



## **GROUP MUSIC CLASSES**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Your child or you will be a part of the **unique group class program** focused on high quality small classes, demanding programs, fun environment, and affordability. These are the only classes in our area that train students to perform, compete, improve their audition skills for the school programs, or participate in AIM Program - IL State Exam.
- Our group music classes are designed to provide **individualized instruction** in a group class setting. Each student is taught individually, and encouraged to progress at their own speed.
- **We offer** piano, guitar, violin, drums, and voice.
- **Here is how a class works:** a teacher works with one student for a few minutes, then the student needs to practice what they just learned while teacher works with the other students in the class. Teacher works with the other students in the class for a few minutes, and then comes back to the first students. Often times, theory, technique, and music history work is done as a group, however instrument training is completely individualized in order to allow for learning differences in each individual student.
- The students are engaged with their instrument for the full duration of the class. They are either working with the instructor, or practicing by themselves.
- Each class has students of **different ages and levels**. Instrument methods books define levels differently. In order to avoid the confusion, and to have the ability to use as many methods as we see appropriate for our students, we combine students of different levels together. Different levels encourage students to strive for higher achievements in a fun and enjoyable setting.
- All group classes have **maximum of 3 students** in the class. Piano, guitar, and violin classes with 3 students are 45 min long, with 2 students they are 30 min long, and for 1 student starting the class they are 20 min long. For drums and voice, a class with 3 students is 30 min long, with 2 students it is 20 min long, and for 1 student starting the class it is 15 min long.



- Our teachers are independent contractors and they use different teaching methods, and also follow NMA Annual Exam syllabus. Each method leads to the same goal of enabling a student to read music, count, play their favourite songs, pass the NMA Annual Exam, and participate in the various NMA and other programs.
- Please click on a specific class in our drop menu to see the schedule of the classes.
- Group class students are encouraged to sign up for **NMA Annual Exam** which helps the students and the parents to measure students' progress and build confidence in their overall music skills.