

Klassical Kidz

🎵 MUSIC STUDIO 🎵

Attitude. Effort. Consistency.



Musical Excellence.

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Handbook

Private Lessons, Ensembles, Chamber Music, Camps and more!

13a Medford Street #4 Arlington Center
Klassicalkidz@gmail.com or [Visit our Website!](#)

Klassical Youth

6th grade and up or by permission

Private Lesson: We recommend that all Klassical Youth students receive at least 45 min of private instruction weekly.

\$40 per half hour weekly lesson, or \$50 per 45-minute weekly lesson, or \$60 an hour paid by the first of each month.

Chamber Players Program: Students who have reached an intermediate level and are 6th grade or older participate in our Chamber Players program. Chamber Player students take their commitment to musical learning very seriously, practicing consistently and prioritizing attendance of weekly lessons and chamber coachings over their other activities. In addition to complete mastery of their individual parts, these students work on playing expressively and on the many skills required to play together without the assistance of a conductor. Each semester they learn and perform 1-2 high level pieces in addition the piece the ensemble learns. Chamber Students who need to miss a coaching may attend one of the other weekly coachings to make it up. Or you can make up the coaching by watching the recording of class. *Additionally, Chamber students may attend ensemble rehearsals at any time for no additional cost.*

No refunds for missed coachings.

Advancing Chamber - Monday 6:00 – 7:00PM

Intermediate Chamber - Tuesday 6:00 – 6:45 PM

Honors Chamber Group. Students at the highest level of musical playing and commitment may be offered the opportunity to participate in the Honors Chamber Group in addition to the regular chamber program. These students will be asked to attend a few minutes of each other's lessons, or even to rehearse on their own outside of class times. There is no additional cost for this opportunity.

\$25 per 45-minute coaching session, paid by the month.

\$28 per 60-minute coaching session, paid by the month.

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Studying the works of the Masters, students will learn the timeless musical arts and traditions such as Chamber music, conducting, transcription, harmonic analysis, and aural dictation. Sound hard? Don't worry, students won't even realize how hard they are working as they attend classes at "Bernstein's School of Artistry and Virtuosity" and compete with their Chamber Troup to win the Troup Trophy! Young musicians will reach new levels of musical mastery through carefully crafted fun.

NEW! Giocosso Group class, Fridays 7:45- 8:30

Weekly Group Lessons for busy tweens and teens! Our Giocosso Group Class will be a very low pressure class for violin and piano students that love to make music but are short on time! It will include both individual and group instructions to help students keep learning and have the fun of making music together.

Klassical Kidz!

1st -5th grade or by permission

Private Lessons: \$40 per half hour weekly lesson, or \$50 per 45-minute weekly lesson, or \$60 an hour paid by the first of each month.

Ensemble Class: In tandem with private music lessons, all private lesson students ages 7 and up will also participate in one of our weekly ensembles. Ensemble is complementary for the third child in a family also enrolled in lessons! \$20 a class.

Tuesday **5:15- 6:00**

Wednesday **4:00- 4:45**

If your child has to miss an ensemble class they are welcome to make it up by attending one of our other ensemble rehearsals in addition to their normal ensemble class. You may complete make up classes at any time in the semester. Or you can make up the class by watching the recording of class.

Refunds will not be given for missed ensemble classes.

Little Players, Ages 4-6

Private Lessons: \$25 per 15 minutes or \$40 per half hour weekly lesson

Little Players Group Class: Thursday 5:45- 6:15 Ages 4-7 or as teacher determines readiness.

\$18 per 30-minute class, paid by the month.

Little Beats Class

Pre-lesson Music Lesson for ages 2.5 - 4

Wednesday 5:00-5:30

-\$18 per 30-minute class, paid by the month

Do you have a toddler that is ready to start learning about music, but isn't ready for the level of expectation of private lessons and Little Players? Join Little Beats! Through games and movement, they'll

learn all about the staff, how to keep a pulse as a team, and rhythms! We will explore simple elements of both violin, piano and harp exposing them to instruments in a fun way for a perfect start to their musical journey!

Policies and Program Information

We welcome our new and returning families to the 2023-2024; school year at Klassical Kidz Music Studio! We are confident your child will have a rewarding year of musical growth with us!

- We offer both in person lessons and virtual lessons. All group classes are held at our studio with the option to join the class via zoom.
- If you are enrolled in person lessons or classes, please stay committed to coming in person. However, you may ask to switch to Zoom for health safety as needed.
- For students under eight years old, we usually ask that a parent attend all lessons with the child. Students nine and over are usually completing homework without a parent's assistance, and it becomes time for them to begin to learn to practice independently also. This is where the parent's role changes to being a "cheerleader" rather than a practice "coach". We will help you to determine if it is better for your child with or without you in the lesson.
- Siblings are welcome to also be present providing they can be engaged in a relatively quiet activity by your side or in the hall. Babies under 6 months need a baby carrier/seat so your hands and attention can be primarily on the lesson.

- For students under 8, Parents are to supervise practices 5 days a week or as specified by your teacher. Violin students 6 and under will have practice cards and calendars. If your child is in ensemble or chamber he will receive a “Task Chart” each week with specific practicing instructions.
- Parents are responsible for making sure that all sheet music is assembled in a thin **3-ring binder** as it is given out to the students. **Please! Loose music is LOST music!**
- In tandem with private music lessons, all students are required to participate in one of our ensembles unless they are participating in a Klassical Kidz Chamber Group instead. Students under the age of 6 participate in the Little Players Group Class. (This requirement is once again fully in effect.)
- Piano Students need to own a portable keyboard and a keyboard stand. **They will not need to bring it to the weekly classes but will need it for the combined rehearsals and concerts. You will receive an email when it is needed.**
- Little Players, Ensemble and Chamber Are Drop off Classes, but please see that your child is safely into the building before leaving. However, parents may be asked to attend Little Players Group Class with their child if needed.
- Please drop your child off a few minutes early for ensemble/classes so we can start promptly.
- After each ensemble or class a lesson will start promptly. Please be waiting on time to pick up your child.
- After ensemble, if you will be coming back for a lesson, you may leave your instrument and gear in the classroom against a wall. Students ages seven and older may wait in the hall without a parent between lessons and ensemble classes. If your child has a long wait or is coming straight from school, please send them with a nutritious snack.
- Students may take lessons on more than one instrument after they have taken a year on one instrument and demonstrated a good commitment to practicing and lessons.
- **Students are allowed only 2 make up lessons per semester.**

Klasical Kidz M.E.R.I.T.S. Awards

At Klasical Kidz we believe that the study of music will be a tremendously rewarding experience and that kids can be taught at a very young age to embrace the effort as the key to a successful and exciting musical learning adventure.

With this in mind we have created our M. E. R. I. T. S. program.

Musical Effort Resulting In Total Success!

Each student will earn 'Starpoints' in both lessons and in ensemble/chamber coachings for the following:

- **Attitude**
- Practicing 5 days a week**
- Using Correct Technique and Posture**
- Being on time and ready to go at Lessons and Ensembles**
- Being Attentive and Respectful**
- Being a Supportive Ensemble /Group Member -Completing Lesson Assignments**

Each semester is concluded with a formal **Recital** at which students *will receive awards based on their weekly average of starpoints.*

M.E.R.I.T.S. Awards will fall into three levels:

Level One: The Virtuoso Award, Level Two: The Excellence Award, Level Three: The Progress Award

Attendance/Absentee Protocols

Attendance is very, very important, but if you are unable to keep your child's weekly lesson time, please notify us by email as soon as you know. Please give us at least 24 hours' notice! Each student is allowed **2 make up lessons per semester**. We may also need to occasionally reschedule lessons due to illness or performance engagements. We prioritize make ups due to student or instructor illness.

Every effort will be taken to ensure lessons are consistent, and we thank you for your flexibility

Possible Calendar Changes

Should there be any unforeseen changes to our calendar due to circumstances beyond our control, you will be **notified immediately by email**. Please check your email for any notices frequently and watch for studio emails each week.

Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 Tuition

To secure your child's place in lessons and ensemble schedules, please send the completed registration form and the month's tuition to 114 Paul Revere Road Arlington MA 02476.

Payment for both lessons and ensemble is due by the second week of the month. A \$15 late fee will be charged after the 10th.

Recital Fee: We rent space for our dress rehearsals and recital programs from the Longy School of Music of Bard College, Arlington Masonic Temple and Town Hall depending on the semester. You will be billed a \$45 recital fee for each student enrolled in the program.

Klassical Kidz Monthly Schedule is emailed out at the beginning of each month with the invoices.

We schedule days off periodically to accommodate our professional performance commitments. Please note that breaks may or may not align with the public school schedules.

Concert Attire Requirements

At the end of each semester the students present a Recital and Showcase Concert and perform some of the music they have learned. At both performances, the kids wear inexpensive, but dressy concert attire, available from South Eastern Performance Apparel and Amazon. This adds an element of importance, festivity, and a sense of belonging to a group that students really respond to well. Please mark your calendars as soon as the dates are released (usually February/March and May/June) because you won't want to miss these special performance days!

Ordering Information: For the items below that have links you should order on your own. For the other items, please **email us a list of what your child will need at the beginning of the semester** and we will place the orders from SEPA for a good group discount! (You will be invoiced for your bill.)

Little Player and Ensemble Attire Options:

- Unisex Wing Collar Tuxedo Shirt
- Rosette OR Satin Bow Tie, Royal Blue
- Cumberbund, Royal Blue
- Dressy black skirt (knee-length or longer) OR Dressy black pants
- **Black** tights and **Black** dress shoes OR **Black** dress socks and **Black** Dress shoes

(Please no sandals or sneakers!!!)

Chamber Player Attire:

Option 1

- [Youth Concerto Dress](#) in Royal blue (This link is only here for you to take correct measurements to send to us)
 - **NEW Requirement!** [Black Shrug/Sweater](#)
 - **New Requirement!** [Black Sash](#)

Option 2

- Unisex Wing Collar Tuxedo Shirt
 - [Black Vest](#)
 - Satin Bow Tie, Royal Blue
 - Dressy black Pants
 - **Black** socks and shoes

If your child has out grown their outfit, please give yourself and/or us enough time to order them a new one.

ALL components of the Klassical Kidz concert attire are required for the performances, please plan accordingly.

Klassical Kidz Recital/Concert Etiquette

- While students are performing, *all audience members should be seated.*
- We respectfully request that all KK students listen to the music on the stage and don't play with or listen to ipads/phones etc.
- For Younger Siblings that are not KK students, they are welcome to attend the recital! Feel free to slip in and out with younger children during the applause to give them a break as needed. Please wait and do not leaving during a performance if at all possible. **We strongly encourage families with younger children to sit towards the back of the hall to make leaving the hall easier and less disruptive to the performers.**
- After the intermission, **please stop talking as soon as the house lights are dimmed again** and give your full attention to the performers on stage.

Thank you all for reading this carefully, it is very important that the students feel that their hard work is taken seriously by their fellow students and the audience in general.

Summer Term and Summer Programs

Students may be enrolled for two, four or six lessons during our summer term. These lessons may be consecutive or may be scheduled around vacations and camps throughout the summer. We strongly recommend a minimum of four lessons to maintain the progress of the previous year. It is very discouraging to a student to return in the fall and realize they must relearn things they had mastered just a few months ago.

Our “Summer Practice Challenges” help students stay motivated during the summer months. Students that complete the Practice Challenges get to participate in our Fall Semester Kick-Off Picnic, schedule this year is TBD.

Mark your calendar!

We schedule our summer programs well in advance so that you can prioritize them when planning vacations and other summer activities. Our summer camps are custom made for our students and we work in depth on music theory, beginning harmony, music history and ear training. Our summer programs are designed to take each student’s overall musicianship to a new level as they come away with a deeper knowledge of the inner workings of music.



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