

Foothill Musical Arts Classes

Below is a description of the classes that we offer at our FHMA sites. Please check site schedules for class availability.

Music Explorers - This 30 minute class is designed especially for ages 3-4 and allows young students to experience music through movement, song, and games. Throughout the class, students will learn music without realizing they are learning. Cost: \$90/student per semester (separate from FHMA tuition).

Music Fundamentals - Made just for ages 5-7, this class provides fun, easy and educational experiences to introduce children to the world of music. Simple theory, rhythm, and music history are taught as students begin to read music and explore a variety of instruments in a small class environment. Classes are 45 minutes long.

Elementary Choir - This class allows students to learn music through song and story. Throughout the year, students will learn how to match pitch, sing basic rhythms, and recognize musical terms & signs. Students will also receive training in basic vocal technique and sight singing. *(Ages 7-10)*

Youth Choir - Students will be taught basic sight singing, basic & complex rhythms, and recognition of music terms & signs. Students will sing various types of music throughout the year and learn how to sing 2 and 3 part harmony. *(Ages 11+)*

Beginning Strings - Students will learn posture, technique, and ear training on violin, viola and cello. They will develop skills by playing short melodies and folk songs. *(Ages 9+)*

Intermediate Strings A - Students expand upon string technique by learning folk songs and classical melodies and harmonies on violin, viola, and cello. Students perform in a small ensemble and individually at the end of semester concerts and recitals. *(Instructor Consent Required to join class)*

Intermediate Strings B - Students expand upon string technique by learning folk songs and classical melodies and harmonies on violin, viola, and cello. Students perform in a small ensemble and individually at the end of semester concerts and recitals. *(Ages, 12+, Instructor Consent Required to join class)*

Beginning Band - Beginning Band is designed for students who have little or no prior musical experience. The instructor will help students choose an instrument best suited to them (flute, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, and tuba, etc).

Students are taught to read music and play while listening and blending with the others in the band. *(Grades 5+, 4th upon instructor consent)*

Concert Band - This class is for those who have completed Beginning Band to expand their technique and musicianship through a wide variety of pieces. Students are challenged to develop their individual performance skills while maintaining a fully integrated ensemble. *(Instructor Consent Required to join class)*

Beginning Keyboard I - This is a beginner class for students ages 5-7 who are brand new to piano. During the first semester, students learn basic theory & technique. During the second semester, students learn basic note reading. Parents are encouraged to sit in class with students younger than 7. Classes are 45 minutes long. *(Ages 5-7)*

Beginning Keyboard II - This is a beginner class for students ages 8+ and for students who have taken Keyboard 1. Students learn basic theory & techniques, and sightreading. *(Ages 8+)*

Intermediate Keyboard - This class is for students who have taken Keyboard 2 or for students who have taken a year or two of private lessons and are somewhat comfortable with the piano. Students will be introduced to upper level theory and will be further challenged in their technical skills. *(Instructor Consent Required to join class)*

Beginning Guitar A, B - This group guitar class teaches students proper technique, sight reading, and music theory. Students are taught to read notes as well as to play in an ensemble. *(Ages 7+)*

Intermediate Guitar - This class is for students who have taken Guitar 1 or for students who have taken at least a year of private lessons and are somewhat comfortable with the guitar. This group guitar class teaches students proper technique, sight reading, and music theory. *(Instructor Consent Required to join class)*

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