

Fine Arts Instrumental and Vocal Lessons

NOTE: Class times and pricing vary by lesson. For full details, please contact the Fine Arts Coordinator, Victoria Phillips at vphillips@newsongnashville.com.

Beginner Guitar (Acoustic & Electric)

Prerequisites: *Ages 6 and older. Has no experience or less than two years in private lessons and no experience playing in a worship band, orchestra, or concert band.*

These fun and engaging beginner guitar lessons are the perfect introduction for young aspiring musicians! Students will learn the basics of playing guitar, including how to hold the instrument, strum simple chords, and play familiar songs. No prior experience is needed—just a love of music and a willingness to learn!

Requirements:

Students must bring an appropriately-sized guitar.

Intermediate Guitar (Acoustic & Electric)

Prerequisites: *Ages 6 and older. Has approximately two years of private lessons or some experience playing in a worship band, orchestra, or concert band.*

Take your guitar playing to the next level! These intermediate lessons are designed for students with a basic understanding of guitar fundamentals who are ready to expand their skills. We'll dive deeper into chord theory, strumming patterns, fingerpicking, barre chords, scales, and improvisation. Students will learn how to play more complex songs, improve their rhythm, and start exploring their own musical style. Whether it's rock, pop, blues, or acoustic, these lessons will help build your confidence and creativity on the guitar.

Advanced Guitar (Acoustic & Electric)

Prerequisites: *Ages 6 and older. Has more than two years of private lessons, is proficient in chords, scales, arpeggios, and rudiments, and has frequent opportunities to play in a worship band, etc.*

These fun, diverse lessons are for players with a solid foundation who want to explore more advanced techniques and creative playing. We'll cover finger-picking, alternate tunings, percussive playing, cool chord shapes, improv, and songwriting. Students will explore different styles—folk, blues, indie, and more—and learn how to make their playing stand out. Sessions will combine structured lessons with room to explore a musical style. It's perfect for students who are thinking about performing, writing their own songs, or just improving their playing.

Beginner Drum Lessons

Prerequisites: Ages 6 and older. Has no experience or less than two years in private lessons and no experience playing in a worship band, orchestra, or concert band.

These beginner drum lessons are perfect for students with little to no drumming experience. Students will learn the basics of rhythm, drum set technique, rudiments, basic beats and how to read simple drum notation. Students will gain confidence as we lay a foundation of skills that they can build upon.

Intermediate Drum Lessons

Prerequisites: Ages 6 and older. Has approximately two years of private lessons or some experience playing in a worship band, orchestra, or concert band.

These intermediate lessons are designed for students with a foundation in basic rhythms, rudiments, stick control, and simple grooves. We'll build on those skills with more advanced patterns, rudimental exercises, dynamic control, coordination exercises, fills, and intro to different genres. Students will also strengthen their ability to read drum notation and play confidently with tracks.

Advanced Drum Lessons

Prerequisites: Ages 6 and older. Has more than two years of private lessons, is proficient in intermediate patterns, rudiments, dynamics, coordination, fills, reading music, and playing along to tracks/with other musicians, and has frequent opportunities to play in a worship band, etc.

These advanced lessons will take your playing to the next level. For those who have a solid foundation in drums, we will do a deep dive into musical styles (pop, rock, jazz, funk, world, etc.), explore further coordination and fills, soloing, and coming up with creative drum parts.

Beginner Vocal Lessons

Prerequisites: age 6 or older. No experience necessary. Our Beginner Vocal lessons are for students of every age who have had less than one year of formal vocal lessons. Our content and teaching style is customized to the age and experience level of each student.

Beginner students will learn the basic fundamentals of good vocal technique, the anatomy of the voice, and how to take care of their "instrument." Students will learn how to warm up, exercise and train their voice to sing on pitch and with confidence. They will learn how to sing melodies and understand song forms.

Intermediate Vocal Lessons

Prerequisites: Middle School age, and has had at least one year of beginner lessons.

Intermediate students will put good vocal technique into practice, learning to sing both melodies and harmonies with artistic expression and dynamics. They will begin to discover their unique vocal style as they expand their range, and learn to control their pitch, tone, and vibrato.

Advanced Vocal Lessons

Prerequisites: High School age, and has had at least one year of intermediate lessons.

Advanced students will focus on developing their own style, improving their stage presence, gaining confidence in singing lead vocal parts, and leading worship. The fundamentals of good vocal technique will become more highly developed as the student learns to sing diverse styles of music(modern worship, hymns, show tunes, folk songs, pop/commercial).