

Private Lessons: What We Offer



Vocal instruction is offered to students ages 5 to adult. While all children and adult female voice students are taught by Noelle and male students whose voices have matured are taught by Gerald, the two collaborate and use each other's strengths and input, especially when helping students to prepare for a performance. Vocal instruction includes customizing a vocal path where each student is encouraged to find their voice through a variety of musical styles, keeping in mind each student's goals and challenges. Attention is given to each student's individual needs, and exercises and repertoire are chosen to meet those needs and move them towards excellence.

Students are taught basic music theory within the context of the pieces they are singing (more extensive theory is offered as well- see below). They also have the option to bring in songs that they are already working on outside of lessons, for a choral group in which they participate, or a musical for which they desire to audition and we can work to get repertoire performance ready. Students will learn to sing in various languages to include Latin, Italian, French and German. They have the opportunity to perform every Fall and Spring in our studio recitals.



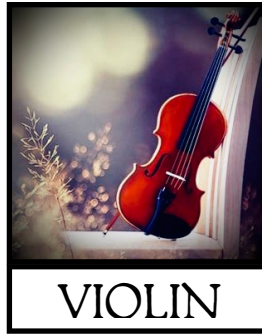
ACTING

Both Noelle and Gerald have extensive experience in theater and help vocal students tap into their inner performer when preparing for recitals. However, more focused lessons are available for anyone needing assistance preparing for an audition or who just wants to explore the world of acting. Classes are available for this as well (see Class Offerings for details).



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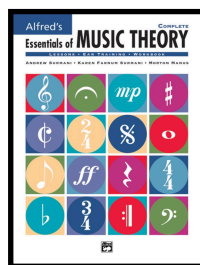
Beginning piano lessons are available with Noelle, but more intermediate piano will be taught by Gerald, who uses teaching methods suited for more advanced piano students. Piano lessons are customized to the needs of each student based on their goals and musical background, to include: playing from a lead sheet and creating music by ear. Students must have a keyboard on which to practice at home.



Violin lessons are offered by Noelle, using the Suzuki method books. Additional supplementation of scales and exercises are added as needed, to include different types of music, such as Celtic violin, to keep things interesting. Each student must have their own instrument. Graner Music is a great place to rent or buy as needed.



As the principal horn of the US Air Force Academy Band, Gerald specializes in bringing an already experienced horn player to a higher level of performing and preparation. However, he also has many years of experience teaching beginning students, as well.



ADVANCED MUSIC THEORY INSTRUCTION

While basic music theory instruction is integrated into all music lessons, a more intensive course is available: Alfred's theory course. For younger students, games and other reinforcing tools are used to help them retain what they are learning.