Greenwich House Music School

Music, Art, Dance, and Theater

2022-2023 Lessons and Classes
About Greenwich House Music School

Since 1905, Greenwich House Music School (GHMS) has provided high-quality, affordable arts education for New Yorkers of all ages. Our distinguished faculty works to ensure students have the opportunity to experience these programs through private lessons, classes, workshops, and monthly recitals. GHMS provides annual scholarships for students in need, as well as for public school outreach programs.

In addition to educating its students, GHMS serves the community with a wide spectrum of concerts in its recital hall, hosts education workshops and meetings for local civic and cultural organizations, and provides affordable rehearsal and performance space for local musicians.

“Greenwich House Music School teaches students the beauty and transformative power of music, art, dance and theater, and shapes them into lifelong lovers of the arts.”

— Nisha Melvani, Music School parent

Greenwich House is following all current New York State and New York City COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

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Connect With Us

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Hours
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Register at greenwichhousemusicschool.org, in person, or by phone at 212-242-4770, Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Instruction is divided into two 17-week terms with an additional 6-week summer term.

Payments
Annual non-refundable registration fee: $30 per individual, $35 per family. Greenwich House accepts cash, checks, and credit cards. There is a return check fee of $35.

Students may enroll for lessons and classes, as space and schedules permit, at any time during the year. Tuition will be prorated if registering after the first week.

If a student withdraws before the end of the fourth week of the current term, they will only be charged for the lessons taken. GHMS reserves the right to discontinue any student who falls behind in their payments, has three unexcused absences for the term, or is consistently tardy.

Registration fee and tuition is paid in advance. If needed, payment plans may be arranged in advance with the Registrar. Finance charges are applied to late payments.

Scholarships
In keeping with long-standing tradition, GHMS grants financial aid on the basis of both need and merit. Students are eligible for financial aid after having studied at the school for one full year. An application must be submitted each year in July. Notifications are made before the beginning of the school year. For more up to date information on scholarships, visit our website.

Absences
There is no tuition refund for a student absence. If a teacher is absent, a makeup lesson or substitute teacher will be arranged. If the instructor is not able to offer a makeup class, GHMS will issue a credit to the student.

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Student Recitals are held each month of the school year and are divided by age. On average, there are 20 recitals per year. We encourage all of our students to perform in recitals.

“When I pick up my instrument, it always puts me in a good mood. I love learning new songs and playing challenging pieces. Music has become a part of me, I love the way it makes me feel.”
— Isabella de la Cruz, clarinet, age 14

Private Lessons for Children and Adults
Weekly private lessons are offered in person or online for piano, violin, viola, cello, clarinet, guitar, voice, flute, saxophone, banjo, brass, drums, and harp.

Students enrolling in two courses of private instruction receive a 10% discount on the second course. Families enrolling more than one student receive a 10% discount for each additional student. Tuition is based on two 17-week terms (fall and spring) and one 6-week summer term.

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There is a piano maintenance fee of $15 per term for piano students only.

30-Minute Lessons
$1,275 per semester ($75 per lesson)
$450 per summer term

45-Minute Lessons
$1,530 per semester $90 per lesson
$540 per summer term

60-Minute Lessons
$1,700 per semester ($100 per lesson)
$600 per summer term

Music Theory and Solfège for Advanced Students
Scheduled by Music Department
45- and 60-minute private lessons
Starting at $1,530 per term

This one-on-one instruction will enhance your understanding of music to become a better musician. The course concentrates on the study of harmony, voice leading, ear training, dictation, and basic analysis in the Schenkerian tradition.
Children’s Classes

Greenwich House Music School provides a welcoming environment for parents to introduce their children to music, art, theater, and ballet. Within our supportive community, students develop new skills and unique ways to express themselves through the arts as they cultivate their imaginations.

The teachers, who are artists and musicians themselves, inspire and guide children in an intimate setting. Classes have a relaxed and open atmosphere where learning is fun, challenging, and creative.

For information on GHMS safety protocols, please visit greenwichhousemusicschool.org. Full course descriptions and faculty bios are available at greenwichhousemusicschool.org. Fees are based on a 17-week semester unless otherwise noted.

Walkover services are available from PS 3 and PS 41 through the After-School program for $100 per term. Some restrictions apply. Contact Omar Amores at (212) 242-4140 to sign up.

Music Together for Infants and Toddlers
Ages 0 – 2 years with caregivers
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
$480; $45 Materials fee per term (12 weeks)
An internationally renowned music program for babies and toddlers with a mission to make the world a better place by making it more musical. By participating in class as musical role models, parents and caregivers teach their children how to become lifelong music-makers.

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— Asha Melvani, piano, age 14

Music Discovery
Ages 3 – 4
Thursday 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
$680
This class introduces your child to the joy of music making through singing, percussion instruments, and creative movement. Your child will learn the fundamentals of music through group piano instruction, improv, dancing, and storytelling.

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Art Discovery
Ages 3 – 4
Thursday 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
$680
Children will explore their creativity and imagination through various art techniques, including painting, drawing, and collage. The goal of this class is for students to create a vocabulary of art and use of tools used to create art, which helps to increase their confidence in creation.

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Intro to Piano
Ages 2 – 3 with caregivers
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
$680
Experience the joy of piano playing and music with your toddler through a multi-sensory, hands-on-approach to learning piano. With full adult participation, each lesson is designed to help you and your toddler with the skills and activities to continue at home. Classes are limited to four children.

For information on Private Lessons for piano, please see page 2.
Music Makers
Ages 5 – 6
Thursday 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
$680
A perfect way to get your child ready to study an instrument in private lessons, this class introduces your child to note reading and basic music theory, through instruction on the recorder, ukulele, and piano. This class culminates with a class concert performance for family and friends!

Art Makers
Ages 5 – 6
Thursday 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
$680
Students will independently create their own artwork using a variety of techniques such as painting, sculpture, printing, collage and more. This class helps students develop and hone their relationship with self-expression, adding purpose and meaning to their artwork. All of the artwork created will be presented at a year-end gallery walk for family and friends!

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Ballet Classes
Ballet at Greenwich House Music School teaches proper ballet technique, body alignment, movement, and rhythm, all within a supportive and judgment-free environment. Classic terminology is used, and students begin learning barre work in Ballet III. Studying classical ballet has many benefits that extend beyond the art form including commitment, dedication, and focus, attention to detail, determination, and self-discipline. All classes perform in the school recital at the end of each year.

Pre-Ballet
Ages 3 ½ – 4
Wednesday 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
$680
Ballet I
Ages 4 ½ – 5
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
$680
Ballet II
Ages 5 – 7
Wednesday 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
$680
Ballet III
Ages 8 – 9
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
$748
Ballet IV
Ages 9-11
Monday 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
$782
Ballet V
Ages 11 and up
Monday 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
$782
Please note that some students may be placed into classes based on ability instead of age. Spring tuition will include a costume fee, TBD.

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Theater at Greenwich House Music School

Greenwich House Music School offers theater and acting classes for young people ages 3-14. All students are welcome to study acting and theater in our inclusive and collaborative classes. Our professional teaching artists are committed to high quality theater education that nurtures young performers to grow as artists and people. See class descriptions below for more information.

Showstoppers – Intro to Musical Theater
Ages 8 – 11
Tuesday 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
$782
Students learn the fundamentals of singing, dancing, and acting through contemporary musical theater songs—and even create their own! Every class begins with a physical and vocal warm up, followed by an exploration of a specific type of musical theater song and scene. Each term ends with a small presentation for family and friends.

Playbill’d – Intro to Theater-Making
Ages 8 – 11
Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
$782
No auditions or scripts here! In Playbill’d, students’ ideas take center stage as they learn how to build a play together. Young actors learn skills in improvisation, performance and collaboration as they create short plays. What is the play about? Who will play which part? That is up to the young people in class! Led by a professional teaching artist, Playbill’d gives young people the tools and power to create theater of their own design. Each term ends with a small presentation for family and friends.

Acting for the Stage
Ages 12 – 14
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
$782
Learn the art and craft of acting in this class led by a professional actor. Taught in two sections over the course of a year, students will work with scripts to learn techniques and strategies they can apply in auditions and performances. This class is suitable for students who want to prepare audition pieces for performing arts high school auditions.

Playbill’d Summer Theater Programs

Playbill’d Summer
Ages 6 – 11
Weekdays from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
$900
Playbill’d Summer is a special program based on our theater classes offered throughout the school year. Campers build a play in just two weeks! What is the story about? Who will play which part? That will be up to the young people who join our camp! Led by professional teaching artists, Playbill’d Summer focuses on giving young people the tools and power to create theater of their own design. This half-day camp can be taken in conjunction with Youth Community Center STEAM Camp.

Summer Adventures
Ages 3 – 4
Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
$450 per week ($2500 for 6 weeks at $200 discount)
In this drop-off integrative theater arts camp for children ages 3 and 4, students explore their world through music, movement, art, and imaginative play. Each week has a theme, and students go on imaginative journeys inspired by stories and nature. Children will build performances to share with family via videos and class performances. Each day will also include snack and water play in our beautiful, shaded backyard garden. Register by week or for the entire summer term!

“Being a part of the Music School family has been such a wonderful experience for us. Our child’s teacher has opened up new doors for her and given her the confidence and skill set she needs to perform at such a high level. We are truly grateful!”

— Jaison Coles,
Music School parent
**Adult Classes**

**Piano Performance Workshop***

*Saturday, monthly, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

$276 per year; $138 for private students

In this six class workshop, participants will focus on their artistic development through collegial interaction with peers and GHMS faculty.

**Classical Chamber Music***

*Wednesdays and Saturdays, Time TBD*  

$782

Cover a wide range of chamber music repertoire from standards such as Beethoven piano trios, to music of contemporary composers (some of whom visit the class to coach their music) to lesser-known wonders. Audition required.

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**Jazz Vocal Workshop***

*Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.*  

$782

A weekly class where students prepare several songs of their choice to practice and improve on throughout the course. The course will end in a final performance that will be live-streamed for audiences.

**Clarinet Ensemble***

*Monday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.*

$782; Free for private GHMS Students

This advanced class is designed to teach jazz and improv for clarinets of all voices, highest to lowest and is mostly focused on preparation for two concerts a year with Dance Clarinets and guest composers. Ensemble members must be able to read music and have a three-octave pitch range. Improv experience a plus. Can be combined with private lessons. Class is by audition only.

*There is a 50% discount for registered private instruction students.*

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“*My spirits always lift when I come into this building!***”

— Randy Petsche, adult student

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*For information on Private Lessons, please see page 2.*
Practice Rooms

Fourteen practice rooms are available to the general public for hourly use. Each room contains double soundproof doors, a fan, a piano, and a window.

Rental fees are $15 per person per hour, with a one-time $30 registration fee. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a minimum rental time of one hour. Rooms cannot be reserved in advance.

Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

*Or one half-hour before scheduled events

“After a while going into Greenwich House Music School began to feel like going to a family member’s home. No longer do you feel like a guest and instead just a member of the family. You feel like you belong there.”
— Dashaun Simmons, artist/manager

Venue Rentals

Greenwich House Music School has a wide variety of spaces for rent, suitable for any occasion!

For rates and availability please contact the Production Manager at 212-242-4770 or production@greenwichhouse.org.

Recital Hall

20′ x 38′ Seating area

Present your concert, reading, or special event in the Recital Hall located on the second floor of GHMS. With a 20′ wide x 15′ deep stage that contains two Steinway Model B pianos, the hall combines excellent acoustics with an intimate atmosphere to accommodate all forms of artistic expression. Green room with bathroom, modest lighting and sound package, projector and screen, live-streaming, and production assistant are available with rental.

Patio Garden

36′ x 24′

With beautiful flowering cherry and dogwood trees shading the original brick patio, the backyard garden is available for receptions, cocktail parties, weddings, and small open-air concerts. This picturesque garden space is rented in conjunction with the Recital Hall as a backup in case of rain for an additional fee.

Conference Room

20′ x 14′

A large and open space, our conference room is an ideal setting for local business or community group meetings. Adjacent to our double-wide brownstone’s patio garden, the conference room has a capacity of 20 people.
The Greenwich House Music School is an integral part of Greenwich House. Since it was founded in 1902, their signature programs in arts and education, behavioral health, and older adult services, have enriched the lives of children, families, older adults, and individuals, working to overcome life’s challenges.

Greenwich House Music School is just one of the arts education and social service programs offered by Greenwich House. For a complete list of programs visit www.greenwichhouse.org.

Other Greenwich House Programs Include:
- Barrow Street Nursery School
- Center for Resiliency and Wellness
- Greenwich House Pottery
- Greenwich House Youth Community Center
- Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program
- Older Adult Centers