

PATEL CONSERVATORY @STRAZ CENTER

Conservatory to Go Course Descriptions Revised 8/14/2018

Music Courses

General Music

Rhythm Makers

In this energetic and fun group setting, students explore Orff instruments, Boomwhackers, and drums by playing music from around the world. As they develop basic music competence, children will also develop the foundation for important life skills while improving language and math comprehension.

Elementary (Gr. K-5) 30 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Music Appreciation (Grades 6 - Adult)

Older students journey through the world of music by exploring the musicological and theoretical sides of various music genres. From Classical to Country, students learn about composers, performers, the basic building blocks of music, and how it relates to their world.

All Ages (Gr. 6-Adult) 45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Music Theory

Students have the opportunity to learn the basics of music reading, terminology, and notation. Simple ear-training exercises and basic piano skills will also be studied. Skills learned in this class supplement music ensemble work, including band, strings and choir.

Middle Grades (6-8) 30 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

High School (9-12) 30 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Strings

Suzuki Violin

Students are taught to play the violin in an approach based on the research of Shinichi Suzuki. Essential components are an early start, parental involvement, listening, thoughtful repetition, graded repertoire, delayed music reading, learning with other children, and encouragement. *Student or school provided instrument required.

Children (Ages 3-7) 60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Youth Strings

Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of playing upper string instruments (violin, viola, with a 'cello option' after 2 years of study) through performance. In this class, students will learn to read music, play simple music from varied genres, understand rhythmic fundamentals, and follow basic conducting patterns. As the program develops, Youth Strings will be a prerequisite for further study and upper course levels. *Student or school provided instrument required.

Elementary (Gr. 3-5) 45 minutes /2 classes per week / 32 weeks

Middle School (Gr. 6-8)

Group Guitar

This introductory class gives students insight into and experience with guitar basics: technique, music reading, chords and tablature. No experience necessary. *Student or school provided acoustic or classical guitar required.

Middle School (6-8)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Vocal Studies

Choir

Pairing general music with performing skills, students who love to sing participate in this performing ensemble to develop strong vocal technique and musical expression. Students explore exciting repertoire chosen to develop choral and solo singing techniques.

Elementary (3-5 Gr.)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Middle Grades (6-8 Gr.)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12 Gr.)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Group Voice

Singers of all skill levels find their voice in this group lesson setting. Students study proper singing technique and strengthen their solo voice while exploring music of different styles. Students are encouraged to learn from each other and receive one-on-one coaching from a trained teacher-artist.

Middle School (6-8)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Adult	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Instrumental Ensembles

Band

Students with varying levels of experience on a band instrument explore high-quality beginning band music. They develop foundational instrumental techniques, skills, and music literacy. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. *This course will require students (or the school) to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.

Elementary (4-5 Gr.)	60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Middle School (6-8 Gr.)	60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12 Gr.)	60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Theater Courses

Musical Theater

Students learn from a skilled instructor with professional musical theater experience, basic dance steps, performing arts terminology, a brief overview of American musical theater history and voice exercises, as well as further developing students' performance skills through improvisation and scene work. Workshops usually result in an end-of-performance showcase.

Upper Elementary (4-5 Grade)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Middle Grades (6-8)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Improv

From amateur to advanced, this course will enable students to enhance their communication skills, problem solving abilities, and critical thinking proficiency. Through solo and collaborative games and improvisational activities, students will come away with a tool belt to interact creatively with the world around them. In this class, students will explore the concept of taking what's in front of them and making a positive contribution through the phrase "yes and!"

Middle Grades (6-8)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Adult	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Theater I

Through this course, students explore basic performance and technical theatrical studies with the goal of preparing, staging and presenting a classroom showcase of a scripted one-act play. Students will discover the world of collaborative art by working hands on in theatrical elements such as costumes, props, and scenery while simultaneously honing their acting skills.

Middle Grades (6-8)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Young Playwrights

Professional teaching artists will lead students in a hands-on development of a play from concept to performance. Students will understand dramatic structure, character creation, and writing dialogue for an audience. This course will enable to students to find their voices through telling stories that matter to them.

Middle Grades (6-8)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School (9-12)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Speech I

Students will develop the basic skills and self-confidence needed to communicate effectively in a variety of public speaking situations. The Speech I content will focus upon improving the student's ability to analyze topics, develop ideas, structure messages, use language in appropriate and imaginative ways, and deliver messages with effective vocal and physical behavior. Through the preparation and presentation of various types of speeches, students will seek their own communication excellence in thought, organization, language, and expression.

Middle Grades	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
High School	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Dance Courses

Tap

Students learn basic tap steps, simple combinations and tap terminology. The classes focus on syncopation, combination steps and simple turns. Students will need to obtain (borrow or purchase) appropriate footwear and/or dance attire.

Children's (K-2)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Youth (Gr. 3-5)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
HS/Adult	90 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks

Ballet

Students learn basic classical dance techniques, fundamental concepts and terminology associated with traditional class structure of ballet. Students work on exercises both at the barre and in the center of the studio. Students will need to obtain (borrow or purchase) appropriate footwear and/or dance attire.

Children's (K-2)	45 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Youth (Gr. 3-5)	45-60 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
HS/Adult	90 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks
Barre (Fitness)	90 minutes /1 class per week / 32 weeks