

We're a ministry of First Baptist Decatur. While we first began Musikgarten 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.

We offer a parent orientation for new families to learn about Musikgarten class and what to expect. However, this letter includes housekeeping details and reminders for new and returning families. See you soon!

Musikgarten fall classes last 15 weeks. The semester begins August 25 and ends December 8. We will take off Thanksgiving break. Please see the calendar.

when

Class Times: Thursday: Family Music for Babies & 1s - 9:30-10:00 AM
Family Music for 2s & 3s - 10:15-10:45 AM
Cycle of Seasons - 11:00-11:45 AM
Thursday: Family Music for Babies - 3s - 6:00-6:30 PM



Safety is important to us. All of our doors stay locked. The code to the door is **1256**. Make sure grandparents or others bringing your child have this code. Please use the Church Street entrance, circled on photo.

Musikgarten meets in Room 231 on the second floor of the church.

communication

Teacher Email: ruthnason@yahoo.com
Director Email: jfarris@fbcdecatur.org

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We primarily send information via email, so please make sure to have a good email address on file with us.

For inclement weather or short last-minute reminders, we will use the Remind App. Please join our Musikgarten group by texting @mgsofa22 to 81010

payment

Registration Fee - \$40 per semester, per family - This is only required for families who have not paid the \$40 annual fee.

Tuition: Tuition is \$115 for the 30-minute class or \$135 for a 45-minute class (Cycles). This is due by the first class. If you have two children in Musikgarten, you can receive a \$10 discount on the second child. If you need to pay in multiple installments or need a sibling discount, please email jfarris@fbcdecatur.org.

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 and whether you should quarantine.

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 going!
- 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.