

Music for Young Children®

A Program of the Christian Center for the Arts

Taught by Patricia Weitz

Policy and Schedule Information

Welcome to the beginning of an exciting and enriching experience for you and your child. **MYC Group piano lessons** offer the unique opportunity for you to help your child learn musicianship and to play piano through singing, keyboard games, rhythm, ear training, sight reading, and creative movement. Students become a well rounded musician – not just a performer. While we work on these musical skills in class, your child will also develop skills of team play and relationships through the group setting. Below are the details and information for the upcoming '08 – '09 year.

Tuition

~ Classes will begin the week of **September 8th, 2008** and will run **through mid-June 2009**. There will be a total of **34 classes** which are approximately **60 minutes** each.

~ **Tuition payments** can be made **monthly** at \$55/month for 9 months (no payment due in June) for the 1st student in a family, discounted to \$40/month for a 2nd student. Payment for September & May are due on or before the first class.

Or --

~ **Tuition payment** can also be made in **two payments** of \$225 due on or before the first lesson and the 2nd payment due by lesson #18 (January '09). A 2nd student in a family would be discounted to two payments of \$160.00. *Payment by the semester offers a generous discount.*

~ **Materials:** The total cost for a **full year's** materials for a First year student is \$115.00; a 2nd student in a family materials cost is \$90.00. Materials for a level II student are \$95.00. This covers the costs for a full year of lessons*. When broken down to a "per week" cost, it is very reasonable. ***The materials fee is due with registration to reserve a place in the class of choice. Additional details about the materials are below.*****

* *occasionally a student may want or need additional materials at a nominal cost.*

~ By registering, it is hoped that the student will commit to the full school year of lessons in order to experience the success of the program. Tuition and materials fees are non refundable.

~ *Please make checks payable to Patricia Weitz* ~ Returned check fee is \$35.

Class Policy

~ Class size is limited. Register early to reserve your place.

~ Classes begin within several minutes of the start time. Come a few minutes early to get settled. Children hate “walking in late”; it makes them feel very self-conscious.

~ Be sure to bring the student MYC book and MYC bag of “tools” to each class along with a positive attitude.

~ Parents are the foremost teachers of their child. Their enthusiasm will spill over to the children. A parent or an adult mentor is required in class. No unregistered siblings are permitted in class.

~ Please turn off cell phones as it is a distraction.

~ Please do not bring food into the class room. Please be sure hands are clean.

~ Classes are taught by Patricia Weitz, who has a college degree in Music Education, is a licensed Kindermusik instructor and a certified Music for Young Children teacher. She also is the founder and director the Community Christian Children’s Choir. Classes are held at the Allentown Methodist Church, 23 Church St., Allentown, NJ .

At Home

~ A piano or keyboard is needed for practice.

~ Weekly assignments with details of “how to” are e-mailed following each class.

~ Assignments consist of a variety of fun activities that are age appropriate and reinforce the concepts being taught in the classroom. *Parent involvement is essential to the child’s musical development.*

~ Consistent practicing is a “good habit” to get into, even if it is just for a few minutes each day. It is better to practice for 5 minutes each day than for a ½ hour on lesson days. ***This self-discipline is a life skill*** – not just for piano!

~ Pick a time of day to review that is good for the two of you. This is a wonderful time for the 2 of you to spend together.

Make-up classes, Recitals.....

~ Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up by extending the semester. You will receive a phone call or an e-mail if this happens.

~ If you know in advance that you will be missing a class, please let the teacher know. You may be able to do a make-up in another class. Prior arrangements must be made.

~ There may be an informal Recital at the end of the lesson year. It is more of a celebration of what has been learned than a “performance”.

Please do not hesitate to call with any concerns or questions about the program. We know that both you and your child will enjoy it. Additional information is available on the Music for Young Children website: www.myc.com

What a wonderful experience. This is our first introduction to "formal" piano instruction. We love the rhythm "puppet" approach and how each note has its own character and story, helping us to both remember. The small group atmosphere allows my son and I to learn with other moms and children sharing the same interest. We have fun and laugh. Sometimes we share progress updates and stumbling blocks. Playing together, verses alone at home, exposes my son to playing in time with others. My son enjoys the group games which makes piano lessons fun and not just "lessons." He is still interested and not bored after 30 weeks of classes. All of this is possible because Pat is very prepared and organized while keeping the class on target with an aggressive work load. Class instruction, as well as homework assignments, are very clear and thorough. I am so happy to have found this program. Both my son and I have learned so much and look forward to the next session. Jaime S., Sunbeams I mom

“The real reward comes to those who sing, and think and feel with others. This is what harmony means.” Zoltan Kodaly

** The registration and materials fee includes the superior curriculum developed by Music for Young Children, information packet for parents, student activity book, tin sheet with magnets, castanet and handsome carrying case to keep it all in. Throughout the year I will also supply the student with additional materials as teaching aids for current concepts.

- student activity book to record homework assignments and practice times
- tin sheet and magnets for instruction on keyboard and grand staff
- Castanet for rhythm and ensemble practice at home.

Patricia Weitz

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REGISTRATION FORM

MUSIC FOR YOUNG CHILDREN - PIANO CLASSES

Fall '08 – June '09 Schedule

_____ **Sunshine I** (ages 3 1/2 - 5)
Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00 _____ other time

_____ **Sunbeams I** (ages 5 - 8)
Mondays 3:00 – 4:00
5:30 – 6:30
Tuesdays 4:15 – 5:15

_____ **Sunbeams II*** (ages 6 - 9) Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30
*Pre-requisite is completion of Sunbeams I or Sunshine II

_____ **Moonbeams I** (ages 7 - 12)
Mondays 4:15 – 5:15
Tuesdays 6:45 – 7:45

Child's Name _____ birthday & grade _____

Address _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Cell _____

E-Mail: _____

Parents: _____

Previous Musical Experience _____

Any special circumstances that the teacher should be aware of:

Return registration form and payment for materials to: Patricia Weitz, 2320 W.H. Ham. Sq. Rd.,
Trenton, NJ 08690 *Please make checks payable to Patricia Weitz*