

We're a ministry of First Baptist Decatur. While we first began preschool music classes as early as 1995, we officially launched in January 2000. Our goal is to help fine arts students pursue personal excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

Our music faculty come with significant teaching and performance achievements and are independently contracted. You will pay through our office and meet here at the church, but each teacher sets his/her own schedule, tuition policies, and rates.

church campus



Safety is important to us. All of our doors stay locked throughout the day. The code to the door is **1256**. Make sure grandparents, babysitters, or others bringing your child to lessons have this code.

Please use the Church Street entrance, pictured and circled here.

Parents/caregivers may drop off students or may remain on campus. We have several sitting areas, including a quiet coffee area and family-friendly snack machine area with game tables. Please keep food and drinks in the snack machine area.

PRIVATE LESSONS payment

Registration Fee - \$40/Family - Due at registration or beginning of year. **Paid to SoFA**

Private Lesson SoFA fee - \$10 per student per calendar year. **Paid to SoFA**

Tuition: Tuition is due monthly and **paid directly to your instructor**. Each instructor sets his/her own tuition policies and rates. Some charge flat, monthly rates, while others charge based on the number of weeks in the month. Please check with your instructor for your monthly tuition cost if you have questions.

Tuition for private lessons is paid directly to the your instructor.

Tuition Rates

- Elizabeth Carter (Piano) - \$17.50/30-minute lesson
- Elizabeth Carter (Pipe Organ) - \$18.75/30-minute lesson
- Candi Long (Guitar, Piano, Saxophone)
- Ruth Nason (Piano) - \$20.00/30-minute lesson
- Kim Osborn (Piano) - \$18/30-minute lesson
- Stacy Owens (Voice) - \$17.00/30-minute lesson
- Wanda Schrimsher (Piano) - \$18.75/30-minute lesson
- Emily Williquette (Piano/Voice)

MUSIC CLASSES

Annual Registration Fee - \$40/family

Tuition Piano Classes: \$60/month, September-April, due in 8 equal monthly payments. **Paid to SoFA**

Tuition Violin Classes: \$60/month, September-April, due in 8 equal monthly payments. **Paid to your instructor.**

Tuition Guitar Classes: \$60/month, September-April, due in 8 equal monthly payments. **Paid to SoFA.**

How to Pay

Option 1: Pay online through your Dance Studio Pro account.

1) Go to our website, and select "Parent Portal" (If you're on a mobile device, this will be on the dropdown menu.)

2) Sign in to your DSP account. Click "Make Payment>>"

3) You will follow instructions to pay with card or check routing number.

You may also sign up for Auto-Pay on DSP with a card or account information.

Option 2: Pay by card/cash/check in person in the SoFA office.

Option 3: Drop your cash or check in the payment dropbox outside the SoFA office.

COVID-19

As of publishing (August 6, 2021), we are taking the following precautions:

- We encourage masks based on CDC guidelines but leave this decision to parent discretion.
- We ask students and faculty to remain at home or seek COVID testing if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- We ask students and faculty to remain at home if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- We ask you remain at home if someone in your household has contracted COVID-19. If the student or faculty member is fully vaccinated but has a family member with COVID-19, please consult your doctor to determine your transmission risk.
- Remain at home if you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are unvaccinated. If you have been vaccinated and are exposed, please consult your doctor for the latest guidelines on your transmission risk.

We unfortunately cannot guarantee that the above guidelines will not change. Despite this uncertainty, here is what you can expect from us:

- We will put the safety of our faculty and students first.
- We will prayerfully make decisions with church leadership and the SoFA Advisory Team, using the advisement of health officials.
- We will follow government guidelines, as we believe we are called to do as Followers of Jesus.
- In cases where churches are given religious freedom, we will follow and adapt to any specific policies of First Baptist Decatur.
- We will adapt to guidelines and do our best to keep dancing!
- We will clearly communicate to you changes that need to be made.

We ask that you do the following:

- Please have grace with us. Our families, and even faculty, have a wide variety of viewpoints, and we love and respect you all as we navigate this difficult situation. In deciding a path forward for a large group of people with a variety of needs, there are always going to be people who do not feel they were served. We are prayerfully doing the best we can.
- Always consult with your doctor. These policies are enacted for the needs of the School of Fine Arts and are not intended to guide the health decisions of your family.
- Show love for those around you with different viewpoints and needs. Put the unity of the Body of Christ first.