

SINCE  1905
120 YEARS OF **MUSIC LESSONS**

Greenwich House Music School

2025-2026



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About Greenwich House Music School

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 and community 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 City Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York State Council on the Arts, the Baisley Powell Elebash Fund, New York University, the Hyde and Watson Foundation, and New York City Council Members Eric Bottcher and Chris Marte. Dance Clarinets is presented in memory of James “Jabbo” Ware. GHMS is a founding member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.

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

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Hours

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Details

Register at greenwichhousemusicschool.org, in person or by phone at 212-242-4770, Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Instruction is divided into two 17-week terms with an additional 6-week summer term.

Payments

Annual non-refundable registration fee: \$40 per individual, \$50 per family.

Greenwich House Music School registration is managed online, and we no longer accept payment via cash or check.

Students may enroll for lessons and classes, as space and schedules permit, at any time during the year. Tuition will be 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 is paid in advance. If needed, payment plans may be arranged in advance with the Registrar. Finance charges are applied to late payments.

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 Memorial Piano Fund and the Lois Blitzer Bernstein Scholarship. 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.

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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, saxophone, brass, drums, and harp. Children as young as four may enroll in the Suzuki training for guitar.

Students enrolling in two courses of private instruction receive a 10% discount on the second course. Families enrolling more than one student receive a 10% discount for each additional student. Tuition is based on two 17-week terms (fall and spring) and one 6-week summer term.

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

30-Minute Lessons

\$1,428 per semester
(\$84 per lesson)
\$504 per summer term

45-Minute Lessons

\$1,700 per semester
(\$100 per lesson)
\$600 per summer term

60-Minute Lessons

\$1,870 per semester
(\$110 per lesson)
\$660 per summer term

**Music Theory and Solfege
for Advanced Students**

Scheduled by Music Department
45 and 60-minute private lessons
Starting at \$1,700 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.

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.



Children's Classes



Greenwich House Music School provides a welcoming environment for parents to introduce their children to music, art, 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.

Music Together for Infants and Toddlers

Ages 0 – 2 years with caregivers

Tues. 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Tues. 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

\$576; \$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.

Intro to Piano

Ages 2 – 3 with caregivers

Weds. 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Weds. 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Thurs. 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

Thurs. 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

\$816

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.

Music Makers

Ages 5 – 6

Thurs. 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

\$816

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!



Summer 2026 dates TBD

Summer Adventures

Ages 3-5

Mon. - Thurs.

**\$500 per week (\$3,000 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!





“We loved Summer Adventures! The moment our son ran into that garden, he was thrilled by all the fun and thoughtful choices that the teachers laid out every day - allowing for both free play and guided activities. He made friends that he kept in touch with beyond the summer and our families have fond memories of the lovely summers brought alive at Greenwich House Music School!”

— Amanda Niu, Music School parent

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

Tuesday 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$816

Ballet I

Ages 4 ½ – 5

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

\$816

Ballet II

Ages 5 – 7

Tuesday 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$816

Ballet III

Ages 8 – 9

Monday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$850

Ballet IV

Ages 9 - 11

Monday 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$850

Ballet V

Ages 11 and up

Monday 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

\$850

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



Adult Classes

For information on Private Lessons, see page 06.

Classical Chamber Music*

Saturdays, Time TBD

\$782

The adult chamber music classes are open to piano, string, and wind players interested in a fun and supportive chamber music experience. The classes are performance-oriented and cover a wide range of chamber music repertory from standards such as Beethoven's Piano Trios to the music of contemporary composers. There are two chamber recital opportunities per year. Audition required.



Jazz Vocal Workshop*

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$918

A weekly class with accompaniment where students prepare several songs of their choice to practice and improve on throughout the term. Students may perform solos, duets, or group pieces. Each term ends in a final, full performance for friends and family in the Music School's Recital Hall.

Clarinet Ensemble

Monday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$918; 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.*



Greenwich House Music School proudly partners with Greenwich House Older Adult Services on free arts programming and concerts for older adults. Greenwich House Chorus, Theater for Change, and dance classes with our partners Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo, meet each week during the school year, and are free for members of our Older Adult Network.

For more information about how to join these classes, email music@greenwichhouse.org.

German Diez Memorial Piano Chair

Dr. Sara Davis Buechner

Greenwich House Music School's piano department is chaired by the German Diez Memorial Piano Chair Dr. Sara Davis Buechner. Dr. Buechner brings three decades of higher education and private instruction experience to her role.

She is a member of the piano faculty at Temple University's Boyer College of Music and Dance, and previously taught at the Manhattan School of Music, New York University, and the University of British Columbia. She

has presented master classes and workshops at major pedagogic venues worldwide, adjudicated important international piano competitions, and is former chief music editor for Dover Publications International.



Ms. Buechner is perhaps best known for her virtuosic performances as a recitalist, chamber musician, and soloist. Lauded by the New York Times for her "intelligence, integrity and all-encompassing technical prowess", she has performed with top orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, and Philadelphia Orchestra; and in such venues as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Hollywood Bowl. Buechner has earned top prizes at premiere international piano competitions and was a Bronze Medalist of the 1986 Tschaikowsky Competition in Moscow, and the Gold Medalist of the 1984 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. She has released numerous acclaimed recordings of rare piano music.

Buechner earned a Doctor of Musical Arts from Manhattan School of Music and holds master's and bachelor's degrees from The Juilliard School.

Buechner is available for private lesson students to be scheduled by the Registrar's office. For more information, please call 212-242-4770.

Public Performance Class *(Dates subject to change)*

Fall 2025: October 25, November 22, December 13, January 24

Spring 2026: February 14, March 14, April 18, May 2, June 6

Free for students of GHMS, \$54 per class for non-students

Renowned concert pianist Sara Davis Buechner offers her opinions and performance suggestions for artists wishing to try out their repertoire in a comfortable and supportive audience environment. Ms. Buechner will offer technical suggestions for ease and improvement, interpretational insights, and tips on successful stage presentation. This is an excellent opportunity to work on audition, competition or recital preparation for aspiring musicians.



“GHMS is a longstanding pillar of the Greenwich Village community and New York City, a historic and invaluable place that fosters the creative spirit and celebrates musical excellence,” Buechner said. “I’m humbled to continue in the footsteps of the legendary pianist Germán Díez, who shepherded the piano department for decades. It’s a great privilege and an honored obligation. I look forward to helping GHMS build upon these accomplishments and expand its reach and influence for years to come.”

— Sara Davis Buechner

Practice Rooms



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

To rent a studio, download the Skedda app, or join online and make your account. All you need to get started is a username (email), password, and a valid credit/debit card. Use of practice rooms is free to GHMS students while enrolled in lessons or classes.

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Or one half-hour before scheduled events*



Scan to register!

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Venue Rentals

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.

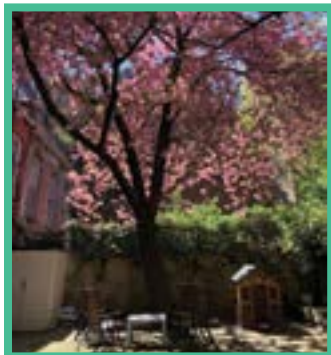


Recital Hall

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.

About Greenwich House

Greenwich House Music School is a part of Greenwich House, a nonprofit founded in 1902 that enriches the lives of children, families, older adults, and individuals working to overcome life's challenges through arts and education programs, older adult services, and health services.

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 **www.greenwichhouse.org**.

Other Greenwich House Programs include:

- **Barrow Street Nursery School**
- **Center for Healing**
- **Center for Resiliency and Wellness**
- **Children and Youth Services at NYC Family Justice Centers**
- **Older Adult Mental Health Clinics**
- **Older Adult Network**
- **Pottery**
- **Youth Services**

