



2023-2024
Valley Christian Music
& Arts
Class Catalog

Valley Christian Music Registration
8/24/23
Noon to 3pm

Returning families may register online.

www.ValleyChristianMusic.org
www.facebook.com/ValleyChristianMusic

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Important Dates:

***Thursday Classes begin on Sept 14, 2023.**

***Monday Classes begin on Sept 18, 2023**

***Parent/Teacher Night for Fall 2023 is TBA.**

General Information

*Classes for 2023-2024 are: Choir, Beginning Guitar, Drama, Music & Me (younger kids class), Beginning Band, Beyond Beginning Band, Beginning Strings, and Beyond Beginning Strings.

*We are a group of families that were seeking to create a sustainable yet affordable music program for our homeschool children.

*We are primarily a homeschool music program, but are open to any school aged students that are available during our class hours.

*We hope to give young musicians a place to grow and use in their musical gifts from a place of Christian values.

*Your student can take as many classes as they would like for the flat yearly rate.

*If there are multiple students within one family, they all can take as many classes as they would like, paying the per student rate for each student, until they reach the max family rate (good for the whole school year).

*Cost is affordable for big or small families.

*Parents & household family members are welcome to participate in Drama, Band, Orchestra and Guitar at the 10 & up student rate.

*Our teachers are qualified teachers that have taught in other music programs. See Teacher page for more information on our teachers.

*We are a Christian music program that hires Christian music teachers.

*We are a drop off program. Children over the age of 12 - you do not need to be on campus while your children are in classes. If your children are under the age of 12 - please ask another parent to be their guardian while you are off campus.

*Returning families can register online.

*None of the Band or Strings classes take students mid-year.

Dates:

- *Thursday Classes begin on Sept 14, 2023.
- *Monday Classes begin on Sept 18, 2023
- ***Students must be Age 10 by Sept 1 of the current school year to take the Age 10 & Up classes.**
- *Program runs Sept through May (or early June.)
- *2 Concerts yearly - Christmas Concert in December & End of School Year Concert in late May.
- *1 Drama Performance in late May or early June.
- *1 Parent/Teacher Night in the Fall. Meet the Teachers!!! Ask questions!!
- *Looking for a date? Check our online calendar. All dates are posted here.
- *We are taking class time off at Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Spring Break. Check the calendar for specific dates for your classes. Days off depend on which classes you are enrolled in.

Fundraisers & Volunteer Hours:

- *We ask parents to do volunteer hours. See the Volunteer Coordinator for more information.
- *We ask parents to donate snack type foods for our concession sales during our concerts & drama performance.
- *We have 2-3 fundraisers/year that we expect everyone to participate in.
- *Fundraisers help keep our costs at rates much lower than other programs.

Communication & Social Media:

- *You will be added to a VCMA email group to help with communication.
- *We are on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ValleyChristianMusic

Financial Info:

- *You pay per child up to the max for the family rate - for the whole school year.
- *Family Cap of \$1100. (Enrollment fee of \$100 per family is included.)
- *We take payments. Tuition/Enrollment must be paid in full to enroll the following year.
- *Break down of tuition rates and the enrollment fee are on the tuition page.
- *We take * cash * check * debit * credit. Debit & Credit are through PayPal.
- *There is an add on fee (on top of the normal tuition rate) for drama students of \$50/student.

2023-2024 VCMA Leadership Team

Valley Christian Teachers

Beginning Guitar: Becky Hedman
Beginning Band: Anthony Coppi
Beginning Strings: Anthony Coppi
Beyond Beginning Band: Anthony Coppi
Beyond Beginning Strings: Anthony Coppi
Choir: Becky Hedman
Drama: Joelle Butler
Music & Me: Joelle Butler

Valley Christian Music Leadership

Check-in Table:
Class Coordinator: Zindra Nelson valleychristianmusicandarts@gmail.com
Directory: Zindra Nelson valleychristianmusicandarts@gmail.com
Donations: Tammy Sloniker
Parent Volunteer Coordinator:
Registrar: Zindra Nelson valleychristianmusicandarts@gmail.com
Report Absences:

Leadership Team Members

President: Zindra Nelson valleychristianmusicandarts@gmail.com
Chairman: Dana Bitto
Secretary: Tammy Sloniker
Treasurer: Kim Shoemaker vcmatreasury@gmail.com
Directors:
Rebecca Fox
Rod Nelson
Olivia Garza
Nathan Sloniker

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ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION FOR BAND & STRINGS:

You will need a music stand to use at home. If you have a fold up music stand, please bring it to class.

What does my student need to go with their Instrument?

If a book is requested by the teacher, it will be listed in the class description. A music stand at home will be needed.

Band:

Flute—Flute with cleaning wand

Clarinet—clarinet with cleaning rag, reeds size 2 or 2.5.

Saxophone—saxophone, reeds size 2 or 2.5, cleaning supplies

Horns— horn, cleaning supplies, bell oil

Percussion—snare drum, percussion pad, drum sticks

Strings:

Violin—violin, bow, tuner, rosin, extra set of strings

Viola—viola, bow, tuner, rosin, extra set of strings

Cello—Cello, bow, tuner, rosin, extra set of strings

Bass—Bass, bow, tuner, rosin, extra set of strings

Optional strings items: shoulder rest, peg oil

Strings tune to 440

Need help figuring out the size of your Violin, Viola, or Cello?

<https://dayviolins.com/how-to-size-your-instrument/>

Beginning Band

Teacher: Anthony Coppi

5:00pm Thursdays at Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 10-Adult

Open to Adults that have a student in the program.

This class is for anyone with little to no experience in music and who wants to learn a Wind instrument. The recommended instruments are Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, and percussion; you may choose another instrument, but these are recommended for beginners. We will learn the basic foundations of wind playing. This class meets for one a hour a week, and practice at home is required.

We will use the Accent on Achievement Book 1.

For instrument rentals I recommend Bellingham WindWorks.

***See additional info for Band on page 4 of this catalog.**

Yearlong Class

Note: 9 year olds may join Beginning Band if they can

*Play the B Scale

*Play 4/4, 3/4, 2/4 time

*Play whole notes, half notes, quarter notes & eighth notes.

*Have also taken previous lessons on their instrument.

Beginning Guitar

Teacher: Becky Hedman

11:30am Thursdays at Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 10-Adult

Acoustic Guitar Class

Instrument requirement: Acoustic/folk guitar in good playing condition

Practice requirement: 15 min, five days a week

Students will learn to:

- *Play basic major, minor and 7th chords
- *Simple strumming patterns
- *Accompany a variety of folk, gospel and worship songs
- *May learn to read and play melodies in first position
- *Experience ensemble playing
- *Participate in group performance each semester

Open to Adults that have a student in the program.

Yearlong Class

Beginning Strings

Teacher: Anthony Coppi

4:00pm Thursdays at Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 10-Adult

Open to Adults that have a student in the program.

This class is for anyone with little to no experience in music and who wants to learn a stringed instrument. These instruments are Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass. We will learn the basic foundations of string playing including playing with and without the bow. This class meets for one a hour a week, and practice at home is required.

We will use the Sound Innovations Strings Book 1.

For instrument rentals I recommend Bellingham WindWorks.

***See additional info for Strings on page 4 of this catalog.**

Note:

9 year olds may join Beginning Band if they can

*Tune their own instrument

*Play the D Major Scale

*Play 4/4, 3/4, 2/4 time

*Play whole notes, half notes, quarter notes & eighth notes.

*Have also taken previous lessons on their instrument.

Yearlong Class

Beyond Beginning Band

Teacher: Anthony Coppi

5:30pm Mondays at Inspire Burlington

Ages 10-Adult

Open to Adults that have a student in the program.

This class is for anyone with at least one full year of experience on a wind instrument. The recommended instruments are Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Baritone, Tuba and percussion; you may choose another instrument with instructor permission. We will build on the basic foundations of wind playing and focus on technique and concert music.

This class meets for 1.5 hours a week, and practice at home is required.

Sound Innovations Ensemble Development for Young Concert Band

(there are several levels for this series, the one we are using has a Gold cover).

For instrument rentals I recommend Bellingham WindWorks.

Prerequisite:

Student must have taken & passed Beginning Band.

To pass Beginning Band, one must be able to:

*Play the B Scale

*Play 4/4, 3/4, 2/4 time

*Play whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes.

Yearlong Class

Beyond Beginning Strings

Teacher: Anthony Coppi

4:00pm Mondays at Inspire Burlington

Ages 10-Adult

Open to Adults that have a student in the program.

This class is for anyone with at least one full year of experience on a stringed instrument. These instruments are Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass. We will build on the basic foundations of string playing and focus on technique and concert music.

This class meets for 1.5 hours a week, and practice at home is required.

For instrument rentals I recommend Bellingham WindWorks.

Yearlong Class

Prerequisite:

Student must have taken & passed Beginning Strings. To pass Beginning Strings, one must be able to:

*Play the D Major Scale

*Play 4/4, 3/4, 2/4 time

*Play whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes.

Choir

Teacher: Becky Hedman

2:30pm Thursdays at Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 10-19

Practice time and instructions will be given by the teacher.

All choirs perform without music, so the student is responsible to have their music memorized.

Students will be encouraged throughout the year to work at home, on memorizing their parts. We ask the parents to encourage this as well.

Music will be provided for Choir students must be returned at the end of the school year. The student will be responsible for the cost of replacing unreturned music.

Yearlong Class

Drama

Teacher: Joelle Butler

12:30pm Thursdays at Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 10-Adult

Open to Adults that have a student in the program.

The goal of this class is to teach students about theater by participating in a show.

Students will gain experience and understanding in:

Acting skills (main focus):

Improv

Developing a character

Projecting etc.

Behind the scenes:

Set/prop design and creation

Costumes

Set and Stage Crew

Directing (if we have enough students.)

Parts will be cast in the fall for a play that we will perform at the end of the school year. Auditions are tentatively scheduled for October. Students provide their own drama performance costume at their own expense.

*There is an extra \$50 fee per student for this class.

Spring 2023: VCMA's Drama Performance was The Chronicles of Narnia.

Yearlong Class

Music & Me

Teacher: Joelle Butler

1:30pm Thursdays at Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 5-9

Children's Choir & Music Theory Class

The goal of this class is to give younger students experience singing in a choir and playing an instrument. Also, to give them an introduction to reading music.

Students will gain experience in:

Preparing for a concert

Performing in a group

Reading music

Playing an instrument

Students that are ages 8 & 9 will learn to play recorder in preparation for Beginning Band (that they can take at age 10.) 9 year olds are required to bring a recorder to class as well as the recorder book called Recorder Express that can be found on Amazon.

Recorder is taught by Student Teacher Julia Nelson.

Yearlong Class

Accompaniment Team Helper

Thursdays, Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 13-19

Music & Me—Choir

Older more experienced students may be asked to be on the Accompaniment Team. These students are the musicians during Music&Me & Choir.

Student Leadership Helper

Thursdays, Inspire Sedro Woolley

Ages 13-19

Music & Me—Beginning Band—Beginning Strings—Choir

Older experienced students (ages 13-19) may be helpers in classes. VCMA needs Student Leaders in Music & Me, Beginning Band and Beginning Strings. They are the experienced band/orchestra players that can help the new student. They may also be asked to do tasks, such as go to the office to make copies or help change strings on an orchestra instrument.

You may be a Student Leader helper in multiple classes with multiple teachers.

Student Code of Conduct

To be signed by Student if over age 12, by the parent if under age 12.

At Valley Christian Music & Arts, it is important for Students to realize that we expect a certain level of integrity while in classes as well as outside of classes.

It will be expected that you behave in a manner:

That Honors the Lord

That you respect and serve your teachers and the leadership of VCMA as well as Inspire Church

That you honor your fellow students

That you respect the church facility that we are using

That you honor our dress code

At least 3 students together if unsupervised by an adult

There will be:

No Bullying

No cell phone usage during class.

No Public displays of affection

No Guy/Girl groups of just 2 students if unsupervised by an adult.

Dress Code:

Please dress modestly at any music program rehearsal or function.

Please avoid tight, form-fitting clothing, low-cut shirts, tummy/backside showing, bare shoulders, shorts

or skirts above the knee.

No tank tops please for either boys or girls

Only students and families of students will be allowed on campus during class hours. If you have friends interested in our music program, have them sign up! Friends are not allowed to "just hang out" on campus.

Since older students are allowed to be dropped off for classes, we expect students to behave accordingly whether their parent is on campus or not.

If you or your student/person is found to be in violation of one of these things, a leader/teacher at VCMA will talk to the student/person. If that does not resolve the issue, one of the parents will be asked to talk to the student/person with a leader or teacher. If that doesn't resolve the issue, the student/person will be talked with by 2 or more adults to try to resolve the issue. If a resolution cannot be obtained, the student/family will be asked to not participate in the program without refund.

X _____

I have read and understand the VCMA student code of conduct.

_____ Date

Valley Christian Music & Arts

We now have Monday & Thursday Classes!!

Thursday Class Schedule - Classes begin Thursday, Sept 14, 2023

Start	End	Class	Ages	Teacher	Class Length	Location	Room
11:30	12:25	Beginning Guitar	10-Adult	Becky Hedman	55 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
12:30	1:25	Drama	10-Adult	Joelle Butler	55 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
1:30	2:25	Music & Me	Age 5 to Age 9	Joelle Butler	55 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
2:30	3:25	Choir	10-Adult	Becky Hedman	55 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
3:30	4:00	(Strings Setup)			30 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
4:00	4:55	Beginning Strings	10-Adult	Anthony Coppi	55 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
5:00	5:55	Beginning Band	10-Adult	Anthony Coppi	55 minutes	Inspire Church, Sedro Woolley	Chapel
*Please note: Students must be age 10 by 9/1/23							

Monday Class Schedule - Classes begin Monday, Sept 18, 2023

Start	End	Class	Ages	Teacher	Class Length	Location	Room
4:00	5:25	**Beyond Beginning Strings	10-Adult	Anthony Coppi	1 hour 25 min	Inspire Church, Burlington Campus	Cafe
5:30	7:00	**Beyond Beginning Band	10-Adult	Anthony Coppi	1 hour 25 min	Inspire Church, Burlington Campus	Cafe

*Please note: Students must be age 10 by 9/1/23

****Beyond Beginning Classes need to be able to do the following:**
STRINGS: Tune your own instrument, play the D Major scale, play whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes, play 4/4 time, 3/4 time, and 2/4 time.
 9 Year olds welcome if they can do the requirements and have had previous lessons.

BAND: Play the B Scale, play whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes. Play 4/4 time, 3/4 time and 2/4 time to enroll in Beyond classes. If you have been in Beginning Band previously, you must be able to demonstrate that you can do the requirements. 9 Year olds welcome if they can do the requirements and have had previous lessons. If you are not sure, please come to the first week of the Beginning class - and see Mr. Coppi.

Also to be noted - students can move up mid year if they have mastered the above requirements by the Christmas Concert. Please note: the "Beyond" Classes are 1 hour and 25 minutes long.