
BROOKLINE MUSIC SCHOOL

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Musical Beginnings
Group Classes for
Young Children

EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC

Early Childhood Music classes provide children with a strong musical foundation in research-based, musically-rich, developmentally appropriate, and fun environments.

Music Play (newborn–3 years) students are exposed to a playful and rich musical environment that nurtures their music development needs with singing, chanting, moving, creating, and listening.

Musical Adventures (3–4 years) students participate in activities that provide a strong musical foundation, including singing, chanting, stylized movement, dance, improvisation, and playing percussive instruments.



VOCAL DISCOVERY

Vocal Discovery classes introduce students to singing songs from a variety of genres, exploring harmony, and learning basic vocal anatomy. This program is designed to prepare students in 1st through 5th grade for private vocal instruction.

DANCE

Dance classes for girls and boys explore kinesthetic creativity using movement, music, props, games, and play to develop and link students' learning into complex choreography and phrases.

- Creative Dance (4–5 years)
- Pre-Ballet (4–5 years)
- Ballet (6–8 years)
- Modern Dance (6–8 years)
- Dance Ensembles (9–12 years)

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DISCOVERING INSTRUMENTS

Music Moves for Piano (Pre-K–2nd grade) group piano lessons teach student musicians to hear what they play and play what they hear in engaging, creative and fun classes.

Instrument Discovery (Kindergarten) helps students develop an understanding of music with a vocabulary of tonal and rhythm patterns through movement, song, rhythmic chants, and improvisation. These musical skills are applied as students learn the basics piano, ukulele, percussion, violin, and more.

Introduction to Harmonica (1st–2nd grade) introduces students to playing single melodic notes and chords as well as posture and breath control techniques. Listening exercises will expose students to different styles and repertoire of music.

Introduction to Ukulele (1st–2nd grade) introduces the ukulele in an engaging group setting where students will learn rhythmic strumming, chords and melodies on the ukulele.

Beyond Beginner Ukulele (2nd–3rd grade) takes Introduction to Ukulele to the next level. Students will continue their exploration with new repertoire, chords & strumming patterns.

Introduction to Guitar (2nd–3rd grade) will teach students about the nine open chords, fundamental rhythm patterns and beginning single line playing.



SUZUKI INSTRUCTION

Suzuki Instruction (4 years and up) combines weekly private lessons with regular group classes. Parents or caretakers attend all lessons and classes, actively supporting students' learning and at-home practice.

Suzuki Instruction is available for Violin and Flute.



The Suzuki Method combines a music teaching method with a philosophy, embracing the total development of the child. It follows Dr. Shinichi Suzuki's guiding principle, "character first, ability second," also known as the Mother-Tongue Approach.

Before registering for the Suzuki Program, parents have an initial consultation with one of our Suzuki Instructors.

OTHER OFFERINGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Brookline Music School offers additional opportunities for young children including:

Private Instruction (6 years and up)
Music Therapy (all ages)

For more information please call (617) 277-4593
or visit BMSmusic.org.

REGISTER BY PHONE AT (617) 277-4593

ABOUT EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

All Early Childhood Music classes are based on Music Learning Theory and research on how children learn music. Students are guided through the stages of music learning (acculturation, imitation, and assimilation) to provide understanding for a lifelong enjoyment of music and to prepare for formal instruction.

To learn more about preparatory audiation and the stages of early childhood music learning, please visit giml.org/mlt/earlychildhood.

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OUR MISSION

Brookline Music School seeks to awaken and nurture musical interest and appreciation, as well as artistic excellence, in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere; to offer a high standard of comprehensive music instruction to people of all ages and backgrounds from Brookline and beyond; and to serve the community by teaching in multiple locations, offering generous tuition assistance, and sponsoring a full schedule of concerts and public performances throughout the year.

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