



## EARLY CHILDHOOD **Music & Movement**

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a good beginning  
never ends

**MUSIC  
GARTEN**

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## Why Early Childhood Music?

Children love to move and make music! The Music School of Delaware's distinguished Early Childhood program engages children's natural creativity and self-expression in age-appropriate activities that provide a solid musical foundation for future study. Music and movement classes offer a holistic approach to child development by encouraging:



*"Early music training can enhance a child's ability to reason. It excites the inherent brain patterns and enhances their use in complex reasoning tasks."*

—Gordon Shaw, "How Kids Are Wired for Music, Math & Emotions,"  
Newsweek (2/19/1996)

## Why The Music School of Delaware?

The Music School's comprehensive curriculum features Kindermusik® and Musikgarten as well as introductory classes for various instruments and is taught by a group of compassionate, playful and highly trained educators. Programs are available at the Wilmington and Milford Branches, at a satellite location in Pike Creek and in numerous schools and day care centers across the region.

Early Childhood faculty strive to create a joyful, child-centered environment that recognizes the uniqueness of each child, while emphasizing interactive learning and hands-on experience. Children and their families are encouraged to explore, practice and create music throughout the week at home. We hope that a child's experience in our classes will lead toward a lifetime of joyful music-making!

Early Childhood music is more than a weekly class! Music School students are members of a vibrant community which provides:

- ★ A **faculty of dedicated musicians and experienced teachers** who work closely with one another to share innovative ideas and provide the highest quality of music education.
- ★ A **comprehensive, sequential plan** for the musical development of your young child, featuring Kindermusik®, Musikgarten and more!
- ★ **Instrument demonstrations** (one each semester) by professional musicians for students ages 3 and up.
- ★ **Early Childhood festivities**, including Family Music Celebrations, the annual Holiday Sing and Kindermusik® graduation.
- ★ Opportunities to **see and hear a variety of music** in informal and performance settings, including two complimentary tickets to a Music School Family Concert of your choice.
- ★ A discount on the cost of an Early Childhood **birthday party**.
- ★ Consultation with Music School faculty to discuss the **next steps in musical instruction**, with classes and ensembles for students of all ages and stages of development, as well as Suzuki Academy and traditional private instruction.
- ★ **Statewide offerings**, with Early Childhood classes at our main branches in Wilmington and Milford and at a satellite location in Pike Creek.
- ★ Enriching **summer programs** for all ages.

**Details online:**  
[www.musicschoolofdelaware.org/  
early-childhood-music](http://www.musicschoolofdelaware.org/early-childhood-music)

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Get \$50 off one  
semester's tuition  
when your friend  
also enrolls!  
*Some exclusions apply.*

# Wilmington Branch

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# Milford Branch

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# 2011-2012 EC Calendar

\*Sections are also available at the  
Pike Creek Satellite Location

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT CLASSES

### MUSICAL BABIES

6 weeks to 12 months, with parent/caregiver

### MUSICAL TODDLERS\*

12 to 24 months, with parent/caregiver

### KINDERMUSIK OUR TIME®\*

20 months to 3 years, with parent/caregiver

### MUSICAL EXPLORERS I\*

3 to 4 years, with parent/caregiver

### MUSICAL EXPLORERS II\*

4 to 5 years

### YOUNG MUSICIANS I: featuring

*Kindermusik for the Young Child®*

5 to 6 years

### YOUNG MUSICIANS II: featuring

*Kindermusik for the Young Child®*

6 to 7 years

## OTHER CLASSES FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

### GROUP PIANO FOR CHILDREN

7 to 9 years

### INSTRUMENTAL DISCOVERY

Grades 1 to 3

### 1-2-3, SING WITH ME

6 to 8 years

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## MUSIC & MOVEMENT CLASSES

### KINDERMUSIK VILLAGE®

6 weeks to 18 months, with parent/caregiver

### KINDERMUSIK OUR TIME®

18 months to 3 years, with parent/caregiver

### KINDERMUSIK IMAGINE THAT!®

3 to 5 years

### YOUNG MUSICIANS I: featuring

*Kindermusik for the Young Child®*

5 to 6 years

## OTHER CLASSES FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

### GROUP PIANO FOR CHILDREN

7 to 9 years



## SEMESTER 1

### Halloween

(no EC classes)

October 31, 2011

### Thanksgiving break

(no EC classes)

November 22-27, 2011

### Holiday Sing

December 4, 2011

### Winter break

(no EC classes)

December 20, 2011-

January 2, 2012

## SEMESTER 2

### Presidents Day

(no regular EC classes;

one-day camps instead)

February 20, 2012

### Spring break

(school closed)

April 6-15, 2012

### Celebration Saturday

May 19, 2012

Select which day your section  
meets and read down the  
column to find the dates for  
each class period. Holidays  
and school closings are already  
factored in to the schedule.

## Semester 1

Week	M	Tu	W	Th	Sa
1	09/12	09/13	09/14	09/15	09/10
2	09/19	09/20	09/21	09/22	09/17
3	09/26	09/27	09/28	09/29	09/24
4	10/03	10/04	10/05	10/06	10/01
5	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/08
6	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/15
7	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/22
8	11/07	11/01	11/02	11/03	10/29
9	11/14	11/08	11/09	11/10	11/05
10	11/21	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/12
11	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/01	11/19
12	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08	12/03
13	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/10
14	12/19	01/03	01/04	01/05	12/17
15	01/09	01/10	01/11	01/12	01/07

## Semester 2

Week	M	Tu	W	Th	Sa
1	01/23	01/24	01/25	01/26	01/21
2	01/30	01/31	02/01	02/02	01/28
3	02/06	02/07	02/08	02/09	02/04
4	02/13	02/14	02/15	02/16	02/11
5	02/27	02/21	02/22	02/23	02/18
6	03/05	02/28	02/29	03/01	02/25
7	03/12	03/06	03/07	03/08	03/03
8	03/19	03/13	03/14	03/15	03/10
9	03/26	03/20	03/21	03/22	03/17
10	04/02	03/27	03/28	03/29	03/24
11	04/16	04/03	04/04	04/05	03/31
12	04/23	04/17	04/18	04/19	04/21
13	04/30	04/24	04/25	04/26	04/28
14	05/07	05/01	05/02	05/03	05/05
15	05/14	05/08	05/09	05/10	05/12

# Frequently Asked Questions

## ATTENDANCE

### What should I do if my child is sick?

Please help keep our school healthy by staying home if your child is sick! Call the Front Desk to let us know of your absence. In some cases, it may be feasible to attend class at a different day or time if there is space. Make-up classes can only be arranged through your teacher on an individual basis; they are not handled by the office staff.

### What if we need to miss a class for some other reason?

Regular attendance is expected of all students, so please make every effort to attend. If you must miss a class, please be courteous and let your teacher know in advance.

### What if the teacher is absent?

If your teacher is ill, the Music School will make every attempt to find a substitute rather than cancel class. Any class missed due to teacher absence will be made up.

### How will I know if the school is closed for snow?

An announcement will be posted on the school's website and voicemail, or tune in to one of the following stations:

#### Wilmington

WILM 1450 AM  
WDEL 1150 AM  
WSTW 93.7 FM  
WJBR 99.5 FM  
KYW 1060 AM  
FOX TV 29

#### Milford

WBOC Channel 16  
EAGLE 97.7 FM  
COOL 101.3 FM

## SIBLINGS

In order for all families to enjoy classes, please follow these guidelines:

**Musical Babies:** No siblings are allowed so that parent/caregiver can devote this time to the enrolled child without interruption.

### Musical Toddlers, Our Time & Musical Explorers I:

Younger siblings are allowed in the class if they are not mobile. Infants may sit in seats or strollers but parents/caregivers are asked to leave with the child immediately if he/she should become fussy or disruptive. No older siblings please.

### Imagine That!, Musical Explorers II & Young Musicians Program:

Siblings are welcome to join parents/caregivers for "sharing time" at the end of class. They must remain with the adult and should be taken from the room if their behavior interferes with class activities.

## MATERIALS

### Do I need to purchase materials?

Yes! The materials are an essential part of the curriculum and allow your child to get the most out of the class. Please submit your materials order form with your registration form.

### What is the purpose of the home materials?

Home materials help ensure that class isn't your only "music time" during the week! The most important times of musical growth for children are when they explore and experiment with music on their own. With the home materials, parents and children can sing songs, read and experiment with activities learned in class. Older students may need assistance completing a home activity and will want to share their music-making with family and friends. For children in the Young Musicians Program, parental involvement at home is crucial to reap the full benefits of the curriculum.

## REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

### How long do classes run?

Early Childhood enrollment is for the entire academic year unless otherwise

indicated in class descriptions. Summer camps run in June and July.

### When can I register?

Registration is ongoing throughout the academic year and tuition will be prorated as applicable. Summer registration typically begins in March; academic year registration begins in April for returning students or June for new students.

## BILLING & DISCONTINUANCE

### What fees do I need to pay to register?

A \$75 nonrefundable deposit is due each year when you submit your registration form and will be applied to charges on your bill, including the annual registration fee (\$35 for each student or \$25 for a second student in the same family) and tuition.

### When is tuition due?

Bills are mailed three weeks prior to the start of each semester and are payable by the beginning of the term. Balances must be paid in full prior to registering for a new year or for additional classes.

### Does the school offer financial aid?

Yes! Financial Aid Forms are available from the Front Desk and aid is awarded subject to availability of funds.

### What if I want to stop taking a class?

For classes that run for the entire academic year, you may only discontinue without penalty between the fall and spring semesters. Contact the Registrar or Milford Branch Office Manager to complete and sign a Discontinuance Form. Notice to the teacher is not sufficient. If you stop classes prior to the end of a semester, you are still liable for the full semester's tuition.

### Who should I call if I have a question about my bill?

Contact the Business Office at 302-762-1132, ext. 17, for any questions about billing, tuition or financial aid.

## Helpful Hints & Guidelines

- ★ Please be on time. It can be upsetting for a child to arrive once class has started.
- ★ Turn off cell phones.
- ★ Make sure your child has the opportunity to use the bathroom before coming to class.
- ★ Do not bring food, drink or toys to class. We want your child to interact with the materials we are using in class. Other children are also distracted by things they see but cannot have. Support each other by leaving these things outside of the classroom.
- ★ Dress in comfortable clothes. This applies to all children and to any adults who are participating in classes.
- ★ Be a model of musical behavior for your child. Your participation in class or "sharing time" lets your child know you value the experience.
- ★ If your child becomes upset or disruptive during class, try leaving the room for a moment until she/he calms down and then return to the class.
- ★ Please refrain from having conversations with other parents during music time to avoid disrupting and distracting others. Use class time to concentrate on the activity you are sharing with your child and arrange for social time with friends after class.

## Family Concerts

Designed to engage even the youngest children, these musical adventures entertain the entire family and provide family-friendly opportunities for children to experience the magic of live music. Each Early Childhood student receives two complimentary tickets to a Music School Family Concert of your choice. Concert season details will be available in September.

Previous concerts have included performances of Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals," Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" and Ridout's "Ferdinand the Bull," as well as the musically narrated stories of "Webster the Musical Spider" and "Einstein's Mozart: Two Geniuses."

## Birthday Parties

The Music School of Delaware's Wilmington Branch is the ideal place to host your child's next birthday celebration. We know that each year is a milestone for your young child. You want to enjoy that moment and not be overwhelmed with decisions concerning how to celebrate. Whether you would like a princess party, a sports party or a music party of your own design, we will work with you to figure out theme ideas, supplies and entertainment so that your child will have a birthday to remember!

Early Childhood birthday parties are appropriate for children ages 1 to 7. We host birthday parties on weekdays (during business hours) and Saturdays (12:00-4:00 p.m. only), but not during the music class schedule. Regular parties are 90 minutes which includes one hour of music and one-half hour for food and gifts. You provide refreshments, utensils, decorations, etc. The Music School provides the party room, one hour of music class with instruments and props, tables/chairs, a gift for the birthday child and cleanup. Deluxe parties have an additional half-hour of music and craft activity, for a total of two hours. Children ages 1 to 4 must be with parents at all times. Please book at least two weeks in advance of the party.

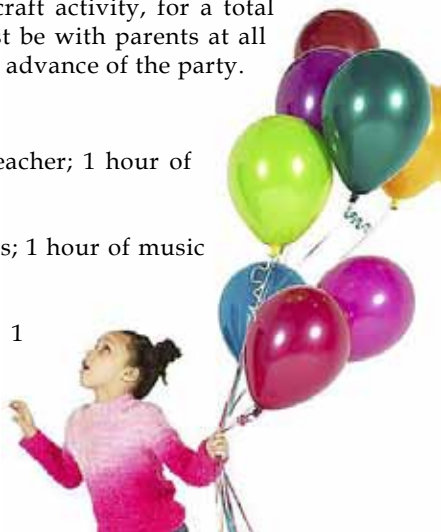
### PACKAGES

**Solo Package:** 9 children or fewer; 1 teacher; 1 hour of music (\$135 for 1.5 hours total)

**Duet Package:** 10-15 children; 2 teachers; 1 hour of music (\$185 for 1.5 hours total)

**Deluxe Package:** 9 children or fewer; 1 teacher; 1.5 hours of music & craft (\$225 for 2 hours total)

**Duet Deluxe:** 10-15 children; 2 teachers; 1.5 hours of music & craft (\$275 for 2 hours total)



## BIRTHDAY THEME IDEAS

Choose from the following theme suggestions or feel free to make up your own based on your child's interests!

### Butterflies & Rainbows

A wonderful theme for a spring or summer birthday! Take-home scarf or butterfly tambourine can be included in favor bags.

### Jungle Beat

Songs and musical activities with a jungle theme. Monkeys, lions and snakes—oh my!

### Animal Friends: Cat & Mouse, Horse, Barnyard Friends

Children love animals! We can focus on one favorite (horses, dogs, cats) or many types of animals for our musical adventure.

### Zoo/Circus Friends

We will build a music theme based on zoo and circus animals, sounds, movement and dance. Parachute activities and craft can be included. Animal shaker can be included in favor bags.

### Under the Sea/Nautical

We can include a craft to make either a kite or ocean drum. Take-home beach ball, fish shaker or sea-shell castanets can be included in favor bags.

### Cars, Trains & Airplanes—Away We Go

So much to sing about and explore with this favorite theme. Favor bags can include train book and instrument (box shaker, train whistle or chime egg).

### Princess or Bridal Tea Party

Dress-up time for a tea party event in your honor. Musical fun with an enchanted flair.

### Creatures in the Backyard

Birds, bunnies, caterpillars, squirrels, spiders and more. Craft can include planting a seed. Favor bag can include ladybug shaker.

### Toy Shop

Magical music fun in the toy shop. Let your child's imagination be the theme for this captivating music adventure.

### Folktales, Drums & Dances

Multicultural stories with drums, instruments and dancing. Geared for children ages 5 to 7.

### Aloha Beach Party

Tropical songs and activities that enhance your beach or mermaid theme. Craft can be added.

### Bubbles, Balls & Balloons

All things round and wonderful! We will sing and musically explore with your child's favorite round objects, including hoops! Take-home Gertie or beach ball can be included in favor bags. Parachute activities also included!

### Teddy Bears' Picnic

Bring your favorite bear and come join the fun! Your snack can be a part of the picnic!

### Sounds of Nature

Explore the sounds of nature through musical activities, stories and instruments based on the season of your birthday!

## AS A FAVOR TO YOU

Favor bags must be ordered two weeks before the party.

**Tiny Tots Favors:** baby bell, egg shaker \$7 per child; ages 1 to 2

**Deluxe Favors:** sticks, egg shaker, kazoo, candy \$8 per child; ages 2 & up

**Super Deluxe Favors:** sticks, egg shaker, one bell, kazoo, candy \$9 per child; ages 2 & up

Special instruments may be substituted—see theme ideas for details. Prices vary.

## Music at YOUR School

The Music School of Delaware can also come to your school! Our Early Childhood outreach program provides outstanding music education to numerous schools and day care centers throughout the region, bringing our faculty, curriculum and expertise to your location.

As a statewide, nationally accredited music school, we provide a distinctive, quality program with a flexible schedule and comprehensive music curriculum that can be tailored to suit your school's needs. Our highly trained faculty help children ages 2 to 7 experience the joy of music in their own classrooms, engaging children's natural creativity and self-expression and offering a holistic approach to child development.

Outreach programs may include weekly classes, themed music weeks, after-school or summer programs, or staff in-service training.

### CONTACT US TODAY!

Think your school might be interested? Contact Melinda Oriani, Early Childhood department head, by calling The Music School of Delaware at 302-762-1132. She will be happy to discuss how music classes can become part of your school's programs.

## Outreach Sites

The following schools and day care centers already participate in the Music School's Early Childhood outreach program:

- ★ Beach Babies of Lewes & Rehoboth
- ★ Brandywine School District
- ★ Children First Preschool
- ★ Day School for Children of Revival Fellowship Church
- ★ DuPont Bright Horizons Chestnut Run
- ★ EastSide Charter School
- ★ Kuumba Academy
- ★ Latin American Community Center
- ★ Maple Lane Elementary
- ★ Montessori Learning Center
- ★ St. David's School
- ★ St. Mary's Early Education Program, Hockessin
- ★ Tommy Tinkers Daycare & Preschool
- ★ Ursuline Academy & Extended Day Program
- ★ West Center City Early Learning Center
- ★ Warner Preschool
- ★ Wilmington Friends School

*(as of June 2011)*

## Future Music Study

Wondering how Early Childhood music will help your child down the road? Music and movement classes develop your child's physical and mental aptitude for future music study – providing a solid foundation for singing, playing an instrument or dancing.

**SINGING:** The singing voice is a child's first instrument, and children should have significant exposure to singing when they are young to foster proper vocal development. EC classes involve frequent singing, most of it unaccompanied, which teaches children to differentiate sounds and helps develop the ear. Echoing simple melodic patterns with babies parallels language development, connecting neurons in the brain that would otherwise remain dormant. By progressing to simple songs and scale patterns, students eventually learn to read and sing notes on the staff. Developing these singing skills and strengthening the vocal muscle mean children are better prepared for future choir or private study experience.

**INSTRUMENTS:** Exposure to a variety of age-appropriate instruments throughout the EC curriculum provides children with fun and successful music experiences from which they can easily grow into other instruments. Through gross-motor activities, children gain control of their bodies and develop graceful, rhythmic movements which they can later use to express music on an instrument. In addition, through finger plays and progressively smaller mallet use, children refine the fine-motor finger control necessary for instrument playing. Focused listening and singing activities help to develop tonal memory while rhythm patterns and ensemble work help to internalize rhythm. In addition, professional musicians provide instrument demonstrations where children have opportunities to try instruments that they might want to study themselves one day.

**DANCE:** Have you ever noticed how young children instinctively move to music? Throughout the EC curriculum, children are introduced to a variety of styles of music for free dance. Circle dances are introduced during baby and toddler classes, progressing to more structured dances and eventually dances of other cultures, from classical minuets to polkas to traditional African dances. Fine and gross motor skills are enhanced through movement activities, instrument playing and games. Children learn simple dance steps in ballet, jazz and tap as we explore the rhythms, meter and history behind each dance style. Future dancers are cultivated as children move with growing expressiveness and learn increasingly complex dances.





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**PIKE CREEK SATELLITE LOCATION**

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579 Polly Drummond Hill Road  
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