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## *Lesson Offerings, 2023-24*

### **Piano**

#### **Private Lessons**

Private piano lessons are offered at the beginner, elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels. Lessons will be in person or online via Zoom or Facetime.

Lessons are held once a week for 30, 45 or 60 minutes. Times are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings between 3:00 and 9:00 PM. Home-schooled students and those with flexible school schedules may elect to come earlier in the day.

The curriculum of piano study will vary with each student according to their level of advancement, their interest in performing and what style of music they wish to play. In general, each student will cover repertoire (classical, popular and/or jazz), theory, technique, ear training, some creative work and improvisation. I work with each student to determine their long-term goals at the piano.

#### **Beginner groups**

5- and 6-year-old beginners in kindergarten and first grade may elect to study piano in a small group of 2, 3 or 4 students. Lessons will be in person or online via Zoom or Facetime.

Group lessons are held once a week:

- 2 students = 30 minutes
- 3 students = 45 minutes
- 4 students = 60 minutes

Groups are arranged according to the interest and availability of students of similar ages. Groups may be scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons and evenings. Parents will accompany their children during these lessons and may need to assist with practice during the week.

In beginning groups, students will learn basics of music reading including the musical alphabet, rhythmic notation, keyboard topography, and how to play a variety of simple songs. Singing, small movement and games help to introduce musical concepts to students in a fun, age-appropriate manner.

## Voice

### Private Lessons

Private voice lessons are offered at the beginner, elementary and early intermediate levels. Lessons will be in person or online via Zoom or Facetime.

Lessons are held once a week for 30 or 45 minutes. Times are available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings between 3:00 and 9:00 PM. Home schooled students and those with flexible school schedules may elect to come earlier in the day.

The curriculum of vocal study will vary with each student according to their age and advancement level. In general, each student will learn the basics of correct breathing, posture, and vocal tone production. Students will also work on pitch, diction, and development of vocal range. Music reading skills are introduced through solfege, and a variety of songs from the folk, classical, popular and/or music theater repertoire may be included.

Piano accompaniment tracks will be provided, and students must have these available for use during practice and lesson times.