a spectator to see what's in store. Performers and spectators alike always walk away feeling warm and fuzzy and, most importantly, inspired!

Approximate performance dates:

- Holiday Recital is typically held on the last Sunday before the 2 week holiday break
- Spring Recital is typically held on the second last Sunday before the end of the Peel Board school year

If you haven't visited the calendar page found at <https://www.singmusicstudio.com/current-calendar/> yet, be sure to do so for the specific dates and mark your calendars!

Connection Weeks

Three times a year, we invite parents/guardians to join students during their weekly lessons and sit in on a portion of the group classes. We know that YOU are your child's most important teacher. We want to do everything in our power to help you support your child in their musical development and journey. These connection weeks are an opportunity for you to see what happens in a lesson, discuss achievements and goals together with your child and their instructor and learn about what new opportunities may lie ahead. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Connections Weeks as noted in our calendar here <https://www.singmusicstudio.com/current-calendar/>.

Absence

While we know that you know how important consistent attendance is in your child's music education, we also know that kids get sick, things happen and once in a while a class has to be missed.

When these rare occurrences do happen, be sure to inform the Harmony Team (harmony@singmusicstudio.com) before 3pm on a weekday or 9am on a Saturday morning so they can inform your group class instructor.

As each group class is unique and driven by the specific students enrolled in each individual group, make-ups and video lessons are not available for student absence. Your group class instructor or the Harmony Team will reach out if there is important communication to be shared from a missed class. In the meantime, the student should continue the material from the previous classes.

On the even rarer occasion of your instructor being absent, a substitute instructor, virtual lesson or video lesson will be provided based on the circumstances.

