The Eastman Community Music School

The Eastman Community Music School has been providing music instruction to people of all ages and levels since 1921.

If you are interested in receiving information about all of our programs, please call the Community Music School Office (274-1400) during regular business hours or download a brochure from our website: www.esm.rochester.edu/community

Early Childhood Music Classes 2016-2017

32 years of music classes for young children!

Classes for Children

MusicTIME
4 to 24 months old

Music Times Two
2 to 3½ years old

Music Makers
3½ to 4 years old

Clef Club
5 to 6 years old

~Have FUN~
~Learn Musical Activities~
~Develop Musical Skills~
~Create a Well-Rounded Child~

Children’s programs offered by the Eastman Community Music School have been developed by Donna Brink Fox, an Eastman School of Music professor who is a nationally recognized authority on early childhood music education. The program has attracted attention throughout the United States and abroad, and has been featured on network television.

Eastman early childhood music classes are 45 minutes each and meet on Saturdays for 10 weeks. Class times are 9:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:00-noon, and 12:45 p.m. (class times may be adjusted depending on enrollment)

The 10-week sessions are offered in the fall, winter, and spring.
Fall Session: September 17—November 19, 2016
Winter Session: January 7—March 11, 2017
Spring Session: March 18—May 20, 2016
Class Descriptions

All classes meet on Saturdays at 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00-noon and 12:45 p.m.

Ten-week sessions begin September 17, January 7, and March 18.

MusicTIME
A unique program for infants and toddlers (ages 4 months to 2 years) and their parents/caregivers. MusicTIME features musical activities that include songs, rhymes, bounces, tickles, moving to music, and listening. Information and guidance on musical development in young children and home-based activities is also provided. ($140)

Music Times Two
A continuation of the objectives of MusicTIME for parents/caregivers and children (ages 2 to 3½-years). Children develop rhythmic and vocal skills as they engage in more independent music making activities that include: singing, movement, and playing hand-held instruments. ($140)

Music Makers
Designed for 3½- and 4-year-old children without parental participation in the classes. Skills in singing, listening, and musical vocabulary are emphasized, with opportunities to play classroom percussion instruments. Visiting musicians demonstrate instruments throughout the session. ($140)

Clef Club
This fourth level of the early childhood music program is intended for children who are enrolled in kindergarten or first grade or who are 5-6 years old. The class focuses on individual musical skills and includes singing, rhythmic activities, moving to music, musical concepts, musical games, and playing small percussion instruments. Children will begin foundational activities in reading and writing music. ($140)

Registration Information
Spaces in our classes are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis at the beginning of each school year. The registration form is on page four of this brochure. Complete the registration form, detach and return it either by mail to Eastman Community Music School, Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs Street, Rochester, NY 14604, fax 585-274-1005, or in person to the Community Music School Office on the 3rd floor of 10 Gibbs Street. You may also scan or photograph the completed form and attach it to an email sent to earlymusic@esm.rochester.edu. Registration is not possible by phone. Please do not include payment with your form. We will bill you after classes begin.

Classes are formed based on enrollment and are in a state of flux until one week before a session begins. You will receive notification of your class time and room location one week before a session begins. Notification is sent via email.

For University of Rochester Employees*

After one year of full-time service or two years of part-time service, regular full-time faculty and regular full-time or part-time staff are eligible for a 25% reduction in charges for musical instruction through the Eastman Community Music School.

To receive the discount, complete a tuition waiver form on the Benefits Office website. Tuition waivers are good for one year from July 1-June 30. The discounted tuition is $105.00.

*Strong Memorial Hospital Residents and Fellows and Departmental Fellows are not eligible for the reduction in charges for musical instruction through the Eastman Community Music School.
FAQ's about the Program

How long is each session? Each session is 10 weeks.

How do I register? The registration information on page two of this brochure outlines this process.

What is your re-registration policy? Priority registration for the Winter and Spring Sessions is offered to children who participate in the previous session. Enrolled students who wish to re-register for the next session must do so by week eight of their current session in order to be guaranteed a place in class. (See Early Childhood Dates to Remember below.)

My child will not be attending the fall session. When can I register for the winter or spring sessions? Families may submit a registration form for any session at any time. Forms are dated when we receive them. Students will be enrolled in open spaces in the order we receive the registration forms.

I have 2 children who are at different levels. Will I be able to get the same class time for both of them? We do our best to schedule siblings at the same class time. It is, however, sometimes difficult to do if there are fewer class times offered for one level than another or in cases of late registration.

If we have a conflict with the class time one week, are we able to come to a different time? Unfortunately no. Attending a different class time could lead to an overcrowded class. Additionally, moving students between classes during a session disrupts the class Routine and environment for the other children.

I have twins. What is the policy for parental attendance in the MusicTIME and Music Times Two classes? In an effort to foster adult/child interaction, twins (or siblings ) enrolled in MusicTIME or Music Times Two, need an adult/child ratio of 1:1. Accompanying adults can be parents/guardians, family members, friends, or other caretakers.

Are there make-up classes in case of bad weather? There are no make-up classes for missed classes.

This is my child’s first time to attend your program. What should I consider when deciding which level to choose? Consider the past experience and developmental level of your child. For example, a Music Times Two class is usually the best placement for a 3 1/2-year old child if this is his/her first introduction to our program. Children enrolled in Music Makers classes participate without their parents, so a strong sense of independence is helpful as the children take turns and interact with their peers in a more structured setting. Children who are not quite 5-years old but who are enrolled in kindergarten may attend Clef Club. Children who turn 5-years old in the spring may be more comfortable attending a Music Makers class. We are happy to help you determine correct placement.

To whom do I direct my questions or concerns about the Early Childhood Music program? Patricia Gingras, the program coordinator, can be reached at: earlymusic@esm.rochester.edu.
Name of student (full legal name)

Name of parent or guardian

Street address

City/State/Zip

Best telephone number to reach you

Parent/Guardian Email address #1

Parent/Guardian Email address #2 if desired

Student’s date of birth

Student’s ID number (returning students only)

Gender: □ Male □ Female

□ Please check this box if one of the parents is a UR full-time employee.

Has this student attended our program?

□ is currently attending □ attended a prior session □ is a new student

Please do not include payment at this time. We will bill you when classes begin.

Payment Agreement
I understand that the University of Rochester (Eastman Community Music School) must receive the full amount (as described above) due less any University of Rochester employee discounts on or before the due date as noted on the bill, and that if full payment is not received by the due date, the University will assess a monthly late payment fee of 1% of the amount past due. I understand that I am responsible for notifying the Bursar’s Office if my billing address changes at any time. I understand that I am responsible for any late payment fees resulting from delays in the delivery of my bill. Payment must be in U.S. dollars.

I further certify that should my account not be kept current, I understand the University may curtail my ability to register for future sessions. I understand that I am responsible for any late payment fees resulting from delays in the delivery of my bill. I understand that I am responsible for notifying the Bursar’s Office if my billing address changes at any time. I understand that I am responsible for any late payment fees resulting from delays in the delivery of my bill. Payment must be in U.S. dollars.

I further certify that should my account not be kept current, I understand the University may curtail my ability to register for future sessions. I understand the University’s right to assess collection and legal fees should my account remain unpaid at the time I leave the University or the Eastman Community Music School. I understand that I am obligated to pay those fees. I further understand that classes are carefully balanced for enrollment and that no cancellations will be accepted or refunds issued after the dates listed (above) for each session. If I cancel or withdraw from a session for any reason after the cancellation date, I am obligated to and will make full payment for that session.

I, _______________________________, the parent/guardian of, _______________________________ agree to be responsible for payment pursuant to the terms of this Payment Agreement.

Signature of Parent or Guardian ___________________________ Date ________________

Photography, Video, and Audio Recording Release
I, _______________________________ (name of parent), hereby give consent for my child and his/her attending caregivers to be recorded in audio and/or visual formats for the Eastman School of Music. Any such recordings (photographs, video, sound recordings, etc.) may be subsequently used without compensation to me by the Eastman School of Music, the University of Rochester, or third parties for publications (including Web sites), advertising, and/or publicity purposes at the discretion of the School’s Communications Office. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished recordings and/or publication use. This release form will be kept on file.

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Date received in office: ___________________________ Re-registration: Y N Waitlist Y N Order: ___________________________