MA MAS (Music After School) Spring, 2019-20
Lessons Descriptions

Private Lessons (one-on-one)

**Violin (all levels)**
Take individual violin lessons to improve your skills and master your instrument. Musical repertory covers all periods from baroque to contemporary music. Add some scales and exercises for solidifying posture. Study left hand and bow technique. You'll get a say in what to work on and determine your own pace to create a fun, friendly and challenging experience in the universe of the violin. Open to all levels.

**Piano (intermediate/advanced)**
Private lessons are crucial to studying in a classical musical instrument. These lessons offer a stress-free environment for musicians who want to master technical challenges, achieve individual goals, expand repertoire, and develop a deeper understanding of classical music. Material ranges from basic studies, like scales and etudes, to concertos, sonatas, and other solo works. Regular practice between lessons is expected.

**Piano (beginning-half hour classes)**
In this class we will explore basic piano skills and note reading, getting you to the point where you can play along to your favorite songs, and read simple piano repertoire. Whether you've had lessons in the past, or are completely new to piano, this will be a fun relaxed way to achieve an enjoyable level of playing that will take you to the next step and beyond. Practice between lessons is expected.

**Voice (all levels)**
Learn to explore your range and shape your sound through this vocal technique class. Students will learn the mechanics of singing: how sounds are produced and how to open the voice for greater expression. Students will learn about harmonizing, resonance, color, and breathing. In this fun and engaging class we will work on songs as a group that lend themselves to vocal exploration.
Small Group Lessons (3-8 students; single instrument)
Classes are in a small group format but each individual’s needs are assessed and met over the course of the session.

Guitar Beginning
If you are just getting started with the guitar this is the class for you. We will cover guitar fundamentals like: open chords, basic scale shapes, improvisation and playing the blues. The instructor will be choosing some of the songs to work on, but you will have a chance to request your favorite songs too.

Musicianship for Bass Guitarists (Intermediate)
This class is designed for bassists who already have a good command of the fundamentals of bass playing. We will prepare to function in several types of ensemble situations, honing skills like: writing and reading chord charts, jazz harmony, modes and chromaticism, and reading standard notation in bass clef. Additionally, each player in this class will have ample time to play with a drummer or guitarist, learning several classic rhythm section "feels" in the process: reggae, r&b, walking bass, shuffle, as well as constructing 1/8th note and 16th note lines. Join us and prepare to be a bassist at large in the music scene!

Drums (all levels)
This course will be constructed around your personal interests and goals. All levels will receive technique and rudiment instruction in addition to developing grooves and fills. You will construct your own warm-up routine, set practice goals, and turn to recordings for inspiration. I will help you get the sound you want, develop your “feel,” support a band, and improvise. Some basic reading is helpful but not essential. Come with a spirit of adventure!

Chamber Music
Playing in an ensemble can be so much fun while learning how to work in a team, listen to each other, acquire rehearsing skills and get acquainted with an unlimited repertory that is usually not covered in individual lessons. This course offers the opportunity to practice and rehearse classical chamber music in a relaxed setting in duos, trios, and quartets for strings, strings and piano, or woodwinds. Sign up as a group or individually. Best suited for musicians of intermediate to advanced levels.