

SharpMinds Music Academy

Individual Instrument Program

Welcome to our *Individual Instrument Program* at SharpMinds Music Academy! Our excellent faculty is committed to teaching and guiding your child to achieve his/her musical goals. The program covers technique development, repertoire performance, and music theory on the guitar, piano, violin, and voice.

Performance opportunities include participation in recitals, concerts, and masterclasses. *SharpMinds Music Academy* also encourages students to prepare for assessments and examinations.

Here are some pointers for parents with regards to making your child's music learning a positive and fun experience.

PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS

1. Ensuring that your child practices according to the practice guidelines
2. Maintains and organizes class materials
3. Provides a well maintained and tuned instrument at home
4. Minimal distractions, and loads of encouragement

PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

1. *How long should my child practice?*
 - Beginners: - 30 minutes daily
 - Intermediate: - 45 minutes daily
 - Advanced - 1 hour or more daily
2. *Is there a practice guide?*
 - a. Warm-ups and technical exercise (scales, arpeggios, etc.)
 - b. Assigned repertoire pieces
 - c. Duets, theory assignments (if given)
 - d. Review favorite repertoire of pieces
 - e. Follow the specific instructions of the instructor
 - f. H.S. (hands separate) means each hand, B.H. means hands together
 - g. Make all corrections marked by the instructor

CALENDAR

Classes are not conducted, and students not charged for the following:

- Thanksgiving Break
- Winter Break
- Spring Break

*Summer sessions are offered in July and August

TUITION

Monthly fees are determined by the duration of the lesson and location.

Location A: 1. Pinecrest Community Center – On-line payments (Village of Pinecrest)
2. Virtual on Zoom – Electronic Payments to SharpMinds Music Academy

Duration	30 – minutes	60 - minutes
Per Lesson	\$45	\$90
Monthly (4 lessons)	\$180	\$360

Location B: Student's Home – Electronic Payments to SharpMinds Music Academy

Duration	30 – minutes	45 – minutes	60 - minutes
Per Lesson	\$55	\$75	\$95
Monthly (4 lessons)	\$220	\$300	\$380

MAKE-UP LESSONS

Please inform the teacher at least 24 hours prior to the lesson if you are unable to attend. Make-up lessons are given for reasons of illness, family emergencies, planned family travel, religious functions, or compulsory school events (excused absences). The student is allowed 2 excused absences per semester (5 months). Lessons canceled for other reasons will not be made up. Make up lessons will be arranged at the convenience of the instructor. No refunds or credits for missed lessons will be given. All lessons missed by the instructor will be made up.

CONCERTS & MASTER CLASSES

All students are encouraged to perform in student concerts/recitals (once or twice annually). Students may also take part in masterclasses, music theory, & appreciation classes. There will be additional recital/concert, and masterclass fees charged.

EXAMINATIONS

Students are encouraged to prepare towards music examinations and assessments, depending on their progress and musical interests. These exams may include the Federation, Guild, and/or the Yamaha Grade Examination (YGE). Participation in these assessments will be based on the instructor's recommendation and direction, determined by the preparedness of the individual student.

REGISTRATION

Students at the Pinecrest Community Center are required to register online which provides membership status with automatic monthly payments. To cancel the registration, the member (student/parent) is required to notify the community center before the following month to avoid the automatic charge. No refunds will be provided otherwise.