

Hoff-Barthelson Music School

WESTCHESTER'S PREMIER COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

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EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC CLASSES

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's programs for young children are grounded in Dalcroze Eurhythmics—a method of teaching that pairs music and movement to catalyze the development of children's minds and bodies. Even the very youngest children develop focus, spatial awareness, gross motor skills, social skills, and the ability to work with others—all while having fun!

Research has long demonstrated the value of movement-based learning. Noted Swiss musician and educator Émile Jaques-Dalcroze (1865-1950) understood that the use of movement facilitates musical understanding and encourages musicality. His methods form the foundation of high-quality early childhood music education programs world-wide.

Home to both a thriving early childhood music program and a Teacher Training and Certification program endorsed by the Institut Jaques-Dalcroze, Hoff-Barthelson is one of the foremost centers of early childhood music education in the United States.

Hoff-Barthelson offers weekly classes based in Dalcroze Eurhythmics for preschoolers. Exercises and games in class involve singing, moving and improvising, and using small percussion instruments to promote keen inner hearing and rhythmic sensitivity. Attractive, colorful materials, including balls, hoops, and colorful scarves inspire a variety of activities and appeal to the imagination.

Our young students are guided and encouraged by their teachers to develop many skills involved in music-making. In parent-child classes, a joyful bond grows between the children and their adult caregivers as they sing together, listen, and move with the music. Beginning at age 3, Hoff-Barthelson offers a variety of classes for children who enjoy attending music class independently.

INSTRUMENTAL CLASSES FOR THE YOUNG BEGINNER

For families interested in taking the first steps in learning to play an instrument, Little Pipers Recorder Classes, Suzuki Pre-Twinklers and Beginning Ukulele are hands-on classes for older threes and up.

Enroll Now for
Spring 2018!

PARENT/CHILD CLASSES:

Learning in the Lap *(3 – 12 months; must be 3 months by September 1)*

One 30 minute class per week - \$445

Monday, 11:00 am

In Learning in the Lap, designed for young ears just learning to listen, certified music teachers awaken babies' senses through gentle singing and live instrumental performance. Babies and their parents/caregivers sing and move together, deepening their bonds and making friends with others. Classes conclude with a musical "Petting Zoo" during which babies explore a variety of colorful and engaging instruments.

The Guppies *(12 – 24 months; must be 12 months by September 1)*

One 30 minute class per week - \$445

Monday, 10:15 am

Thursday, 10:15 am - FULL

As children begin to explore the world around them, The Guppies opens up the world of music using songs and musical games to develop focus in a nurturing, fun-filled way. Children, supported by parents/caregivers, move to the music and develop their curiosity as they delve into new concepts of sound and song.

Tunes for Twos

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Monday, 9:30 am

Monday, 12:30 pm

Thursday, 10:50 am

Thursday, 12:30 pm - FULL

Perfect for two-year olds, who love to learn through movement, Tunes for Twos features songs and musical games that foster vocabulary development and a growing repertoire of small and large motor movements, socialization skills, and the ability to follow instructions. Twos also begin to explore a variety of instruments. Parents/caregivers learn songs and activities to enjoy with their children at home.

"Chalk Talk" introduces the children to music notation: the teacher makes sounds with the chalk while notating rhythm patterns on the board—the chalk "talks"—so that the children hear rhythms while they observe the notation.

Seasons of Song *(For Threes)*

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Monday, 1:15 pm - FULL

In Seasons of Song, three-year olds explore musical concepts through songs, movement, musical games, playing instruments, and *Chalk Talk*. Children develop vocal and aural skills, and enjoy singing in a group. The class is thematically structured around nature and the changing seasons. Includes a song packet so families can continue the music-making at home.

Available for parents and children together as well as in "drop off" format for children who enjoy attending music class independently.

CHILD ONLY CLASSES:

Seasons of Song *(For Threes)*

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Thursday, 1:15 pm

In Seasons of Song, three-year olds explore musical concepts through songs, movement, musical games, playing instruments, and *Chalk Talk*. Children develop vocal and aural skills, and enjoy singing in a group. The class is thematically structured around nature and the changing seasons. Includes a song packet so families can continue the music-making at home.

Saturday Songs *(For Threes and Fours)*

NEW FOR SPRING 2018!!

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Saturday, 10:15 am

Children explore musical concepts through songs, movement, musical games, playing instruments and *Chalk Talk*. *Chalk Talk* familiarizes children with basic musical notation, helping them prepare for future instrumental study.

My Musical World *(For Fours)*

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Monday, 2:45 pm - FULL

Four-year olds learn music from countries and cultures around the world while developing music and language skills through singing, playing instruments, movement, and *Chalk Talk*. *Chalk Talk* familiarizes children with basic music notation; eventually, when students begin instrumental study, the written notes are old friends.

For additional
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Rates are per
15 week semester

Enrollment ongoing
throughout the year

Tuition pro-rated
based upon time
of enrollment

**Spring Semester Classes
start on the following days:**

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 9

Wednesday, January 17

Thursday, January 18

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 20

Petite Chorus (Grades K-2)

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Saturday, 11:00 am

Through this introduction to the world of choral singing, children learn basic vocal techniques, develop their music-reading, listening and performance skills while exploring diverse repertoire that introduces them to cultures from around the world. Musical and vocal games keep classes lively and fun as the group prepares to perform in recitals and festivals throughout the year.

Listening and Learning in Action (For Fives and Kindergarten)

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Monday, 3:45 pm

Thursday, 3:30 pm

Saturday, 9:30 am

Because kindergartners, who happily learn rhythm through movement, are also fascinated by visual symbols, this class prominently features *Chalk Talk*. Children clap and play rhythms on percussion instruments while the teacher notates them on the board. Aural skills are developed through singing accompanied by hand movements that show the motion and contours of the melody. Recommended for children who are taking instrumental lessons, or are preparing to do so.

Getting to Know You: Exploring the Instruments (For Fours, Fives and Kindergarten)

One 40 minute class per week - \$475

Tuesday, 2:45 pm

Saturday, 8:45 am

Much in demand, Getting to Know You brings professional musicians into the classroom to introduce children to instruments in the wind, string, and percussion families through sight, sound and stories. Children also explore Dalcroze Eurhythmics to develop their musical skills. Highly recommended as preparation for private instruction.



Music exerts a profound impact in the lives of young children — they naturally tune in, listening wide-eyed and moving to the beat.

YOUR CHILD'S FIRST INSTRUMENT!

Little Pipers Recorder Classes (For Kindergarten)

Beginners: One 30 minute class per week - \$638

Wednesday, 5:45 pm

Intermediate: One 30 minute class per week - \$638

TBA

Children love to play recorder; it is perfect for the young hand, and ideal as an early wind instrument. Group lessons in recorder introduce young children to the joy of making music with others, while teaching basic musical concepts and note reading. Children learn at first by ear, then to read independently. Excellent preparation for further instrumental study.

Suzuki Pre-Twinklers (Violin for Older Threes and Fours)

One 40 minute class per week - \$550 (Parent/Child)

Monday, 2:00 pm - FULL

Thursday, 2:00 pm - FULL

This class, for three- and four-year olds and their grown-ups, serves as an introduction to instrumental study and features singing, movement activities, and *Chalk Talk*. Students begin the year with foam violins (Foamalins) and graduate to child-size violins, taking their first steps in violin position and playing. Rhythm and pitch patterns drawn from the first Suzuki songs are introduced as well.

Beginning Ukulele (Grades K-2)

NEW FOR SPRING 2018!!

One 40 minute class per week - \$575

Wednesday, 3:30 pm

Through studying ukulele, children begin to learn to read music, explore chords and strumming technique, and add their voice to sing along! This hands-on, fun and inspiring class encourages young students to continue on to study guitar, mandolin, and other string instruments. A beautiful wood ukulele will be provided by Hoff-Barthelson. Cost of instrument is included in tuition.

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Enriching lives and creating community through music