



About Greenwich House Music School

Greenwich House Music School teaches students the beauty and transformative power of music, art, dance, and theater and shapes them into lifelong lovers of the arts.

Since 1905, Greenwich House Music School (GHMS) has provided high-quality, affordable arts education for New Yorkers of all ages. Our distinguished faculty works to ensure students have the opportunity to experience these programs through private lessons, classes, workshops, and monthly recitals.

Each year GHMS provides scholarships for students in need, as well as for public school outreach programs. In addition to educating its students, GHMS serves the community with a wide spectrum of concerts in its recital hall, hosts education workshops and meetings for local civic and cultural organizations, and provides affordable rehearsal and performance space for local musicians.

Funding for Greenwich House Music School programs is provided by the New York State Council on the Arts, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the Baisley Powell Elebash Fund, New York University, the Hyde and Watson Foundation, and New York City Council Members Erik Bottcher and Chris Marte. GHMS is a founding member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.

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Registration Details

Students may enroll in lessons and classes at any time during the year, as space and schedules permit. Instruction is divided into 17-week Fall and Spring terms with an additional 6-week Summer term.

Payments

Tuition is prorated if registering after the first week. If a student withdraws before the end of the fourth week of the current term, they will only be charged for the lessons taken. GHMS reserves the right to discontinue any student who falls behind in their payments, has three unexcused absences for the term, or is consistently tardy.

Registration fee and tuition are paid in advance. If needed, payment plans may be arranged in advance with the Registrar. Finance charges are applied to late payments.

Annual non-refundable registration fee:

\$30 per individual | \$35 per family

Greenwich House accepts credit card payments only.

Scholarships

In keeping with long-standing tradition, GHMS grants financial aid on the basis of both need and merit. Named funds include the German Diez Piano Scholarship and the Lois Blitzer Bernstein Scholarship. Students are eligible for financial aid after having studied at the school for one full year. An application must be submitted each year in July. Notifications are made before the beginning of the school year. For more up to date information on scholarships, visit our website.

Absences

There is no tuition refund for a student absence. If a teacher is absent, a makeup lesson or substitute teacher will be arranged. If the instructor is not able to offer a makeup class GHMS will issue a credit to the student.

Term Dates:

Fall Term begins September 7, 2023

Spring Term begins January 16, 2024

Summer Term begins June 24, 2024

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Private Lessons for Children and Adults

Weekly private lessons are offered in person or online for piano, violin, viola, cello, clarinet, guitar, voice, flute, oboe, saxophone, brass, drums, and harp. Children as young as three may enroll in the Suzuki program for guitar.

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Tuition is based on two 17-week terms (fall and spring) and one 6-week summer term. Inquire about discounts for families and second courses of study.

There is a piano maintenance fee of \$15 per term for piano students only.

30-Minute Lessons

\$1,326 per semester (\$78 per lesson)
\$468 per summer term

45-Minute Lessons

\$1,581 per semester (\$93 per lesson)
\$558 per summer term

60-Minute Lessons

\$1,751 per semester (\$103 per lesson)
\$618 per summer term

Student Recitals are held each month of the school year and are divided by age. On average, there are 20 recitals per year. We encourage all of our students to perform in recitals.



Music Theory and Solfege for Advanced Students

Scheduled by Music Department
45 and 60-minute private lessons
Starting at \$1581 per term

This one-on-one instruction will enhance your understanding of music to become a better musician. The course concentrates on the study of harmony, voice leading, ear training, dictation, and basic analysis.



“Making music here is a wonderful adventure. My family and I are fortunate to have found at Greenwich House Music School welcoming staff and inspiring teachers. Studying piano, discovering music, and being inspired to work hard and develop new talents all lead to delightful, rewarding enjoyment. Brava to Greenwich House Music School for creating a fun, exciting musical experience.”

— Karl Lauby

Children's Classes

Greenwich House Music School provides a welcoming environment for parents to introduce their children to music, art, theater, and ballet. Within our supportive community, students develop new skills and unique ways to express themselves through the arts as they cultivate their imaginations.

The teachers, who are artists and musicians themselves, inspire and guide children in an intimate setting. Classes have a relaxed and open atmosphere where learning is fun, challenging, and creative.

Full course descriptions and faculty bios are available at greenwichhousemusicschool.org. Fees are based on a 17-week semester unless otherwise noted.

Walkover services are available from PS 3 and PS 41 through the After-School program for \$100 per term. Some restrictions apply. Contact the GH Youth Community Center at (212) 242-4140 to sign up.

Music Together for Infants and Toddlers

Ages 0 – 2 years with caregivers

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

\$528; \$45 Materials fee per term (12 weeks)

An internationally renowned music program for babies and toddlers with a mission to make the world a better place by making it more musical. By participating in class as musical role models, parents and caregivers teach their children how to become lifelong music-makers.

“NEIGHBORHOOD GEM!!! As a parent, voice educator, and music education consultant, I greatly appreciate the heart-warming and caring environment of this charming community music school. Greenwich House is a nurturing place for artists of all ages and a neighborhood gem.”

— Vielka Kelly-Weiss



Intro to Piano

Ages 2 – 3 with caregivers

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 pm

\$680

Experience the joy of piano playing and music with your toddler through a multi-sensory, hands-on approach to learning piano. With full adult participation, each lesson is designed to help you and your toddler with the skills and activities to continue at home. Classes are limited to four children.

Music Discovery

Ages 3 – 4

Thursday 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

\$748

This class introduces your child to the joy of music making through singing, percussion instruments, and creative movement. Your child will learn the fundamentals of music through group piano instruction, improv, dancing, and storytelling.

Art Discovery

Ages 3 – 4

Thursday 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$748

Children will explore their creativity and imagination through various art techniques, including painting, drawing, and collage. The goal of this class is for students to create a vocabulary of art and use of tools used to create art, which helps to increase their confidence in creation.

Music Makers

Ages 5 – 6

Thursday 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$748

A perfect way to get your child ready to study an instrument in private lessons, this class introduces your child to note reading and basic music theory, through instruction on the recorder, ukulele, and piano. This class culminates with a class concert performance for family and friends!



Art Makers

Ages 5 – 6

Thursday 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

\$748

Students will independently create their own artwork using a variety of techniques such as painting, sculpture, printing, collage and more. This class helps students develop and hone their relationship with self-expression, adding purpose and meaning to their artwork. All of the artwork created will be presented at a year-end gallery walk for family and friends!



Beginner Violin

Ages 6 – 8

Thursday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$782

A fun class to develop musicality through singing, movement, and of course, learn how to play the violin! In this class, the students will be introduced to basic rhythms, note reading, different musical styles, and the important basics of the violin: its parts, proper position, and beginner pieces to play together.

“Greenwich House Music School is an amazing organization with wonderful teachers and a great sense of community.”
— Miranda Holmes

Ballet Classes

Ballet at Greenwich House Music School teaches proper ballet technique, body alignment, movement, and rhythm - all within a supportive and judgment-free environment. Classic terminology is used, and students begin learning barre work in Ballet II. Studying classical ballet has many benefits that extend beyond the art form including commitment, dedication, and focus, attention to detail, determination and self-discipline. All classes perform in the school recital at the end of each year.

Pre-Ballet

Ages 3 ½ – 4

Wednesday 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$748

Ballet I

Ages 4 ½ – 5

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

\$748

Ballet II

Ages 5 – 7

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$748

Ballet III

Ages 8 – 9

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

\$782

Ballet IV

Ages 9 – 11

Monday 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

\$782

Ballet V

Ages 11 and up

Monday 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\$782

Please note that some students may be placed into classes based on ability instead of age. Spring tuition will include a costume fee, TBD.



Theater Classes

Greenwich House Music School (GHMS), in partnership with Greenwich House Youth Community Center (YCC) offers theater and acting classes for young people ages 3 - 14.

Our professional teaching artists are committed to high quality theater education that nurtures young performers to grow as artists and people. See class descriptions below for more information.

2023 Fall Theater Programs

Theater Games @ YCC

Ages 5 - 7

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
\$816

This class is a physical, play-forward approach to theater. Games teach students how to work together, be expressive and safe in their bodies, and find joy in the world of performance and make-believe. The creative impulses of the students are celebrated and explored in this class through teacher-led improvisations and story creations.

Musical Theater @ YCC

Ages 8 - 11

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$816

Students learn the fundamentals of singing, dancing, and acting through contemporary musical theater songs—and even create their own! Every class begins with a physical and vocal warm up, followed by an exploration of a specific type of musical theater song and scene. Each term ends with a performance for family and friends.

“Both of my children have taken music lessons at GHMS for many years. The teachers are highly skilled, engaging and wonderful with kids. It’s a very special place.”

— Lee Berresford



Acting & Auditioning @ GHMS

Ages 12 - 14

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$816

Learn the art and craft of acting in this class led by a professional actor. Taught in two sections, students will work with scripts to learn techniques and strategies they can apply in auditions and performances. In the first half of the term students will prepare monologues they can use for auditions for school plays or performing arts high schools. In the second half of the term, they will work with fellow classmates on scenes and improv. This class is suitable for students who want to prepare audition pieces for performing arts high school as well as those just starting out!

2024 Winter Theater Programs

Acting & Improv @ GHMS

Ages 8 - 11

Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$816

Students' ideas take center stage in this class that focuses on teaching young actors the basics of scene building and improvisation. What is the play about? Who will play which part? That is up to the young people who take the class. Each term ends with a performance for family and friends.

2024 Summer Theater Programs

Acting + Improv @ YCC

(exact dates, TBD)

As part of YCC's summer camp, Greenwich House Music School hosts camp-wide Acting & Improv classes for all campers in the month of July. Campers have fun learning how to improvise, play theater games, and even create an original variety style show for families. This class is included in weekly camp tuition.

Summer Adventures @ GHMS

Ages 3 - 4

Monday - Thursday

\$475 per week (\$2,750 for 6 weeks at \$100 discount)

In this drop-off integrative theater arts camp for children ages 3 and 4, students explore their world through music, movement, art and imaginative play. Each week has a theme, and students go on imaginative journeys inspired by stories and nature. Children will build performances to share with family via videos and class performances. Each day will also include snack and water play in our beautiful, shaded backyard garden. Register by week or for the entire summer term!

Adult Classes

Piano Performance Workshop*

Saturday, monthly, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\$300 per year; \$150 for private students

In this six class workshop, participants will focus on their artistic development through collegial interaction with peers and GHMS faculty.

Classical Chamber Music*

Wednesday and Saturday, Time TBD

\$782

This ensemble-style course covers a wide range of chamber music repertoire from standards such as Beethoven piano trios, to music of contemporary composers (some of whom visit the class to coach their music) to lesser-known wonders.

Audition required.

“I have been a student at Greenwich House Music school for close to 20 years studying piano. I absolutely love it. The quality of the teachers is top-notch and the staff are super friendly. Its location in the heart of the village is unbeatable. I highly recommend it. You will find a community of true music lovers no matter whether you are a beginner or an advanced student.”

— Stella Schuhmacher



Jazz Vocal Workshop*

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$850

A weekly performance class in which students prepare several songs of their choice to practice and improve on throughout the course. The workshop will commence with a final concert that will be live-streamed for audiences.

Clarinet Ensemble

Monday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$850; Free for private GHMS Students

This advanced class is designed to teach jazz and improv for clarinets of all voices, highest to lowest and is mostly focused on preparation for two concerts a year with Dance Clarinets and guest composers. Ensemble members must be able to read music and have a three-octave pitch range. Improv experience a plus. Can be combined with private lessons. Class is by audition only.

**There is a 50% discount for registered private instruction students.*



Practice Rooms

Fourteen practice rooms are available to the general public for hourly use. Each room contains double soundproof doors, a fan, a piano, and a window.

Rental fees are \$15 per hour. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a minimum rental time of one hour.

Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Or one half-hour before scheduled events*

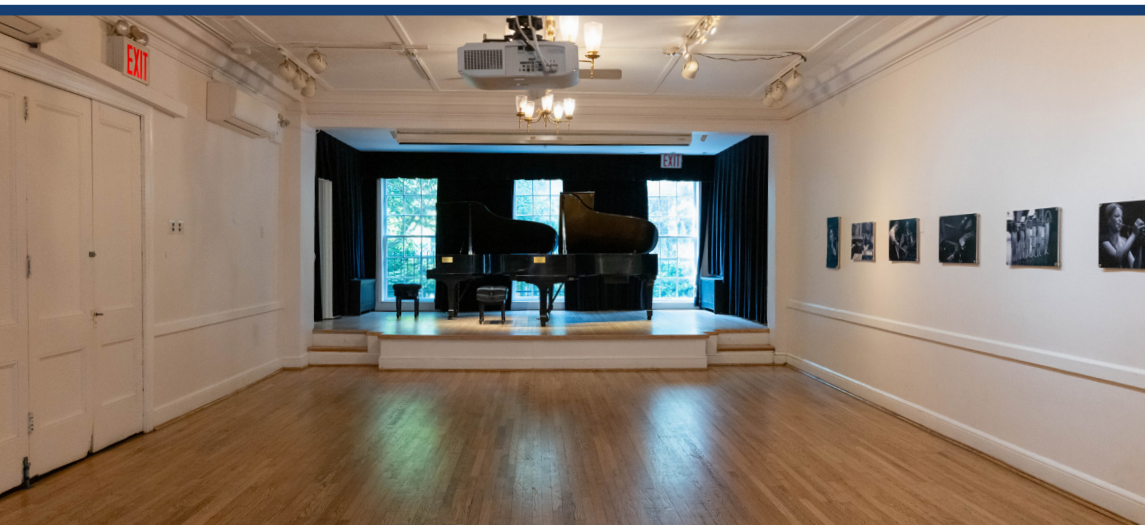
Greenwich House Music School has a wide variety of spaces for rent, suitable for any occasion!

For rates and availability please contact the Production Manager at 212-242-4770 or production@greenwichhouse.org.



Scan to register!

GHMS uses Skedda, an online booking system, for studio reservations (\$15/hour). Download the app using the QR code above to create an account.



Venue Rentals

Recital Hall

20' x 38' Seating area

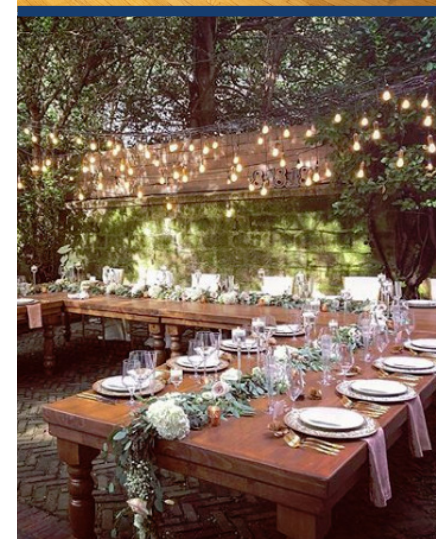
Present your concert, reading, or special event in the Recital Hall located on the second floor of GHMS. With a 20' wide x 15' deep stage that contains two Steinway Model B pianos, the hall combines excellent acoustics with an intimate atmosphere to accommodate all forms of artistic expression. Green room with bathroom, modest lighting and sound package, projector and screen, live-streaming, and production assistant are available with rental.



Patio Garden

36' x 24'

With beautiful flowering cherry and dogwood trees shading the original brick patio, the backyard garden is available for receptions, cocktail parties, weddings, and small open-air concerts. This picturesque garden space is rented in conjunction with the Recital Hall as a backup in case of rain for an additional fee.



Conference Room

20' x 14'

A large and open space, our conference room is an ideal setting for local business or community group meetings. Adjacent to our double-wide brownstone's patio garden, the conference room has a capacity of 20 people.

"Greenwich House Music School is a beautifully inspiring and affordable space with easy going and caring staff. I love its abundance of natural light and acoustic pianos. A true oasis for peaceful practice in a busy part of NYC!"

— Bria Skonberg





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About Greenwich House

Greenwich House responds to the urgent, ongoing, and diverse needs of our community by offering health, human services, education, and arts programs that foster wellness, creativity, and connection.

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Greenwich House Music School is just one of the arts education and social service programs offered by Greenwich House. For a complete list of programs visit greenwichhouse.org.

Other Greenwich House Programs Include:

- Barrow Street Nursery School
- Center for Resiliency and Wellness
- Greenwich House Pottery
- Greenwich House Youth Community Center
- Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program
- Older Adult Center Network

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