

Klassical Kidz

MUSIC STUDIO

Attitude. Effort. Consistency.



Musical Excellence.

Fall 2026 - Spring 2027 Handbook

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

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Chamber Players Program!

6th grade and up or by permission

Private Lesson: We recommend that all Chamber Player 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.

Tuition is paid in four equal payments or by the semester.

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 1-3 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.

Additionally, Chamber students may attend ensemble rehearsals at any time for no additional cost.

No refunds for missed coachings.

Advancing Chamber - Monday 6:30 – 8:00PM *Note time change! *

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

\$30 per 45-minute coaching session.

\$50 per 90-minute coaching session.

Tuition is paid in four equal payments or by the semester.

Chamber Music Institute, August 2027, 16th – 21st, 9 :00am-3:00. Ages 9 and up

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.

Elementary Ensemble Program!

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. Tuition is paid in four equal payments or by the semester.

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. Tuition is paid in four equal payments or by the semester.

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.

Refunds will not be given for missed ensemble classes.

Little Players Program

Ages 4.5 - 7

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

\$18 per 30-minute class.

Tuition is paid in four equal payments or by the semester.

Little Beats Class!

Pre-lesson Music Lesson for ages 18 months – 3.5

\$18 per 30-minute class, paid by 6-week term.

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 & 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!

Day and Time TBD/ Scheduling ASAP

Policies and Program Information

We welcome our new and returning families to the 2026 - 2027; school year at Klassical Kidz Music Studio! We are confident your child will have a rewarding year of musical growth with us!

- We offer in person private lessons and groups. All are held at our studio with the option to join the lesson or class via zoom if feeling unwell.
- Our school year is organized into two 16-week semesters, providing every student with 16 private lessons and 16 classes each semester in a balanced, consistent schedule.
- In tandem with private music lessons, all students are required to participate in one of our groups: Elementary age students attend Elementary ensemble classes, middle and High school students attend either Intermediate or Advancing Chamber Groups. Younger Students must participate in the Little Players Group Class.
- 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 they 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 ***3ring binder*** as it is given out to the students. **Please! Loose music is LOST music!**

- Piano Students need to own a portable keyboard and a keyboard stand. They will not need to bring it to the weekly classes but may 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. (Unless to illness)**

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. Make up lessons are primarily taught by Ms. Adrienne via zoom. To schedule a make-up lesson please email her directly at: ajbassettharp@gmail.com

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

At Klassical 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 **Showcase Concert** 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**

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 2026/Spring 2027 Tuition

Payments for both lessons and ensemble is paid in 4 equal payments or for the full semester.

Invoices for these 4 payments will go out on the 1st of the month.

A \$15 late fee will be charged when payments are received after the 15th of the month.

Recital Fee: We rent space for our dress rehearsals and performances from the Lexington Christian Academy, Arlington Community Center, Arlington Masonic Temple and Arlington Town Hall depending on the semester.

You will be billed a \$50 recital fee each semester, for each student enrolled in the program.

Performance Requirements

At the end of each semester all our students present a Showcase Concert and perform the music they have learned. At all Klassical Kidz performances, students 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. Students also participate in a yearly Solo Recital.

Please mark your calendars as soon as the performance dates are released/confirmed, as these are mandatory for all students.

Concert Attire Ordering Information:

- Please Email us a list with sizes of what your child will need at the beginning of the semester, after you enroll.
- We will send you links for the items that are for purchase on Amazon
- We will place the orders from SEPA for a good group discount.
- You will be invoiced for your bill.
- Occasionally, lightly used hand – me – downs are available for some items.

Little Player and Ensemble Attire Options:

- Unisex Wing Collar Tuxedo Shirt
- Rosette OR Satin Bow Tie, Royal Blue
- Cummerbund, 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 note sandals or sneakers are not allowed for performances.

Chamber Player Attire:

Girls

- [Youth Concerto Dress](#) - in Royal blue (Ask for size chart and measure!)
- Black Sweater/Shrug (Amazon)
- Black tights or Knee Highs
- Black Dress Shoes (Please no sandals or sneakers!!!)

Boys

- Unisex Wing Collar Tuxedo Shirt
- Black Vest (Amazon)
- *New Change* REGULAR CINCH SATIN TIE
- 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, so please plan accordingly.**

Klassical Kidz Performance 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 iPad/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! This year the picnic is scheduled for September 13th 2:00 – 3:30, location TBD.

“Jambouree” Sessions 2027!

Wednesdays July 7th - August 11th, 5:15 – 6:00 Ages 7 and up!

A zero-pressure, super fun way to keep up your skills by "jamming" this summer!



- Sight-read new pieces every week, no need to practice!
- Open to Ensembles-Chamber students *with parts for all levels*
- Come to as many or few as you like, in person or via zoom.

Each week we will learn Folk, Fiddle, Celtic and other catchy, toe-tapping tunes for a fun ensemble experience that won't add anything to your summer practice load.

Come Jam with Us Next Summer!

School Year Calendar 2026–2027

**Please print the following pages for easy reference
throughout the school year!**



Fall Semester Calendar (2026)

Semester Information

Fall Semester: 16 Weeks of Lessons & Classes
September 8, 2026 – January 23, 2027

*Each student receives **16 private lessons and 16 classes** as part of their semester enrollment, regardless of their lesson day.*

Semester Begins: Tuesday, September 8

Studio Closures

- **Monday, September 21 — Studio Closed**
Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)
- **Wednesday, November 11 — Studio Closed**
- **Thanksgiving Break:** November 24–27
- **Holiday Break:** December 18 – January 3

Note: Monday, October 12 — Regular lessons and classes will be held.
The studio will remain open. Make- ups maybe be scheduled if needed.

At a Glance

Date	Event
September 8	Fall Semester Begins
September 13	Fall Kickoff Picnic (2:00–3:30 PM, Location TBD)
September 21	Studio Closed — Yom Kippur
October 12	Regular lessons held (Studio Open)
November 11	Studio Closed
November 24–27	Thanksgiving Break
December 18–January 3	Holiday Break
January 4	Classes Resume
January 23	Winter Showcase Concert
January 25–29	Between-Semester Break & Re-enrollment
February 1	Spring Semester Begins



Spring Semester Calendar (2027)

Semester Information

Spring Semester: 16 Weeks of Lessons & Classes
February 1 – June 13, 2027

*Each student receives **16 private lessons and 16 classes** as part of their semester enrollment, regardless of their lesson day.*

Semester Begins: Monday, February 1

Studio Closures

- **February Break:** February 15–19
 - **Wednesday, March 24** — Studio Closed
 - **Thursday, March 25** — Studio Closed
 - **Friday, March 26th** — Studio Closed (Good Friday)
 - **Spring Break:** April 19–23
 - **Monday, May 31** — Studio Closed (Memorial Day)
 - **Summer Break:** June 14 – July 5
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Special Events

Reserved Make-Up Days

Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24th

Studio open for scheduled make-up lessons only. No regular lessons.

Younger Solo Recital (*Tentatively Scheduled/Confirming ASAP*)

Saturday, April 10

Chamber Players Solo Recital (*Tentatively Scheduled/Confirming ASAP*)

Sunday, April 11

Spring Showcase Concert (*Tentatively Scheduled/Confirming ASAP*)

Sunday, June 13

Last Day of the Spring Semester

Sunday, June 13

Summer Term 2027

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday, July 6, 2027

At a Glance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 1	Spring Semester Begins
February 15–19	February Break
March 23	Reserved Make-Up Day (<i>scheduled make-up lessons only; no regular lessons</i>)
March 24	Reserved Make-Up Day (<i>scheduled make-up lessons only; no regular lessons</i>)
March 25	Studio Closed
March 26	Studio Closed
April 10	<i>Tentative:</i> Younger Solo Recital
April 11	<i>Tentative:</i> Chamber Players Solo Recital
April 19–23	Spring Break
May 31	Studio Closed (Memorial Day)
June 13	<i>Tentative:</i> Spring Showcase Concert
June 13	Last Day of the Spring Semester
June 14 – July 5	Summer Break (Studio Closed)
July 6	Summer Term Begins

Semester Summary

♪ 16-week semester

🎹 16 private lessons per student

🎵 16 classes per student

📅 80 regular teaching days

(16 Mondays, 16 Tuesdays, 16 Wednesdays, 16 Thursdays, and 16 Fridays)

🎵 Two reserved make-up days are built into the semester for scheduled make-up lessons.

💻 Additional Zoom make-up lessons can be scheduled with Ms. Adrienne throughout the semester.

Mark Your August 2027 Calendar Now! 🎵

You won't want to miss the incredible learning and fun that happens each summer at...



August 16–21, 2027

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We announce the dates for **Chamber Music Institute** well in advance so families can prioritize this special week when planning vacations and summer activities.

Designed specifically for Klassical Kidz students, CMI offers an immersive week of music-making that goes far beyond the weekly lesson. Students strengthen their understanding of **music theory, music history, ear training and conducting** while developing the skills and confidence that support a lifetime of musical growth.

At CMI, students explore the works of the great master composers while experiencing timeless musical traditions such as **chamber music, choir, harmonic analysis, and aural dictation**. Through engaging, hands-on learning, they discover not just how to perform music but how music is created!

Sound challenging? It is—but don't worry! Students are so engaged in the adventure that they hardly realize how much they're learning. As members of "**Bernstein's School of Artistry and Virtuosity**," they work together with their Chamber Troupe, tackle creative musical challenges, and compete for the coveted **Troupe Trophy**.

CMI is where serious musical growth meets unforgettable summer fun. By the end of the week, students leave with stronger musicianship, deeper musical understanding, lasting friendships, and memories they'll treasure for years to come.

We can't wait to make music with you during an exciting 2026–2027 school year. Here's to a year filled with learning, creativity, friendship, and joyful music-making!