

VILLAGE MUSIC SCHOOL ENSEMBLE PROGRAMS

VMS offers a friendly and relaxed setting for music education in the inviting Village Market Place located in Carpenter Village, Cary, N.C.

All of the following programs will help each student strengthen a solid base of musicianship by emphasizing ensemble and personal performance improvement. Additional attention will be given to the acquisition of knowledge and technique on their specific instrument, the expressive qualities of music and ways to broaden and focus their interest in music.

VMS ensemble programs create a positive environment in which students will associate with and make new friends of talented young musicians who share their excitement about music.

VMS will offer instructors and staff that are chosen not only for their professional excellence and teaching ability, but also for their devotion to and easy rapport with people of all ages. Outstanding teachers will provide each student with unique opportunities for learning.

BAND Ensembles

Beginning Band is designed for students with 6 months to 2 years of experience on their instrument. The focus will be on listening skills, rhythm, tempo, dynamics and other basic musicianship techniques to foster a unified sound. Beginning band is open to woodwinds, brass and percussion students.

Beginning Jazz Ensemble is designed for school-age students with 2 or more years of experience on their instrument. This group will begin exploring improvisation in a structured environment. Opportunities will be available for taking solos during an arrangement. Understanding the basis behind the improvisation will be taught. Beginning jazz is open to woodwinds, brass, keyboard, strings, guitar, bass guitar, and percussion students.

Adult Jazz Ensemble is designed for High School students and musicians 18 years or older who are proficient on their instrument. The focus will be on understanding and improving improvised solos, increasing comfort levels when performing and expanding each student's musical abilities. Adult jazz is open to those who play woodwinds, brass, keyboard, strings, guitar, bass guitar, and percussion.

Rock Band 1 is designed for school-age students with 6 months to 2 years of experience on their instrument. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamics of a rock band, learning how to listen to each other and work up a song together. Rock band 1 is open to guitar, bass guitar, woodwinds, brass, keyboard, strings, percussion students and vocalists.

Rock Band 2 is designed for school-age students with 2 or more years of experience on their instrument. This group will expect individual responsibility for "bringing it" to the group, learning your part, using listening skills to stay together and recover the groove if something starts slipping. The group dynamics will be explored and with instructor's help, the band will find the best ways to work up new songs together. Rock band 2 is open to guitar, bass guitar, woodwinds, brass, keyboard, strings, percussion students and vocalists.

ORCHESTRAL Ensembles

Beginning Strings is designed for students with 6 months to 2 years of experience on their instrument. The focus will be on listening skills, rhythm, tempo, dynamics and other basic musicianship techniques to foster a unified sound. Beginning strings is open to violin, viola, cello and bass students.

Chamber Music Ensemble is designed for school-age students with 2 or more years of experience on their instrument. This group will begin exploring the finer nuances of playing with others to result in a beautifully polished performance. Chamber ensemble is open to strings, flute and clarinet students.

Adult Orchestral Ensemble is designed for High School students and musicians 18 years or older who are proficient on their instrument. The focus will be on improving sight-reading and listening skills. A varied selection of music will ensure enjoyment for everyone involved. Adult orchestra is open to those who play strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.

Schedule, Fees and Registration

Each class is 10 consecutive weeks in duration. The adult classes meet once per week for 90 minutes. The remaining classes meet once per week for 1 hour. All classes scheduled for 60 minutes will include 10 – 15 minutes of set up, warm up and tear down. Rehearsal time will be 45 – 50 minutes. All classes scheduled for 90 minutes will include 10 – 15 minutes of set up, warm up and tear down. Rehearsal time will be 75 – 80 minutes.

There is a minimum number required for each ensemble. VMS reserves the right to cancel or postpone a class if this minimum is not met. Registration forms are available in the VMS office, Taylor Building. **Registration and payment in full is due at least one week prior to scheduled start date.** Additional fees may be charged for music and/or materials needed during the 10-week period.

There are no refunds or rescheduled classes for participant absences.