



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **8. CAN OUR CHILD STUDY MORE THAN ONE INSTRUMENT?**

Yes! NMA teachers offer various combinations of instrument and vocal instruction.

#### **Advantages**

- Students can combine voice and an instrument, or 2 instruments and learn them at the same time
- Students can receive instruction in both instruments from one instructor or from 2 instructors
- Students can have the lessons scheduled back to back

#### **Possible Disadvantages**

- Students would have to find the time to practice both instruments at home, i.e. twice as much home practice as just one instrument
- Parents would need to purchase 2 instruments for lessons and home practice
- The tuition would increase due to multiple lessons
- The student might get overwhelmed with the requirements and not enjoy music

#### **Class Options:**

- Combine 2 group classes; tuition would be equal to the combined tuition of each separate class. For example: group piano class \$20 plus group violin class \$20, total of \$40 per week
- Combine double instruction in individual lessons and the tuition rate equals only the pro-rated tuition of the individual lessons. This is a more affordable combination:
  - a) One 30-min lesson per week with only one instructor; lesson split in 2 parts, each instrument takes up half of the lesson; or trading weeks – one week one instrument, the next week the other instrument
  - b) One 45-min lesson per week with only one instructor: half of the lesson devoted to one instrument, half of the lesson devoted to the other instrument, or 30 min/15 min split.
  - c) One 1 hr lesson per week **with 1 or 2 instructors**: each lesson is devoted to 1 instrument

#### **Possible Instrument Combinations with 1 Instructor:**

- Piano can be combined with voice, guitar, drums, violin, viola, and ukulele
- Guitar can be combined with drums, violin, viola, and ukulele
- Violin can be combined with viola and guitar
- Voice can be combined with piano
- Drums can be combined with piano, guitar, and ukulele

*Please feel free to call us or e-mail if we have not provided sufficient answers  
and we will be more than happy to offer additional clarifications.*

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