



MUSICAL OFFERINGS

2026-2027

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OF SPRINGFIELD



CMSS is housed in a landmark 1933 Art Deco building in the heart of downtown Springfield. Founded in 1983, our mission is to provide an equitable and inclusive center of excellence in music education, arts learning, and cultural engagement that empowers individuals, inspires creative passion, and promotes well-being in our community.

Boasting more than 33,000 square feet of studios, classrooms, offices and performance areas on five floors we also have a concert hall, Robyn Newhouse Hall, and a full-time arts & music preschool, Prelude Preschool of the Arts. We serve more than 2,500 students weekly at our 127 State Street location and in our community programs including our Sonida Musica partnership program with the Springfield Public Schools.

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For over 40 years, CMSS has provided private lessons, classes, and ensembles across 33 instruments and voice for students ages 6 months to senior adults. Our 70+ music faculty hail from around the world and provide exceptional music instruction to more than 2,500 students a week at our 127 State Street location and through our many community partnerships. Our partnerships include nationally recognized Sonido Musica and Adaptive Music Program (AMP) which are leading the field in creative youth development and accessible educational practices for neurodivergent youth. CMSS is home to Prelude Preschool of the Arts, a full-time preschool offering Reggio Emilia-inspired arts and music education for young children, while our workforce development programs and paid internships create college and career pathways for young adults. Our 1933 art deco building houses Robyn Newhouse Hall, a leading venue for live performances and community events in the heart of Springfield.

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STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY. CREATING MUSICAL PATHWAYS.

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Violin
Guitar
Ukelele

WIND

Bassoon
Clarinet
Flute
Oboe
Saxophone

BRASS

Baritone
Euphonium
Trombone
Trumpet
Tuba

SOUND

Music Production
Composition
Songwriting

ADDITIONAL

Drums
Piano
Voice

**Learn alongside
your child or jam
with friends in our
semi-private
lessons (2–3
people)! Inquire
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CHORUS ENSEMBLES



CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF SPRINGFIELD

Neighborhood Chorus - Young Children's Chorus

Thursdays, 5:00-6:30pm | grades 5-8

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ADULT CHORUS

Joyful Voices - Springfield Adult Chorus

Mondays, 6:15-8:00pm | ages 30+

Regardless of your experience level, join others in a welcoming choral group where you will learn vocal technique, harmony singing, and improve your musicianship skills while gaining confidence in your unique voice! Repertoire selections will include vocal jazz, contemporary choral works and music from around the world. The group will rehearse weekly and will perform at CMSS twice a year! Joyful Voices is a part of our Lifelong Learning program serving ages 30 to 103 at CMSS.

BAND ENSEMBLES



YOUTH ENSEMBLE EXPLORATION

Willow Street Musicians - Youth Ensemble Exploration

Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm | ages 8-9

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YOUTH BAND ENSEMBLES

Sonido Sounds Band - Preparatory Youth Band Ensemble

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15pm | grades 2-8 | 0-2 years experience

Calling all students playing flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba or euphonium! Students in their first or second year in a school band program are perfect for this ensemble! Sonido Sounds Band will perform twice per year with Sonido Sounds Strings and String Meadow and in the community.

Main St. Musicians - Intermediate Youth Band Ensemble

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15pm | grades 6-12 | 2+ years experience

For early to late Intermediate band students playing clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba or drums! Students will perform twice a year with Springfield. Perfect for middle and high school students in 2025 and 2026 Sonido summer sessions, students who have played a band instrument at any school or in private lessons at CMSS! Students must be able to play and read Bb scale, play and read to the end of Essential Elements book 1 and into/through book 3 or equivalent or open to students with music instructor recommendation.

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Youth Wind Ensemble of Springfield

Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00pm | grades 8-12 | 3+ years experience

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ADULT BAND ENSEMBLES

Still Can Band - Springfield Adult Band Ensemble

Mondays, 4:30-5:30pm | adults, ages 30+ | all levels welcome

The StillCan Band is a part of our Lifelong Learning program serving ages 30 to 103 at CMSS. This weekly ensemble is a great way to explore a new instrument or dig deeper into a woodwind, brass, guitar or percussion instrument you already play. Our fun, social rehearsals offer opportunities to learn alongside other beginner to intermediate musicians with little-to-no formal music training. No prior music experience is necessary. If you need an instrument, or want to try an instrument that you do not have, let us know and we can help get you your instrument of choice.

STRING ENSEMBLES



YOUTH ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLES

Sonido Sounds Strings - Beginner Youth Orchestra

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15pm | 0-2 years experience

For students (and their parents or caregivers) with 0-2 years of experience playing violin, viola or cello. Will perform twice per year with Sonido Sounds Band and String Meadow! Beginning string players in any elementary or middle school group are perfect for this ensemble!

String Meadow - Preparatory Youth Orchestra

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15pm | 2+ years experience

A learning class and beginning ensemble for students and their parents if they'd like to join, with 2+ years playing violin, viola or cello. For students who can name each string, and play with three fingers down on each string, who are learning to read music, who have taken at least 1-2 years of lessons at CMSS, at their school, or by recommendation of school or CMSS instructor.

Stringfield - Intermediate Youth Orchestra

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm | 3+ years experience

For early intermediate through late intermediate students and their parents with 3-4+ years playing violin, viola, cello or upright or electric bass who can read and play through the end of Suzuki book 2, and into book 3 or equivalent. Students will remain in Stringfield, which will often perform in collaboration with String City for a few school years, or until they are beginning vibrato and playing and reading comfortably on all strings and beginning work on third position- or by recommendation of instructor.

String City - Advanced Youth Orchestra

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm | 4+ years experience

For advancing students on violin, viola and cello and bass who are in Suzuki book 4 and above or equivalent, are learning vibrato and can read and comfortably play on all strings and in first, third and beginning 2nd 4th and 5th positions- or- by recommendation of instructor.

STRING ENSEMBLES



YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLES

Youth Harp Ensemble

Tuesdays, 5:45-7:15pm

Join fellow harpists to collaborate, grow, and experience the resonant sound of harps playing in harmony! This group explores a rich variety of harp repertoire in a supportive environment.

Youth Guitar Ensemble

Thursdays, 5:00-6:00pm

Guitar Ensemble at CMSS offers a fun and collaborative approach to deepening your guitar and music-making skills. Explore an array of modern and classic music styles while playing and jamming in ensembles with your peers! Our classes and activities help you to strengthen your fretboard fundamentals through a creative and participatory method that emphasizes improvisation, songwriting, and composition.

Youth Cello Ensemble

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am

This collaborative group centers joy in our cello playing! Students will play cello chamber music, duets, trios, and quartets which will enhance their musicianship, feeling the true sound of cello, surrounded by all cellists. During this ensemble, students will also go over healthy cello playing technique to ensure posture, bow hold, and great quality sound for many years of cello playing.

ADULT STRING ENSEMBLES

Adult Ukelele Ensemble

Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm | Ages 30+

Join individuals who are eager to explore the world of music through the joyful sounds of the ukulele. No prior musical experience or instrument knowledge is required – just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn! Learn the basics, from understanding the anatomy of the instrument to mastering simple chords and strumming patterns. Connect with fellow learners and building lasting friendships along the way.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES



ART LAB

Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am
ages 0-6 | adult + child

Play-based classes with art projects and sensory exploration. Caregiver required to remain in with child.

LITTLE NOTES

Wednesdays, 4:00-4:45pm
ages 0-3 | adult + child

Music making filled with joyful singing and instrument playing. Caregiver required to remain in class with child.

LITTLE NOTES + ART LAB

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm
ages 0-6 | adult + child

For caregivers and children to explore their creative selves through musical and sensory play. Caregiver required to remain in class with child.

BUCKET DRUMMING

Mondays, 4:00-4:30pm
ages 4-7 | child only

Learn basic concepts of rhythm, drum and stick techniques, and musicality, as well as how to listen to others and play in an ensemble.

MUSIC EXPLORATION

Mondays, 4:30-5:15pm | ages 4-6 | child only

Explore classroom instruments while developing fundamental skills and age-based concepts like vocal development, rhythmic entrainment, cultural connection, kinesthetic awareness, and tonal/rhythmic awareness. Caregivers are welcome to stay and participate.

Mondays, 4:35-5:20pm | ages 7-8 | child only

A hands-on introduction to modern group music making. Learn foundational musicianship through contemporary hits and rock classics! From experimenting with dynamic sounds to co-writing original songs with peers, this class turns creativity and curiosity into real musical confidence.

Willow Street Musicians: Youth Ensemble Exploration (ages 8-9)
meets Mondays at 5pm and is the perfect next step for Music
Exploration students! See page 5 for details.

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ADAPTIVE MUSIC PROGRAM



CREATE & CONNECT

Led by a Board Certified Music Therapist, this free Saturday morning class is designed for children with disabilities, including autism, and their caregivers. Join us for joyful musical experiences for bonding and developing a range of skills including self-regulation, impulse control, language development, and motor skills. Activities will include singing, dancing, playing instruments, and responding to music in a sensory-managed environment. Caregivers will be active participants in the class. Due to student needs and space constraints, classes will be capped at 10 children with caregivers.

Age	Time	Day
3-5 years	10:00am - 10:40am	Saturday
5-8 years	10:45am - 11:25am	Saturday
8-11 years	11:30am - 12:15pm	Saturday

This class is free to join and offered throughout the year in three separate sessions. Separate registration for each session required.

Session 1: September - December

Session 2: January - March

Session 3: April - June

MUSIC THERAPY

Our Board Certified Music Therapists use a clinical, evidence-based approach to help participants develop life skills and achieve individualized goals. Common focuses include communication and self-expression, emotional awareness, independence, gross and fine motor development, social and coping skills, and cognitive skills. Sessions are tailored to each participant, with family and caregiver involvement welcomed to create an impactful, supportive experience.

ENROLLMENT & TUITION



COST

Private Lessons (including adaptive music lessons and semi-private lessons) total 35-37 lessons in a full school year, depending what day of the week your lesson takes place. Students may enroll at any time during the year, and lessons will be pro-rated based on how many lessons are remaining in the school year. Tuition for semi-lessons is shared between all students enrolled. If you're interested in music lessons, we invite you to take a free trial lesson.

Duration	Per Lesson	Monthly	Yearly
30 minutes	\$50	\$170	\$1,750
45 minutes	\$75	\$257	\$2,775
60 minutes	\$100	\$100	\$3,700

*cost based on 35 lessons/year

Ensembles are always free if you are enrolled in private lessons (regardless of residence). Ensembles are also free if you are a Springfield or Holyoke resident. For those that do not live in Springfield or Holyoke and are not enrolled in private lessons, the cost is \$400 for September-June (pro-rated based on when you join).

Early Childhood Classes range from \$15-\$25 per class (residency and private lesson discounts do not apply). Registration for Music Exploration covers the full academic year (\$525 total), while all other Early Childhood Classes are registered in 2-month sessions (\$150-\$225 per session). View our [registration page](#) for details.

Music Therapy is billed at \$120 per 1-hour session. Financial assistance available.

FINANCIAL AID

Payment plans and financial aid are available. CMSS is proud to participate in the Card to Culture program which enables all families with an EBT, WIC, or ConnectorCare card to participate in any ensemble for free, and receive a 50% discount on any group music class. For more information on our financial aid offerings visit the [Financial Aid page](#) of our website.

ADAPTIVE MUSIC PROGRAM



Designed to meet the needs of disabled students with high support needs in the Springfield community, AMP's mission is to ensure all learners are welcomed into the human experience of making music and connecting with others through music. Focused on inclusivity and identity affirmation, AMP teachers are trained in neurodivergence affirmation and culturally responsive music pedagogy. AMP uses accessible and adaptive education principles and methods to improve students' lives and support their social, academic and artistic development.

MUSIC INSTRUCTION

AMP partners with public schools and education centers throughout the Pioneer Valley, providing adaptive music classes for youth in preschool through high school in their typical classroom setting during the school day. AMP is believed to be the only specialized accessible music education program in the country that delivers its services primarily in public schools where participation barriers like transportation and tuition have been removed. AMP is currently serving more than 750 students across its 33 partner schools.

AMP AT A GLANCE <i>*Based on survey of Springfield Public Schools staff, 2024</i>	98% of staff saw an increased sense of confidence in AMP students	88%	of staff saw an increase in AMP students' ability to express thoughts & feelings	92% of staff saw reduced feelings of stress or anxiety in AMP students
		92%	of staff saw AMP students deepen social connections with classmates & staff	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CMSS is a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accredited Professional Development Provider for the following content areas: Safe & Supportive Learning Environments, Arts- Performing Arts, and Special Education-General. We are happy to provide PDP Hours Certificates for Massachusetts educators after completion of an assessment of learning. Contact us to inquire or visit our website for adaptive music resources.

ENROLLMENT & TUITION



INSTRUMENTS

We encourage all students to bring their own instruments if possible. If your instrument needs repair let us know. If you do not have an instrument we will lend them at no cost on a first come first served basis. If we no longer have available instruments we will help you find an affordable rental at your own cost. CMSS instruments must be returned at the end of the year or when you stop coming to class otherwise you will be responsible for the full cost of replacement.

REGISTER

Head to our [registration page](#) to sign up for a class or ensemble. Please complete a separate form for each child you would like to enroll.

CONTACT

To register, email enrollment@communitymusicschool.com. For general questions, email info@communitymusicschool.com or call us at 413-732-8428.

ACCESSIBLE MUSIC EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES



Prelude Preschool of the Arts is a Reggio Emilia inspired preschool for children 2.9-5 years old. Students receive regular instruction from CMSS faculty, including harp, dance, and drumming. Through our comprehensive academic curriculum and integrated arts approach, children grow to view music, visual arts, and expressive movement as important parts of their world.

Sonido Musica was created in partnership with Springfield Public Schools to provide music education to K-12 students. CMSS faculty provide instruction and instruments in the classroom during normal school hours at no cost. Students participate in weekly ensembles at school and also have opportunities to join ensembles at CMSS at no cost.





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Stringfield - Intermediate Youth Orchestra

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ages 0-3 | adult + child

Music making filled with joyful singing and instrument playing. Caregiver required to remain in class with child.

LITTLE NOTES + ART LAB

Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm
ages 0-6 | adult + child

For caregivers and children to explore their creative selves through musical and sensory play. Caregiver required to remain in class with child.

BUCKET DRUMMING

Mondays, 4:00-4:30pm
ages 4-7 | child only

Learn basic concepts of rhythm, drum and stick techniques, and musicality, as well as how to listen to others and play in an ensemble.

MUSIC EXPLORATION

Mondays, 4:30-5:15pm | ages 4-6 | child only

Explore classroom instruments while developing fundamental skills and age-based concepts like vocal development, rhythmic entrainment, cultural connection, kinesthetic awareness, and tonal/rhythmic awareness. Caregivers are welcome to stay and participate.

Mondays, 4:35-5:20pm | ages 7-8 | child only

A hands-on introduction to modern group music making. Learn foundational musicianship through contemporary hits and rock classics! From experimenting with dynamic sounds to co-writing original songs with peers, this class turns creativity and curiosity into real musical confidence.

Willow Street Musicians: Youth Ensemble Exploration (ages 8-9)
meets Mondays at 5pm and is the perfect next step for Music
Exploration students! See page 5 for details.

ADAPTIVE MUSIC PROGRAM



CREATE & CONNECT

Led by a Board Certified Music Therapist, this free Saturday morning class is designed for children with disabilities, including autism, and their caregivers. Join us for joyful musical experiences for bonding and developing a range of skills including self-regulation, impulse control, language development, and motor skills. Activities will include singing, dancing, playing instruments, and responding to music in a sensory-managed environment. Caregivers will be active participants in the class. Due to student needs and space constraints, classes will be capped at 10 children with caregivers.

Age	Time	Day
3-5 years	10:00am - 10:40am	Saturday
5-8 years	10:45am - 11:25am	Saturday
8-11 years	11:30am - 12:15pm	Saturday

This class is free to join and offered throughout the year in three separate sessions. Separate registration for each session required.

Session 1: September - December

Session 2: January - March

Session 3: April - June

MUSIC THERAPY

Our Board Certified Music Therapists use a clinical, evidence-based approach to help participants develop life skills and achieve individualized goals. Common focuses include communication and self-expression, emotional awareness, independence, gross and fine motor development, social and coping skills, and cognitive skills. Sessions are tailored to each participant, with family and caregiver involvement welcomed to create an impactful, supportive experience.

ENROLLMENT & TUITION



COST

Private Lessons (including adaptive music lessons and semi-private lessons) total 35-37 lessons in a full school year, depending what day of the week your lesson takes place. Students may enroll at any time during the year, and lessons will be pro-rated based on how many lessons are remaining in the school year. Tuition for semi-lessons is shared between all students enrolled. If you're interested in music lessons, we invite you to take a free trial lesson.

Duration	Per Lesson	Monthly	Yearly
30 minutes	\$50	\$170	\$1,750
45 minutes	\$75	\$257	\$2,775
60 minutes	\$100	\$100	\$3,700

*cost based on 35 lessons/year

Ensembles are always free if you are enrolled in private lessons (regardless of residence). Ensembles are also free if you are a Springfield or Holyoke resident. For those that do not live in Springfield or Holyoke and are not enrolled in private lessons, the cost is \$400 for September-June (pro-rated based on when you join).

Early Childhood Classes range from \$15-\$25 per class (residency and private lesson discounts do not apply). Registration for Music Exploration covers the full academic year (\$525 total), while all other Early Childhood Classes are registered in 2-month sessions (\$150-\$225 per session). View our [registration page](#) for details.

Music Therapy is billed at \$120 per 1-hour session. Financial assistance available.

FINANCIAL AID

Payment plans and financial aid are available. CMSS is proud to participate in the Card to Culture program which enables all families with an EBT, WIC, or ConnectorCare card to participate in any ensemble for free, and receive a 50% discount on any group music class. For more information on our financial aid offerings visit the [Financial Aid page](#) of our website.

ADAPTIVE MUSIC PROGRAM



Designed to meet the needs of disabled students with high support needs in the Springfield community, AMP's mission is to ensure all learners are welcomed into the human experience of making music and connecting with others through music. Focused on inclusivity and identity affirmation, AMP teachers are trained in neurodivergence affirmation and culturally responsive music pedagogy. AMP uses accessible and adaptive education principles and methods to improve students' lives and support their social, academic and artistic development.

MUSIC INSTRUCTION

AMP partners with public schools and education centers throughout the Pioneer Valley, providing adaptive music classes for youth in preschool through high school in their typical classroom setting during the school day. AMP is believed to be the only specialized accessible music education program in the country that delivers its services primarily in public schools where participation barriers like transportation and tuition have been removed. AMP is currently serving more than 750 students across its 33 partner schools.

AMP AT A GLANCE <i>*Based on survey of Springfield Public Schools staff, 2024</i>	98% of staff saw an increased sense of confidence in AMP students	88%	of staff saw an increase in AMP students' ability to express thoughts & feelings	92% of staff saw reduced feelings of stress or anxiety in AMP students
		92%	of staff saw AMP students deepen social connections with classmates & staff	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CMSS is a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accredited Professional Development Provider for the following content areas: Safe & Supportive Learning Environments, Arts- Performing Arts, and Special Education-General. We are happy to provide PDP Hours Certificates for Massachusetts educators after completion of an assessment of learning. Contact us to inquire or visit our website for adaptive music resources.

ENROLLMENT & TUITION



INSTRUMENTS

We encourage all students to bring their own instruments if possible. If your instrument needs repair let us know. If you do not have an instrument we will lend them at no cost on a first come first served basis. If we no longer have available instruments we will help you find an affordable rental at your own cost. CMSS instruments must be returned at the end of the year or when you stop coming to class otherwise you will be responsible for the full cost of replacement.

REGISTER

Head to our [registration page](#) to sign up for a class or ensemble. Please complete a separate form for each child you would like to enroll.

CONTACT

To register, email enrollment@communitymusicschool.com. For general questions, email info@communitymusicschool.com or call us at 413-732-8428.

ACCESSIBLE MUSIC EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES



Prelude Preschool of the Arts is a Reggio Emilia inspired preschool for children 2.9-5 years old. Students receive regular instruction from CMSS faculty, including harp, dance, and drumming. Through our comprehensive academic curriculum and integrated arts approach, children grow to view music, visual arts, and expressive movement as important parts of their world.

Sonido Musica was created in partnership with Springfield Public Schools to provide music education to K-12 students. CMSS faculty provide instruction and instruments in the classroom during normal school hours at no cost. Students participate in weekly ensembles at school and also have opportunities to join ensembles at CMSS at no cost.





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