



Manchester Community Music School

2026 - 2027 COURSE CATALOG

Catalog of Music Programming for Ages 6 Months - Adult



Ensembles • Private Lessons •
Early Childhood • Music Theory
Orchestras • Adult & Intergenerational
Classes

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



There is a non-refundable \$40 registration fee for all students, \$80 max per family.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Continue your studies or try a new instrument with private music lessons!

All instruments, including voice.

MCMS is home to more than 35 of the finest music educators and professional musicians in the state of New Hampshire.



Whether you want to accomplish a musical, performance, or personal goal, taking private lessons at MCMS with highly qualified professional musicians will be tailored to your exact learning needs and goals.

Private lessons start at just \$52 per 30 min. lesson, with 36 weekly lessons offered throughout the school year.

CHECK OUT OUR TRIAL LESSON PROGRAM:

Offered both in-person and online, get **six weeks of 30-minute lessons for \$225**

SUZUKI VIOLIN PROGRAM

The Suzuki philosophy uses **listening, imitation, repetition, and close parent involvement** to help children learn to play a musical instrument as if it were their native tongue.

Suzuki participants must attend private lessons and group classes

Private lesson time is scheduled based on teacher and student availability
Group class times are listed below

Violin

Book 1-4

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 PM

Group Classes Begin September 29th.

Tuition \$2160 per year

***For students in Books 2-4, see String Prep Orchestra**



To learn more, visit mcmusicschool.org or contact our registrar at:
registrar@mcmusicschool.org or (603) 644-4548 EXT 202

EARLY CHILDHOOD



TINY MAESTROS

**Early Childhood Music Development
(Ages 6 months to 15 months):**

At MCMS, our programming begins as early as 6 months old, fostering your child's musical journey through Tiny Maestros classes. These sessions utilize music to support healthy child development during the formative months.

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM

Session 1: 9/2 - 10/14

Session 2: 10/21 - 12/9

\$154.00 / session

LITTLE MAESTROS

**Toddler Music Exploration
(Ages 15 months to 30 months):**

Transitioning into the Little Maestros program around 15 to 30 months old, we continue to nurture children's budding interest in music. This stage focuses on solidifying their engagement through age-appropriate musical activities.

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

Session 1: 9/2 - 10/14

Session 2: 10/21 - 12/9

\$154.00 / session



MIGHTY MAESTROS

**Preparation for Instrumental Lessons
(Ages 2.5 years to 5 years):**

As children grow from 2.5 to 5 years old, our Mighty Maestros classes stimulate their musical curiosity and readiness for future musical pursuits. This phase prepares them to transition into private lessons on their instrument of choice, laying a strong foundation for their musical journey ahead.

TBD

Session 1: 9/2 - 10/14

Session 2: 10/21 - 12/9

\$154.00 / session

To learn more, email the Director of Music Therapy: musictherapy@mcmusicschool.org

For Adults with Disabilities

BAND PRACTICE



There is always a need for more opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Band Practice was created to give adults with disabilities a time and a place during the week to connect with their peers in a community setting. It is an experiential class where they can pick their favorite song, share it with the group, and as a group they play and sing it together.

Participants can come with their own instrument or use one provided by the Music School.

Fall Session 1

Mondays, 11 AM
9/14/26 - 10/26/26

Fall Session 2

Mondays, 11 AM
11/2/26 - 12/14/26

Ages: 18+
Tuition: \$160
for 7-week session

FREE
FOR ALL ENROLLED
MCMS STUDENTS

MUSIC THEORY FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Have you ever wondered how music is constructed, or why certain things sound better than others?

Do you want to understand more about the inner workings of music?

Build a stronger foundation for everything you play, sing, and hear. This engaging music theory class introduces students to the building blocks of music, including note and rhythm reading, scales, intervals, chords, key signatures, musical vocabulary, ear training, and composition. Through interactive activities, listening exercises, and practical examples, students will learn how music is organized and gain skills that support their private lessons, ensemble participation, and overall musicianship.

Adult Class:

Thursdays 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
September 10th to June 3rd, 2027.

Children's Class:

Wednesdays 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
September 9th to June 2nd, 2027.

GROUP PIANO FOR ADULTS I

FOR ADULTS NEW TO THE PIANO

Familiarize yourself with the keyboard and learn to read music without the pressure or intensity of one-on-one lessons.

Explore the basics of keyboard geography, music reading, and learn to play simple songs.

Additional activities will be tailored to students needs and interests.

Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Tuesdays 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM

Thursdays 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Tuition: \$650 / year

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There is a \$40 registration fee for all students. *Refunds are not available for this fee.*

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

Join our vibrant choir ensemble designed with you in mind—the everyday enthusiast eager to sing! Embrace the joy of choral music in our weekly gatherings, where we delve into accessible, captivating pieces that promise both beauty and enjoyment. Together, our harmonious journey will culminate in concerts scheduled throughout the year, celebrating the power of music and community!

Discover your voice and let it soar with us at MCMS!



- ★ There is no requirement to read music or audition.
- ★ You will be asked to sing to determine your choral part.
- ★ Singers should be dedicated to the time commitment and be able to match pitch.
- ★ Come prepared to sing, laugh, and enjoy fellowship with others!

Ages: 18+

Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

September 10th - June 10th, 2027

\$450 / FULL YEAR

QUEEN CITY YOUTH CHOIRS



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Tuition: \$400

Sept. 9th - June 2nd, 2027

Wednesdays 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

4 out of 5 singers in Voices receive financial aid. We encourage you to apply for assistance so that your child can be part of the choir program.

Open to students in grades 2 – 5, the Queen City Children's Choir brings together young vocalists who share a love of singing and a passion for music. Together they develop skills in group singing, teamwork, listening, movement, and creativity.



YOUTH CHOIR

Using a variety of musical styles, rehearsals focus on healthy vocal technique, music reading, the beauty of singing together, and working together as a choral team. Open to students in grades 6-12.

Tuition: \$400

Sept. 8th - June 1st, 2027

Thursdays 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The Queen City Youth Choir Program is grant-subsidized and offers significant financial assistance and scholarship opportunities.

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WHAT IS THE QUEEN CITY MUSIC & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM?

The Queen City Music and Leadership Program gives students grades 6 – 12 the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAM STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

- A loaner instrument to take home
- Small group lessons
- Guided practice time
- Ensemble playing
- Leadership opportunities



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Participants of the program meet every
Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
at the Music School.

During their time at Manchester Community Music School, students will have:

★ **Structured Lesson Time**

A 30-minute private lesson with MCMS faculty

★ **Ensemble Opportunities**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in Manchester Community Music School ensembles

★ **Music Theory Classes**

★ **Piano Lab Classes**

★ **Leadership Training**

Students will be presented with a variety of leadership opportunities including:

★ **Team building exercises**

★ **Mentorship by community leaders**

★ **Performances/instruction by guest artists**

★ **Group outings that enhance learning**

To learn more, visit <https://mcmusicschool.org/programs/queen-city-music-leadership-program/>
or email education@mcmusicschool.org

ORCHESTRAS

Tuition cost amounts to less than \$15 per ensemble rehearsal!

ONLY YOUTH
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA
IN NEW
HAMPSHIRE!

YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

A full orchestra ensemble comprised of strings, winds, brass, and percussion. This orchestra is a unique opportunity for students to come together and experience practicing and performing high-level symphonic literature.

Additionally, students will gain confidence in their ensemble playing, refine musicianship, and collaborate with like-minded musicians and mentors.

Youth - Adult
Tuesdays 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
9/8/26 - 6/1/27 | Tuition: \$450

STRING PREPARATORY ORCHESTRA

The perfect first step in orchestral playing! Students learn to follow a conductor and play in a string section. Students gain an understanding of playing in tune, mastering a melodic and harmonic balance, interpreting dynamics, tempo, and performance etiquette.

Auditions are held year round at the discretion of the conductor.

Youth
Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 PM
9/29/26 - 6/1/27 | Tuition: \$400

Ensembles run from September to June.

Auditions to begin the week of the 8th of September, 2026

Sign up for an audition by emailing education@mcmusicschool.org

CHAMBER STUDIOS

Tuition cost amounts to less than \$15 per ensemble rehearsal!

**New in
2026**

WOODWIND CHAMBER STUDIO

Experience the art of collaborative music-making in our Chamber Ensemble Studios. Designed for intermediate to advanced instrumentalists, this class provides students with the opportunity to rehearse and perform in a small ensemble.

Youth - Adults
Thursday 4:45 - 5:45 PM
9/17/26 - 6/3/27 | Tuition \$400

BRASS CHAMBER STUDIO

Students will develop the unique skills required for chamber music, including active listening, musical communication, balance and blend, ensemble leadership, stylistic interpretation, and independent preparation. Repertoire is selected to challenge and inspire each ensemble while fostering technical growth and artistic expression.

Youth - Adults
Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 PM
9/17/26 - 6/3/27 | Tuition \$400

FLUTE CHOIR

Explore masterworks by Mozart, Bach, and Beethoven along with folk tunes, popular songs, and contemporary literature. The MCMS flute choir is a team of music educators, MCMS students, and intermediate players. Younger students are paired with adult members to create a positive and supportive learning environment. Flute choir enjoys performing multiple times a year here at the school as well as within the greater Manchester community.

Grade 6 - Adult
Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:45 PM
9/17/26 - 6/3/27 | Tuition: \$400

Ensembles run from September to June.

Auditions to begin the week of the 8th of September, 2026

BANDS

POP, ROCK, & BLUES ENSEMBLE

Welcome to students of all levels and instruments and voice parts, the Rock Pop, Blues Ensemble is designed to give students opportunity to explore the sounds and styles of American popular music with fun, unique arrangements. Explore the basics of improvisation, ear training, and rock out in a fun and engaging ensemble! **(One year of playing experience recommended)**

Youth

Thursdays 5:45 - 6:45 PM
9/10/26 - 6/2/27 | Tuition: \$400

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The jazz ensemble offers students a guided approach to jazz playing. Musicians with limited exposure to jazz are welcome, as this ensemble is designed to support students in gaining confidence in jazz and refine their individual musicianship.

Youth - Adult

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM
9/14/26 - 6/7/27 | Tuition \$400

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONCERT BAND

A concert band comprised of winds, brass, and percussion players. This concert band is a unique opportunity for musicians in the region to come together and play music ranging from Sousa Marches and Traditional Wind Band music to movie themes and contemporary pieces. Students will gain experience with ensemble technique and benefit from the program's inclusion of adult players in the group.

Youth - Adult

Tuesdays 5:00 - 6:15PM
9/8/26 - 6/2/27 | Tuition \$450

Ensembles run from September to June.

Auditions to begin the week of the 8th of September, 2026



FINANCIAL AID

Through the generosity of many donors, corporate sponsors, and foundations, the Music School's Financial Assistance Program provides assistance to students with demonstrated need and a commitment to learning.

Each year MCMS awards an average of \$100,000 in financial assistance. The amount of aid is based on household income, family size, financial obligations, and is limited by the availability of the Music School's financial resources. Special consideration is given to families in the event of emergencies, illness, job loss, or other extenuating circumstances. The majority of awards offer partial assistance.

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