



Yamaha Music Education System Course Description

Music Wonderland (MW) – Age 3

This two semester program for children beginning at age 3 establishes an outstanding foundation and motivation for enriched study and skill development in the Junior Music Course. The Music Wonderland course enhances children’s listening abilities and social development while cultivating imagination and providing keyboard experiences.

A parent, guardian, or caregiver is required to attend each class with his/her child to serve as a learning partner. Parent meetings, which are held periodically during the school year, cover subjects such as how to participate in class and how to assist at home. Children do not attend the parent meetings.

Classes run approximately 45 minutes.

Junior Music Course (JMC) – Ages 4-5

This four semester program for children beginning at ages 4 and 5 provides an incomparable foundation for future musical study on any instrument. Children experience singing, music reading and writing, keyboard playing, ear training, and creating music.

A parent, guardian, or caregiver is required to attend each class with his/her child to serve as a learning partner. Parent meetings, which are held periodically during the school year, cover subjects such as how to participate in class and how to assist at home. Children do not attend the parent meetings.

Classes meet each week and run approximately 50 minutes.

Young Musicians Course (YMC) – Ages 6-8

This three year program uses the keyboard as the main vehicle of instruction. Activities include ear training, keyboard harmony, music theory, singing, ensemble playing, keyboard repertoire, and improvisation.

A parent, guardian, or caregiver should attend the first four classes with his/her child to become familiar with the goals of the course and to learn how to effectively support their child's study at home.

Classes meet each week and run approximately 50 minutes.

School Policies and Structure

Age Requirement

Children must have reached their third birthday for MW, fourth birthday for JMC or sixth birthday for YMC by October 1 for the fall semester classes and by January 1 for the spring semester classes. This requirement is necessary to insure that children will not be exposed to unnecessary frustration by being enrolled in a program for which they may not be physically or socially ready.

Grouping

Students are matched according to age, skill development and musical goals. Classes are sometimes regrouped to provide the best learning situation.

Instructors

Yamaha instructors must pass a comprehensive musical examination and attend regular Yamaha-sponsored seminars in order to gain and retain their teaching certification. Yamaha representatives visit local classrooms periodically to assist teachers in improving and refining their teaching skills.

Contacting Your Teacher

Should you need to speak with your child's teacher or obtain any information regarding class, you may call Linden Uter at (504)831-3008 ext 5 or email linden@lafarguepianos.com.

Class Attendance

Only enrolled students and their parents may attend the class sessions. In order to maintain an effective classroom environment, we ask that parents arrange child care for other children. Guests may be invited from time to time with advance permission from the instructor.

Please be on time for class to benefit from a full lesson. It may also be helpful to bring a pencil to make notations in your music.

Open Door Policy

We welcome parents to attend class with their children at any time. No advanced notice is required.

School Holidays

Lafargue Music School is closed annually on the following occasions:

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving, Wednesday-Saturday
- Christmas/New Years, two weeks
- Mardi Gras, Saturday-Tuesday
- Easter, Friday-Saturday
- Memorial Day
- July 4

Piano Rental or Keyboard Purchase

All students must have access to a keyboard for practicing. Lafargue Pianos is an authorized Yamaha piano and keyboard dealer. You may visit the showroom downstairs to obtain an instrument and to learn about our discounts for Lafargue Music School students.

Tuition and Fees

\$35 Non-refundable Individual Registration Fee for New Students or

\$45 Non-refundable Family Registration Fee for New Students

\$0 Registration Fee for Returning Students

\$550 Full Payment for 19-wk session includes materials

\$115/month for 5 months Installment Plan

All fees are non-refundable. The registration fee covers administrative costs and various classroom supplies. The tuition you pay reserves a place for your child in a weekly class; therefore there is no reduction in tuition for missed lessons. Please call 24 hours in advance if a student will be absent. The student will be given the option of attending another class that same week if another section of the same class is in session. The teacher will email missed assignments.

Lafargue Music School does offer a 10% discount on tuition to families enrolling three or more students.

Tuition payments should be made to Lafargue Music School and may be paid through our website at www.LafarguePianos.com, over the phone at 504-831-3008, dropped off at the counter downstairs or mailed to 1828 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA 70005. Tuition may be paid either in full at the beginning of each semester or in monthly installments. Monthly installments include an extra \$5 processing fee with each payment and can be set up as automatic on a credit or debit card or by bank draft. Payments are always due on the 1st day of each month. If for any reason payment is not received within the five day grace period, a \$25 late fee will be added and the student's classes are suspended until payment is made. Classes missed due to suspension will not be made up.

Any check returned NSF will result in a \$25 fee. Having two checks returned NSF will result in future payments being accepted only by cash or credit card.

Referral Reward Program

We are always grateful for your recommending our Yamaha classes to your friends and family. To show our appreciation, we will give you an E-Z Notes magnetic dry erase board (a \$25 value) and materials for the next semester (up to a \$60 value) for each student that you refer to us and who registers for their first semester. Just have your friend mention your name when registering for classes.

Photo/Video Policy

Lafargue Music School reserves the right, and may give permission to its photographer or outside media, to photograph classes, programs and participants at our facility. Please be aware that these photos are for promotional purposes and may be used in future publications and media communications. By participating in the Music School classes and programs, you consent to the taking and publication of your photograph for these purposes. If you do not wish your child or yourself to be photographed or videotaped, please notify the school office by email at linden@lafarguepianos.com.

Termination of Classes

Written notice indicating the date of the student's final lesson must be given to the school director two weeks prior to that final class. The student will be charged a \$50 early withdrawal fee if he/she terminates classes before the end of the semester.