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**The Music Academies Private: Independent and Structured lessons taught at the studio or**

**online lessons:** The Music Academies offers structured private in person or online lessons in the following instruments: piano, violin, viola, cello, ukulele, acoustic guitar, chincello, recorder, music theory, music appreciation.

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**Course: KiddyKeys:**  
**Day: Tuesday 11:00 – 12:00**  
**Level: Beginning Level 1A Tuesday**  
**ages: 5 -6 year olds:**

KiddyKeys is a multi-faceted approach to learning music at a young age. This course emphasizes creativity and self-worth to introduce music appreciation and understanding to young children. Students will learn basic note reading, rt hymn notation, musical symbols. This class teaches the young child hand-eye coordination through use of rhythm instruments and piano technique, with a dedicated music time focusing on composers and listening skills.

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**August 22:** Introduction to class hand out books learn beginning notes and patterns

**August 29 September 12: Basic Music Theory:** Learn the letter names to the line and spaces for both bass and treble clef. Learn the basic rhythms using notation for the eights note, quarter note, half-note and whole note patterns and the rests.

**September 19:** review of letter names and music notation. Beginning rhythm patterns through the use of hand drums and drumming patterns. Finding Two blacks keys and three black keys.

**September 26, October 3, 10:** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns, proper counting. Finding middle C, D E on the piano

**October 17:** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns, proper counting. Introduction to piano/keyboard technique.

**October 24, 31:** music notation review, rhythm patterns, proper counting; C, D, E, and A, B, C. Learn musical symbols for Forte and Piano.

review songs from the previous week.

**November 7, 14:** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Play basic songs and scales on piano/keyboard. Review of Forte and Piano.

**November 21, 28:** review of music notation, rhythm patterns; play musical pieces learned. begin learning about Beethoven and Ode to Joy.

**December 5:** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Beginning composition of our own pieces to play.

**December 12, 19 :** review of music notation, rhythm patterns, learning new pieces to play on the piano. Review our composition.

**December 26: No Class Winter Break**

**January 2: No Class Winter break**

**January 9, 2024: Classes resume** Review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Work on new pieces to play on the piano

**January 16:** Review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Work on new pieces to play on the piano

**January 23:** Review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Review last weeks pieces and work on new pieces to play on the piano

Pick out recital pieces for spring recital.

**January 30: Basic Music Theory:** Learn the letter names to the line and spaces for both bass and treble clef. Learn the basic rhythms using notation for the eights note, quarter note, half-note and whole note patterns and the rests.

**February 6:** review of letter names and music notation. Beginning rhythm patterns through the use of hand drums and drumming patterns.

**February 13** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns, proper counting. Review notes reading from the staff.

**February 20, 27:** music notation review, rhythm patterns, proper counting; C, D, E, F, G and F, G, A, B, C. Review musical symbols for Forte and Piano. review songs from the previous week.

**March 5, 12, 19:** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Play basic songs and scales on piano/keyboard. Review of Forte and Piano.

**March 26:** review of music notation, rhythm patterns; play musical pieces learned. begin learning about Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

**April 2:** No Class Spring break

**April 9:** Classes resume Pick out recital pieces

**April 16, 23:** review of music notation, rhythm patterns, musical play musical pieces learned. Review Beethoven and Ode to Joy.

**April 30:** review of the music notation, rhythms patterns. Work on recital pieces. Learn about performance and technics.

**May 7:** review of music notation, rhythm patterns, learning new pieces to play on the piano. Review performance procedures.

**May 14, 21:** preparing recital pieces to play for recital

**May 28:** Recital day!

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#### **10 question to be answered at the end of the semester:**

- 1). Name each type of note. Example will be given**
- 2). Name each type of rest. Examples will be given to choose from.**
- 3). How many beats does each note receive? Examples will be given to choose from.**
- 4). Identify the following dynamics: Examples will be given to choose from.**
- 5). What does a times signature tell us about the piece**
- 6). What are the names of the Treble clef lines**
- 7). What are the names of the Bass clef spaces**
- 8). What are the names of Treble clef spaces**
- 9). What are the names of the Bass clef lines**
- We use the black keys to play what type of notes?**

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## **Michiana Youth String Orchestra Saturday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Ages: 10 and older**

**Please call to set up an audition day and time for the week of August 15- 19.**

This course is designed to offer a study into both classical, patriot and popular music, bringing together all the different parts of an orchestra to perform various styles of music. We will learn about the composers who wrote our performance pieces. There will be three concerts for the year, the concerts will consist of musical selections from Musicals, classical music and holiday performances. Students will learn proper performance technique, increase their sight reading skills, how and what to listen for when playing with a group and perfecting rhythm skills. Students must have at least three years experience playing their instrument and will have to perform an audition to determine level of proficiency. All students will have the opportunity to perform with the group.

Rehearsals will be held at The Music Academies 25 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Niles, Michigan with the exception of the dress rehearsal which will be held at the concert location, Niles District Library. Players attend weekly rehearsals, and practice their parts individually.

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August 26	Work on pieces that were handed out
September 9, 16, 23, 30	Work on pieces discuss music
October 7, 14, 21, 28	Beging preparation for concert
November 4	Dress rehearsal
November 5	Concert 3:00 p.m.
November 11	Discuss concert hand out new music
November 18	work on new music learn about the composers
November 25	Thanksgivig break
December 2, 9, 16	work on muscal pieces
January 13	work on pieces
January 20	Dress rehearsal
January 21	concert 3:00 p.m.
February 3,	Hand out new music learn about the composers
February 10, 17, 24	Work on music
March :2, 9, 16, 23	review new pieces work on trouble spots rehearse first piece,
March 30	dress rehearsal
March 31	concert 3:00 p.m.
<b>April: 7</b>	<b>Spring Break no rehearsals</b>
April 13,	hand out new musc learn about pieces and the composers
April 20, 27	work on music concentrate on trouble spots
May 4,11, 18	work on music discuss concert preparation
June 1	dress rehearsal
June 2	concert 3:00 p.m.

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**Final project: performance in concerts**

## **Course Title: Michiana Chamber Orchestra**

**Day: Sunday**

**Time: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Ages: 12 and older**

**If a student shows advanced skills at the audition, exceptions will be made to the age requirement. Please call to set up an audition day and time for the week of August 15- 19.**

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The Michiana Chamber Orchestra will hold rehearsals on the following Sundays, from 3:00- 4:30 p.m. unless other wise stated. Rehearsals are held at the St. Pauls Lutheran Church 1340 Sycamore Street in Niles. Players attend weekly rehearsals, and practice their parts individually.

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September 9

September 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

December 2

December 3

December 11,

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February: 5, 12, 19, 26

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**April: 7**

April 14, 21

**May 4**

**May 5**

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Hand out music

review pieces that were handed, discuss trouble spots and begin playing pieces

Hand out new music

Work on music discuss composers

Discuss and prepare for concert

full orchestra dress rehearsal

Concert Niles Library

hand out new music

Work on music, trouble spots

review pieces work on trouble spots rehearse first piece

review new pieces begin preparing for concert

**Spring Break no rehearsal**

review all pieces we have learned prepare for concert

**Dress rehearsal**

**Concert Day! Time and location to be determined**

Discuss concert and hand out new music

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