

Sing & Play Upstate's Summer Music Program:



Private Lessons

Private Lessons are offered in the following disciplines:

- Voice, Piano, Guitar (Acoustic, Classical, Electric)
- Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Baritone Ukulele (Baritone is a great pathway to guitar)
- Mandolin & Banjo
- Suzuki Method: Violin, Viola, Cello, Classical Guitar (can use Baritone Ukulele)

Private Lesson Pricing:

30 minutes: \$35.00

45 minutes: \$53.00

1 hour: \$70.00

Semi-Private Piano Lessons with Small Group experience

Semi-Private lessons include 2-3 students rotating stations between:

- 15-20 Minute private lesson with the lead teacher
- 20 minutes music theory with teacher assistant or self-guided on Ipad/computer
- 20 minutes rotating: ensemble play, guided practice, sight-reading
- These students are thoughtfully chosen to work together and groups may be changed as needed to accommodate the best learning environment.

Semi-Private Lesson Pricing:

Semi-private is offered in a one hour all-inclusive session.

1 hour: \$35.00 per student (3 student minimum rotation)

1 hour: \$50.00 per student (2 student minimum rotation)

Small Groups/Ensembles

Small groups are our most fun and affordable option for music learning and participation.

Small groups for summer: (minimum 4 students; maximum of 6)

Pricing for Small Groups:

45 Minute Class time: \$25 per class

Summer Small Groups & Ensembles offered:

(class times will be confirmed when a minimum of 4 students have registered))

- Piano Class 1 for kids – Fun piano class learning to read music and play with others
- Piano Class 1 for teens – POP Piano School – learning to play popular music
- Piano Class 1 for adults – Nashville numbering system based for learning lead sheets
- Piano Class 2 for teens – For teens who have previous piano experience

- Ukulele Class 1 for kids – Fun ukulele class learning the VERY BASICS of the instrument
- Ukulele Class 2 for kids – Fun ukulele class continuing note reading & strumming together
- Ukulele Class 2 for teens – Fun ukulele class for note readers; strumming together in multiple genres; some playing melodies, others strumming along.

- Guitar Class 1 for kids- Beginner guitar method for the earliest beginner
- Guitar Class 1 for teens – Beginner guitar method for teens with no guitar experience

- Voice Class for kids and teens (separate sessions) – Warm up together & learn basic principles of singing (sight singing, ensemble singing, solo work)

- Voice Class for Teens – Warm up together & study the basic principles of singing (sight singing, ensemble singing including harmony, solo work)

- Ready to Rock Class – For older students who have been taking lessons with us. This class will be a fun collaborative effort to learn a new song on different instruments and “jam” together on country, pop and rock (popular music) tunes.

- **Sing-A-Long** for late preschool and early elementary:

This is a fun filled 45 minutes of singing for our youngest singers! Singers will enjoy popular tunes from well-known publishers like Disney and learn folk tunes that have been enjoyed by cultures for hundreds of years. Our youngest music students will learn rhythms, use percussion instruments, and have a general yet memorable music experience. Students will learn about music from different cultures, how to identify instruments, appreciation for various genres, and the occasional karaoke solo break-out complete with video and microphones!

Important notes about group and semi-private lessons:

Our space is designed to be fun yet is often limiting as we have one large room with no separation of space. Because of this, we ask that all students participating in groups or semi-private lessons be dropped off at the door and picked up. Please, no waiting parents or siblings. *(of course you may use the restroom if needed)*. Please recognize that although your student may not mind your presence; another student may be distracted or intimidated by the presence of other adults or siblings.

What makes Sing & Play Upstate different?

- Interest-led learning: Our studio strives to be student-led. Music should be an equal exchange enjoyed by everyone involved. We celebrate curiosity, enthusiasm, and imagination by allowing students to take an active role in the direction of their lessons. Students often decide what they get to play without necessarily determining what concepts are taught.
- Studio-paid membership to SPROUTBEAT: This is the best online music theory program available. Sproutbeat can be accessed from any device that has internet connection. It is best used with a laptop, desktop or tablet device. (Does not work well on a phone).
- Studio-paid member access to PIANO MAESTRO: This is one of the most engaging apps for all levels of piano and general keyboarding study. Unfortunately, this requires an iPad – if your student does not have access to an iPad at home; they will have use of ours during their semi-private and private lessons as well as occasional use in our class piano sessions.
- SUPERSONICS - an extensive library of books and songs with online and printable learning tools for every level of piano. Students have access on any mobile or desktop device to digital music, books and play along features via multi-media. All access – paid for by Sing & Play.
- Snack Bar and Bottled waters. As educators and parents, we know that a hungry or thirsty student is not at their best learning potential. Many times, students come to us and have skipped a meal or have had a lack of hydration during the school day or busy sports and hobby schedules have left them tired and cranky! We provide bottled water and snacks to our students for a quick refreshment when needed.

- Access to our iPad with a paid membership to Simply Piano & Simply Guitar – a great app for playing along with popular songs – a self-guided tool for learning.
- Access to a wide variety of instruments on site for exploration
- Opportunities to work with other young musicians: Lifetime friendships have been cultivated by playing and singing together!
- Well educated teachers with a laid-back style: Our educators have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in music from various Colleges and Universities. Although we are all trained in a specific discipline, we have assembled a group with a variety of musical talents and experiences. The owner strives to offer all this excellence packaged in a laid-back and approachable style; thus, creating an atmosphere of making music for a lifetime of enjoyment.
- Team teaching: Classes and semi-private lessons often include two lead teachers or a lead teacher and a teaching assistant. Our hope is that this guidance will increase the enjoyment of the learning experience and tap into the wide variety of skills our teachers have to share.
- Digital Music Sheets: Parents are not charged for most of the digital music used in lessons or requested by students.
- Books: We have a retail license for Hal Leonard books. We offer books at discounted rates and have many method books on site for immediate purchase.
- Kala Ukuleles, Guitars and Accessories: We have a small retail assortment for Kala products. Students may receive discounts and use our instruments while deciding on what instrument is best for purchase.
- Location: Our location is convenient to most of the Anderson area. Our storefront and parking allow easy drop off and pick up for our busy parents.
- Opportunities to share: We help our students who wish to perform find avenues to share their talents. Whether it's prepping for music in a religious setting, competition readiness, or providing performance opportunities – our students regularly perform in our community.

Sing & Play Community Guidelines:

Please help us continue to offer the best possible lesson experience!

PAYMENTS:

Lessons are booked without contracts or extended obligation. We love that we are different in this aspect as most studios require lots of fees, make up lesson requirements and per month or semester payments. We embrace flexibility! In exchange for this flexibility, we ask:

Lessons are requested to be paid the day of the lesson. We use Square Appointments. This system is transactional. The system has the ability to invoice in the occasional event that an invoice is necessary; however, it is not designed for a revolving balance. Please honor our request to have a card on file, Venmo, Cash or Check the day of the lesson. If you have not taken care of the lesson the day of; you will receive an invoice after 9 PM that day.

We want to be mindful of any financial crises. Please communicate any needs and we will do our best to find a way to serve your student.

“No-Show” lessons:

If you do not contact us about a lesson you confirmed; you will be expected to pay a \$15 charge before you can book another lesson or resume the next scheduled lesson. This will help the studio pay for a portion of the instructor’s time.

Sickness:

Please stay home if the student is sick (runny nose, coughing, fever, or has had a stomach virus in the previous 48 hours). Please reschedule if you have COVID, Flu or the stomach virus in your home. We ask that you give us as much notice as possible, yet we understand sometimes sicknesses do not give us advance notice. Let’s work together to keep everyone healthy!

Entering and Exiting:

Please arrive 3-5 minutes before your scheduled lesson or class. Students are expected to enter quietly, wash hands and be seated. Piano students may sit quietly at an electric keyboard and use headphones to begin work. Other students may quietly unpack and be ready for their lesson.

Please pick up your student on time unless we make prior arrangements.

For classes or semi-private lesson blocks we will no longer be able to accommodate guests. Our space is limited so please honor this as best you can. Again, restroom is available if needed.

For private lessons, families may come in and go to a predetermined area in the studio. Siblings under 10 who are not enrolled at Sing & Play need to be accompanied by ONE adult. We provide music themed activities and coloring sheets in the back area to help facilitate waiting siblings. Waiting siblings who are enrolled at Sing & Play will be expected to be practicing at a keyboard station, working on their music theory or quietly reading or doing homework in a designated area. If you have childcare needs during private lessons, please inquire and the studio may be able to accommodate your needs with one of our teaching assistants.

PLEASE do not invite other adults ESPECIALLY adults not affiliated with our studio. Yes. This happens and presents a safety issue for our students. Please, one adult per family as our space is small.

We want to be a welcoming community to school-aged children. Therefore, if you have visiting children on a day of a lesson and need us to do a group-themed activity please let us know a few hours in advance. We can usually accommodate and switch to a group activity. However, this needs to be pre-planned and approved by Heather Van Wieren. Cost for extra children not enrolled at our studio but who arrive and need attention will be \$10 per child per half hour in addition to your scheduled lesson charges.

Again, please be mindful that although your children may be comfortable with your presence, other children (or adult students) may not wish to share their music lessons with others. Let's work together so that everyone can have the best possible experience at our studio.

Teacher Consultations:

We welcome the opportunity to receive your questions and feedback. Most days, lessons and classes are booked back-to-back. If you'd like more than a minute or two of conversation with your instructor; please have these conversations during YOUR scheduled lesson or simply request a phone meeting or follow up. We are here to serve you and we strive to be great communicators! However, it's not acceptable for teachers and parents to talk extensively into a waiting student's time. Heather Van Wieren's mobile is 864-940-3620. Please text any concerns or communication needs. She can receive texts but rarely receive phone calls as she gives the student in front of her the attention they deserve.

Housekeeping:

A great rule of thumb for using any space is to "Leave it better than you find it". Please if you have refreshments, clean up. Trash or recycling bins are available. Clorox wipes and paper towels are in abundance – please feel free to use!

Please do not consume food at instrument stations! Only water bottles are permissible at instrument stations.

Candy or special treats need to be consumed as you leave and please dispose of wrappers.

Helpful Devices:

Studying music is easier today than ever before! We have so many wonderful tools. Music is a multi-sensory experience. It is helpful to have a tablet (preferably iPad), iPhone or another device for recording portions of the lesson, looking at digital music or using the apps we recommend to supplement lessons.

Students with an iPad are the best equipped to receive the full experience of everything we offer. We can print supplemental materials and use books. (We love books and pencils!) However especially for younger students or beginners, it's so helpful to have a way to listen to their music and experience interactive sheet music. After all, music is for listening!

For voice students, having an electronic recording device is not optional. Please see your instructor for more ideas. Sharing a phone with a parent is not the best solution as it is a hurdle to find time for sharing and can become an obstacle for practice. Of course, this is a viable solution if the parent is willing to share daily practice time with the student.

Devices and materials list:

Resource:	Purpose:	Accessibility:
Sproutbeat	Music Theory and Ear training for ALL students	Accessible on any device (phone not recommended) that has internet capability. Paid for by the studio.
Piano Maestro	Sight reading, Digital Method book access, play along experience	iPad only via paid membership by the studio
Supersonics Plus	Digital Books, Digital sheets, interactive scores, play along metronome, ear training and music theory	iPad app or internet access from any computer or tablet. Membership paid by the studio.
Simply Piano and Simply Guitar	Fun reading and self guided practice tool using popular music for fundamentals.	In studio subscription only – available during times at the studio.

Please message Heather Van Wieren for your student's log in information and guidance using the above resources.