

PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTION

Playing Music is a **skill** that **anyone** can master!

All it takes is a *desire* to learn, and the *willingness* to practice.

Practicing music regularly will help you:

- Develop muscle memory
- Strengthen the connections between the left and right hemispheres of the brain
- Strengthen focus and attention
- Improve hand-eye, hand-ear, and ear-vocal cord coordination
- Improve skills in listening, cooperation, and following directions
- Have a positive impact on both stress and happiness levels
- Develop awareness that making slow and steady progress towards a goal is not only possible, but is an excellent way to approach learning in any field

Ukulele, Songwriting, and Voice

Students work at their own pace, within a curriculum that is tailored to their individual goals and interests. Students are asked to bring a blank binder with three tab dividers to their first session; all other materials are included with the lessons.

Students choose three goals to work towards each semester, which determines their curriculum and practice exercises week to week.

Many students choose to set goals that combine these two types of instruction:

Theory Based Instruction

Learn to read and write music, rhythm, melodies, scales and leads, understand harmonic structure. Students who work through theory books 1 and 2 will also be able to transpose between keys, and begin to move their knowledge of music reading to cover multiple parts and instruments.

Performance Based Instruction

Learn to hear chord changes, play different styles and strums, fingerstyle techniques, improvisation, singing while playing and performance skills. Sing and play scales, improve breathing techniques and vocal tone. Students are encouraged to bring in songs that they would like to play / sing.

All students are encouraged to create their own music if they desire to do so.

Additional Offerings:

Performance Opportunities:

Students who reach the advanced beginner level and show diligence in practicing their instrument are invited to join a small performance group. Past performances have included: Roseleaf and Amber Grove retirement centers, Downtown Holiday Preview, Saturday Farmer's Market, Endangered Species Faire, and Ukapalooza: a benefit concert for CHAT and Arts4All.

Group Lessons:

Group lessons can be requested for students entering at the same age and ability level, who get along well in a learning environment.

Common Core: Music can be a doorway into other subjects. Songs that supplement beginning Mandarin, Spanish, and CA History can be taught by request, and custom curricula can be created to assist in your educational goals.

2019 Workshops:

Ukulele en Español: for teachers and students of Spanish. Learn ukulele with beginner level songs that will help you practice Spanish Grammar & spread your love of Spanish! Class is taught in English. 4 days of instruction, group limited to 8 students. May count towards continuing education hours for CUSD instructors. Call for more info!

Vendor with CORE Butte Charter and Summit Academy Charter

Rates:

Weekly Private lessons:
\$30/half hr or \$60/hr, materials included

Group lessons with siblings or friends of similar age and ability can be arranged for a reduced rate.