

Klassical Kidz

🎵 MUSIC STUDIO 🎵

Attitude. Effort. Consistency.

Musical Excellence.

Fall 2018- Spring 2019 Handbook



Private Lessons, Ensembles, Chamber Music, Camps and more!

Violin, Viola, Piano, Harp

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Klassical Youth

6th grade and up or by permission

Private Lesson: We recommend that all Klassical Youth students receive at least 45 min of private instruction weekly.

\$35 per half hour weekly lesson, or \$45 per 45 minute weekly lesson, or \$55 an hour paid by the first of each month.

Chamber Players: We offer **chamber groups** for our middle school and high school students who have played their instruments at least one year. Instead of attending one of the three ensemble classes, students may form chamber group duos, trios or quartets with other Klassical Kidz Students. Chamber groups will have a weekly 45 min coaching session with Miss Lydia or Miss Adrienne that will be scheduled with each group. Chamber group students will learn a challenging piece at the level of their solo work instead of several simpler pieces as in ensemble. Attendance is crucial for the success of the Chamber group, so please make every possible effort to attend *every coaching*. Students may attend ensemble classes to make up missing star points, but *refunds will not be given for missed coachings*.

\$20 per 45 minute coaching session, paid by the month.

Leadership Training: Students playing in chamber groups that have time and energy may also attend ensemble for no additional cost. These students will be given some responsibilities and will earn student assistant status and recognition at the next recital. Chamber Players may also choose to attend the Summer Kamp for the younger kids as Counselors in Training.

Assigned Accompaniment: Klassical Youth piano students that are ready may choose to study accompaniment. They will learn an accompaniment part for a string player and perform for them in the semester recital.

Chamber Music Institute, August TBA 2019 9am-3pm. Ages 10 and up

Studying the works of the Masters, students will learn the timeless musical arts and traditions such as Chamber music, conducting, transcription, harmonic analysis, and aural dictation. Sound hard? Don't worry, students won't even realize how hard they are working as they attend classes at "Bernstein's School of Artistry and Virtuosity" and compete with their Chamber Troup to win the Troup Trophy! Young musicians will reach new levels of musical mastery through carefully crafted fun.

Klassical Kidz!

1st -5th grade or by permission

Private Lessons: \$35 per half hour weekly lesson, or \$45 per 45 minute weekly lesson, or \$55 an hour paid by the first of each month.

Ensemble Class: In tandem with private music lessons, all private lesson students ages 6 and up will also participate in one of our weekly ensembles. Ensemble is complementary for the third child in a family also enrolled in lessons! We offer our weekly ensembles at several different times (see below) and enroll 6-7 kids per class time. \$15 a class.

Monday	4:15-5:00 (<i>Note Time Change!</i>)
Wednesday	4:45-5:30
Wednesday	6:15-7:00
Thursday	6:15-7:00.

If your child has to miss an ensemble class they are welcome to make it up by attending one of our other ensemble rehearsals in addition to their normal ensemble class. You may complete make up classes at any time in the semester. *Refunds will not be given for missed ensemble classes.*

Klassical Kidz Summer Music Camp 2019!

August 26th-29st, 2019 10am-3pm Ages 4-9 (Middle school students may apply as counselors in training)

Music Camp is always much anticipated among our returning students! Using a different theme each year, and tons of hands-on fun, our camps inspire and delight our students with possibilities, and get them ready for another year of musical growth! Space is very limited.

Little Players, Ages 3-6

Private Lessons: \$25 per 15 minutes or \$35 per half hour weekly lesson

Little Players Group Class: Thursday 5:30-6:00 Ages 3-6 or as teacher determines readiness. \$12 per 30 minute class, paid by the month. Make ups are not possible so please be consistent! You will be refunded only if the instructor cancels the class.

Klassical Kidz Summer Music Camp 2019! (See above)

Little Beats

Pre-lesson Music Lesson for ages 3-5

Do you have a toddler that is ready to start learning about music, but isn't ready for the level of expectation of private lessons and Little Players? Join Little Beats! Through games and movement they'll learn all about the staff, how to keep a pulse as a team, and rhythms! We will explore simple elements of both violin, piano and harp exposing them to both instruments in a fun way for a perfect start to their musical journey! **Email us to schedule.**

Policies and Program Information

We welcome our new and returning families to the 2016-2017; school year at Klassical Kidz Music Studio! We are confident your child will have a rewarding year of musical growth with us!

- For students under eight years old, we usually ask that a parent attend all lessons with her child. Students nine and over are usually completing homework without a parent's assistance, and it becomes time for them to begin to learn to practice independently also. This is where the parent's role changes to being a "cheerleader" rather than a practice "coach". We will help you to determine if it is better for your child with or without you in the lesson.
- Siblings are welcome to also be present providing they can be engaged in a relatively quiet activity by your side or in the hall. Babies under 6 months need a baby carrier/seat so your hands and attention can be primarily on the lesson.
- For students under 8, Parents are to supervise practices 5 days a week or as specified by your teacher. Violin students 6 and under will have practice cards. If your child is in ensemble or chamber he will receive a "Task Chart" each week with specific practicing instructions.
- Older_Students may be asked to add his own notes in his own words.
- Parents are responsible for making sure that all sheet music is assembled in a thin **3-ring binder** as it is given out to the students. **Please! Loose music is LOST music!**
- Student's Music Binder must come to lessons and ensemble each week.

- In tandem with private music lessons, all students are required to participate in one of our ensembles unless they are participating in a Klassical Kidz Chamber Group instead. Students under 6 participate in the Little Players Group Class.
- Piano Students need to own a portable keyboard and a keyboard stand. **They will not need to bring it to the weekly classes but will need it for the combined rehearsals and concerts. You will receive an email when it is needed.**
- Ensemble and Chamber are Drop off Classes, but please see that your child is safely into the building before leaving. Parents may be asked to attend Little Players Group Class with their child.
- Please drop your child off a few minutes early for ensemble/classes so we can start promptly.
- After each ensemble or class a lesson will start promptly. Please be waiting on time to pick up your child.
- After ensemble, if you will be coming back for a lesson, you may leave your instrument and gear in the classroom against a wall. Students ages seven and older may wait in the hall without a parent between lessons and ensemble classes. If your child has a long wait or is coming straight from school, please send them with a nutritious snack.
- Students may take lessons on more than one instrument after they have taken a year on one instrument and demonstrated a good commitment to practicing and lessons.
- Students are allowed 3 make up lessons per semester.

The Klassical Kidz M.E.R.I.T.S. Awards

At Klassical Kidz we believe that the study of music will be a tremendously rewarding experience and that kids can be taught at a very young age to embrace the effort as the key to a successful and exciting musical learning adventure.

With this in mind we have created our M. E. R. I. T. S. program.

Musical Effort Resulting In Total Success!

Each student will earn 'Starpoints' in both lessons and in ensemble/chamber coachings for the following:

- Attitude
- Practicing 5 days a week
- Using Correct Technique and Posture
- Being on time and ready to go at Lessons and Ensembles
- Being Attentive and Respectful
- Being a Supportive Ensemble /Group Member -Completing Lesson Assignments

Each semester is concluded with a formal **Recital** at which students *will receive awards based on their weekly average of starpoints.*

M.E.R.I.T.S. Awards will fall into three levels:

Level One: The Virtuoso Award, Level Two: The Excellence Award, Level Three: The Progress Award
Attendance/Absentee Protocols

Attendance is very, very important, but if you are unable to keep your child's weekly lesson time, please notify us by email as soon as you know to reschedule the lesson. Please give us 24 hours notice! Each student is allowed **3 make up lessons per semester**. We may also need to occasionally reschedule lessons due to illness or performance engagements. We prioritize make ups due to student or instructor illness. Every effort will be taken to ensure lessons are consistent, and we thank you for your flexibility

Possible Calendar Changes

Should there be any unforeseen changes to our calendar due to circumstances beyond our control, you will be **notified immediately by email**. Please check your email for any notices frequently and watch for studio emails each week.

Fall 2018 Or Spring 2019 Tuition

To secure your child's place in lessons and ensemble schedules, please send the completed registration form and the month's tuition to 15 Newman Way Apt 13 Arlington Ma 02476.

Payment for both lessons and ensemble is due by the second week of the month. A \$10 late fee will be charged after the 10th.

Recital Fee: We rent space for our dress rehearsal and recital program at the Longy School of Music of Bard College. You will be billed a \$30 recital fee for each student enrolled in the program.

Klassical Kidz Monthly Schedule is emailed out at the beginning of each month with the invoices.

We schedule days off periodically to accommodate our professional performance commitments. Please note that breaks may or may not align with the public school schedules.

Concert Attire Requirements

At the end of each semester the students present a Recital and perform some of the music they have learned. At the concerts, the kids wear inexpensive, but dressy concert attire, available from Stage Accents (stageaccents.com). This adds an element of importance, festivity, and a sense of belonging to a group that students really respond to well. Please mark your calendars as soon as the dates are released (usually February and June) because you won't want to miss the special day!

- Unisex Wing Collar Tuxedo Shirt product 8000 (\$14)
- (Girls) Rosette, Royal product 6006 (\$6.00) - Cummerbund, Royal product 6001 (\$6.75)
- (Boys) Cummerbund, Royal product 6001 (\$6.75) - Satin Bow Tie, Royal 6002 (\$3)
- Dressy black skirt, knee-length or longer - Dressy black slacks - **Black** tights and dress shoes - **Black** socks and shoes
- NEW! Chamber music girls, [Youth Concerto Dress](#) in Royal blue
- NEW! Chamber boys, Black Vest <https://amzn.to/2wFo8OZ>

If your child has out grown his or her outfit, please give yourself enough time to order them a new one, all components of the Klassical Kidz uniform are required for the recital, including the Tuxedo Shirt, please plan accordingly.

Klassical Kidz Recital Etiquette

- While students are performing, all audience members should be seated.
- After they play their solos, all students ages 8 and under will sit with a parent in the **lower level**, please no children 8 and under in the balcony.
- We respectfully request that all KK students listen to the music on the stage and don't play with or listen to ipads/phones etc.
- For Younger Siblings that are not KK students, they are welcome to attend the recital and enjoy the fun activity booklets as well! Feel free to slip in and out with younger children during the applause to give them a break as needed. Please wait and do not leaving during a performance if at all possible. **We strongly encourage families with younger children to sit towards the back of the hall to make leaving the hall easier and less disruptive to the performers.**
- We ask that if your child is too young or not able to focus on the performances and needs to use an electronic form of entertainment that they be downstairs in the Dalcroze/Reception room. We are happy to have a movie playing for them downstairs. We will assign 4 parents to oversee

younger siblings that aren't in the hall, taking turns so that everyone still gets to see their child perform. If you specifically want to volunteer for this job please let us know ASAP.

- At Intermission, all KK students except Little Players come promptly backstage to get ready for the group performance.
- After the intermission, **please stop talking as soon as the house lights are dimmed again** and give your full attention to the performers on stage.

Thank you all for reading this carefully, it is very important that the students feel that their hard work is taken seriously by their fellow students and the audience in general.

Summer Term and Summer Programs

Students may be enrolled in a four, 6, or 8 lessons during our summer term. These lessons may be consecutive or may be scheduled around vacations and camps throughout the summer. We strongly recommend a minimum of four lessons to maintain the progress of the previous year. It is very discouraging to a student to return in the fall and realize they must relearn things they had mastered just a few months ago. Our "Summer Practice Challenge" helps students stay motivated during the summer months. Students that complete the Practice Challenge get to participate in our Fall Semester Kick-Off Picnic, scheduled this year is TBD.

Mark your calendar!

We schedule our summer programs well in advance so that you can prioritize them when planning vacations and other summer activities. Our summer camps are custom made for our students and we work in depth on music theory, beginning harmony, music history and ear training. Our summer programs are designed to take each student's overall musicianship to a new level as they come away with a deeper knowledge of the inner workings of music.

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