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The Music Academies Private: Independent and Structured lessons taught at the studio or online lessons:

The Music Academies offers structured private in person or online lessons in the following instruments: piano, violin, viola, cello, bass, ukulele, acoustic guitar, chincello, voice, recorder.

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Course: KiddyKeys:
Day: Monday 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Level: Beginning Level 1A
ages: 5 -6 year olds:

KiddyKeys is a multi-faceted approach to learning music at a young age. This course emphasizes creativity and self-worth to introduce music appreciation and understanding to young children. Students will learn basic note reading, rhythm notation, musical symbols. Students will learn how to play simple songs on the piano. Students will need to have access to a keyboard or piano. This class teaches the young child hand-eye coordination through use of rhythm instruments and piano technique, with a dedicated music time focusing on composers and listening skills.

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January 12: Introduction to class hand out books learn beginning notes and patterns

January 19: Basic Music Theory: Learn the letter names to the line and spaces for both bass and treble clef. Learn the basic rhythms using notation for the eighth note, quarter note, half-note and whole note patterns and the rests.

January 26: review of letter names and music notation. Beginning rhythm patterns through the use of hand drums and drumming patterns. Finding Two black keys and three black keys.

February 2: review of the music notation, rhythms patterns, proper counting. Finding middle C, D E on the piano

February 9, 16, 23: review of the music notation, rhythms patterns, proper counting. Introduction to piano/keyboard technique.

March 2, 9: music notation review, rhythm patterns, proper counting; C, D, E, and A, B, C. Learn musical symbols for Forte and Piano. review songs from the previous week.

March 16 review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Play basic songs and scales on piano/keyboard. Review of Forte and Piano.

March 24, 31: review of music notation, rhythm patterns; play musical pieces learned. begin learning about Beethoven and Ode to Joy.

April 6: No Class

April 13: review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Beginning composition of our own pieces to play.

April 20: review of music notation, rhythm patterns, learning new pieces to play on the piano. Review our composition.

April 28: Classes resume Review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Work on new pieces to play on the piano

May 4: Review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Work on new pieces to play on the piano

May 11: Review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Review last weeks pieces and work on new pieces to play on the piano
Pick out recital pieces for spring recital.

May 18: Basic Music Theory: Learn the letter names to the line and spaces for both bass and treble clef. Learn the basic rhythms using notation for the eighth note, quarter note, half-note and whole note patterns and the rests.

June 1: review of letter names and music notation. Beginning rhythm patterns through the use of hand drums and drumming patterns.

10 question to be answered at the end of the semester:

- 1). Name each type of note. Example will be given
 - 2). Name each type of rest. Examples will be given to choose from.
 - 3). How many beats does each note receive? Examples will be given to choose from.
 - 4). Identify the following dynamics: Examples will be given to choose from.
 - 5). What does a time signature tell us about the piece
 - 6). What are the names of the Treble clef lines
 - 7). What are the names of the Bass clef spaces
 - 8). What are the names of Treble clef spaces
 - 9). What are the names of the Bass clef lines
- We use the black keys to play what type of notes?**

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Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Group Violin Class

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January 14	Hand out books and beginning lesson sheets
January 21, 28	review pieces that were handed, discuss trouble spots and begin playing pieces
February 4, 11, 18	review pieces, working on the E and A string
February 25	Begin playing Lightly Row
March 4, 11, 18	Discuss pieces and work on bowing technic
March 25 April 1	Go over new music work on problem spots discuss the theme of each piece
April 15, 22, 29	Go over new music work on problem spots discuss the theme of each piece
April 8	No class
April 15, 22, 29	Review music prepare for concert
May 6, 13,	Review music prepare for concert Prepare for concert
May 20	Concert day Time and location to be determined
May 27 June 3	review new pieces and new technic

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Final project: performance in concerts

Course Title: Michiana Chamber Orchestra

Day: Sunday

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Ages: 16 and older

If a student shows advanced skills at the audition, exceptions will be made to the age requirement. Please call to set up an audition day and time for the week of August 19 - 23

This course is designed to offer a study into both classical, patriot and popular music, bringing together all the different parts of an orchestra to perform various styles of music. We will learn about the composers who wrote our performance pieces. There will be three concerts for the year, the concerts will consist of musical selections from Musicals, classical music and holiday performances. Students will learn proper performance technique, increase their sight reading skills, how and what to listen for when playing with a group and perfecting rhythm skills. Students must have at least three years experience playing their instrument and will have to perform an audition to determine level of proficiency. All students will have the opportunity to perform with the group.

The Michiana Chamber Orchestra will hold rehearsals on the following Sundays, from 3:00- 4:30 p.m. unless other wise stated.

Rehearsals are held at the St. Pauls Luthern Church 1340 Sycamore Street Niles, Michigan with the exception of the dress rehearsal which will be held at the concert location, Niles District Library. Players attend weekly rehearsals, and practice their parts individually.

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January 18, 25	Hand out new music go over themes and basic information on pieces work on trouble spots discuss the theme of each piece	
February: 1, 8, 15, 22	review pieces work on trouble spots rehearse first piece	
March:1, 8, 15, 22	review new pieces begin preparing for concert	
April: 5-12	Spring Break no rehearsal	
April 20	No rehearsal	
April 27 May 4, 11, 18	review all pieces we have learned prepare for concert review pieces for concert	
May 25	No rehearsal	
June 1,	rehearse with full Symphonic orchestra	
June 7	Dress rehearsal	
June 8 Concert	Niles Library warm- up 3:00	concert 4:00 p.m.

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