



*The* LANCASTER ACADEMY  
*for the* PERFORMING ARTS  
SOLI CHRISTO GLORIAE MUSICA

**2018-2019 COURSE CATALOG**

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*Note: Class schedules & Instructors are subject to change and classes run pending adequate enrollment.*

## INSTRUMENTAL COURSES

### Orchestra

Orchestra is for intermediate/advanced players. Students who were in this course last year need not audition. All new students need to demonstrate ability level. Coordinate audition with the Executive Director. Students are required to be studying privately.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Sandy Johnston

**Time:** Thursday 7:00 – 8:30

**Requirements:** New students require audition after payment.

**Basic Tuition:** \$200.00

**Note:** Students must provide their own music stand

### Percussion

A fun and educational course involving learning and performing with percussion instruments. Students will learn proper techniques on playing various percussion instruments. They will also learn to read basic to intermediate rhythms. Students will get the opportunity to play in a percussion ensemble, and students are required to attend last four Orchestra rehearsals of each semester and perform with the Orchestra in concerts. No prerequisites needed. Middle school to high school age students preferred and the ability to read music required. Contact Executive Director to obtain permission from Instructor to register.

**Instructor:** Mr. Jim Martin

**Time:** Tuesday 5:45 – 6:45

**Requirements:** Contact Executive Director prior to payment. Student must be able to ready music.

**Basic Tuition:** \$170.00

**Note:** Students must provide their own music stand

### Beginner Strings

This course is being offered to string players who are studying privately and have been playing their instrument for 1 - 2 years or are playing in the 1st or 2nd volume of a lesson book. Students will learn how to play together in an ensemble. Students will participate in the instrumental concerts.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Sandy Johnston

**Time:** Thursday 5:30 – 6:30

**Requirements:** Currently studying privately

**Basic Tuition:** \$150

**Note:** Students must provide their own music stand

### Beginner Band

This course is being offered to wind and brass players who are studying privately and have been playing their instrument for 1 - 2 years or are playing in the 1st or 2nd volume of a lesson book. Students will learn how to play together in an ensemble. Students will participate in the instrumental concerts.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Kathy Horein

**Time:** Thursday 5:30 – 6:30

**Requirements:** Currently studying privately

**Basic Tuition:** \$150

**Note:** Students must provide their own music stand

### **What Instrument Is for Me?**

Students will have the opportunity to learn to begin to play 5 different instruments for 5-6 weeks. Instruments will include violin, cello, flute, clarinet, and trumpet or trombone. This hands-on experience will enable the student to make a decision about playing a musical instrument in the future. This will be classroom learning and students will not participate in a performance. Parents will be invited to observe class.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Kathy Horein

**Time:** Thursday 4:30 – 5:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$150.00

**Instrument Rental Fee:** \$125

**Note:** Students must provide their own music stand

### **Beginner Hand Bells**

For students who have some experience with reading music. A student who has had a few years of private music lessons or who has been in choir for several years would be a good fit for this class. Students will learn the basics of hand bell care, hand bell techniques, and teamwork necessary to be part of an ensemble. Students will participate in the instrumental concerts.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** TBD

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$150

### **Hand Bell Ensemble**

For students with good music reading ability. Students should have prior hand bell experience, or advanced experience with their music reading. Students will emphasize proper hand bell care and will work towards intermediate and advanced hand bell techniques. Students will participate in the instrumental concerts. Contact Executive Director to obtain permission from Instructor to register.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** TBD

**Requirements:** Contact Executive Director prior to payment.

**Basic Tuition:** \$170

### **Beginner Guitar**

This class is for students in 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade with little to no experience playing the guitar. While starting at the beginning and being sure foundational work has been mastered, the instructor will work with students of varying levels in a group setting. Students will participate in the instrumental concerts.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** TBD

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$150

**Note:** Students must provide their own guitar, extra guitar strings and music stand

## **Guitar Ensemble**

This ensemble is for students in 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who have experience in playing the guitar. While working on arrangements that involve multiple parts, students will learn about timing, dynamics, group play, and rehearsing songs to performance level. This group will participate in the instrumental concerts. All students need to demonstrate ability level in an audition with the instructor. Coordinate audition with the Executive Director.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** Thursday 3:00 – 3:55

**Requirements:** Students require audition after payment.

**Basic Tuition:** \$170

**Note:** Students must provide their own guitar, extra guitar strings and music stand

## CHORAL COURSES

### Primary Choir

Primary Choir is for students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who love music and are ready to learn to sing in a group setting. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of musical styles including, but not limited to sacred, secular, folk songs, patriotic songs, pop songs, and show tunes. Students may sing a cappella or with a piano or other instrumental accompaniment. Primary choir will focus on matching pitch, matching rhythm, moving to rhythm, and learning to follow the conductor, while preparing songs for concerts and shows. Class includes some basic sight singing.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** Monday 2:15 – 3:10

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$130

### Junior Choir

Junior choir is for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade who love to sing and wish to sharpen their vocal skills. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of musical styles including, but not limited to sacred, secular, folk songs, patriotic songs, pop songs, and show tunes. Students may sing a cappella or with a piano or other instrumental accompaniment. Students will learn part-singing and practice healthy vocal technique. Class includes sight singing. There is a very simple audition required for new students for the Junior Choir. The audition is simply to be sure a student can match pitch. This includes former Primary Choir students moving to Junior Choir. Contact the Executive Director to schedule an audition for this class.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** Monday 1:00 – 2:10

**Requirements:** New students require audition after registration.

**Basic Tuition:** \$160

### Middle School Choir

Middle School Choir is for students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade who love to sing and wish to sharpen their vocal skills. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of musical styles including, but not limited to sacred, secular, folk songs, patriotic songs, pop songs, and show tunes. Students may sing a cappella or with a piano or other instrumental accompaniment. Students will learn part-singing and practice healthy vocal technique. Class includes sight singing. There is a very simple audition required for new students for the Middle School Choir. The audition is simply to be sure a student can match pitch. This includes former Junior Choir students moving to Middle School Choir. Contact the Executive Director to schedule an audition for this class.

**Instructor:** Ms. Elisa Chodan

**Time:** Thursday 4:00 – 5:25

**Requirements:** New students require audition after registration.

**Basic Tuition:** \$180

### **High School Choir**

High School Choir is for students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who love to sing and wish to sharpen their vocal skills. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of musical styles including, but not limited to sacred, secular, folk songs, patriotic songs, pop songs, and show tunes. Students may sing a cappella or with a piano or other instrumental accompaniment. Students will learn part-singing and practice healthy vocal technique. Class includes sight singing. There is a very simple audition required for new students for the High School Choir. Contact the Executive Director to schedule an audition for this class.

**Instructor:** Dr. Bruce Gerlach

**Time:** Thursday 5:30 – 6:55

**Requirements:** New students require audition after registration.

**Basic Tuition:** \$200

### **ACE**

The Academy Chamber Ensemble is for students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who have demonstrated accuracy in matching pitch and holding harmony. This group will perform in one or two select concerts each semester, with several rehearsals arranged by the Instructor outside of the regular class schedule. Students are expected to be able to work on their music at home. This ensemble will be selected by audition or invitation by the Instructor. Students must be registered for Concert Choir.

**Instructor:** Ms. Elisa Chodan

**Time:** TBD

**Requirements:** Must be enrolled in High School Choir. Audition or Invitation from the instructor.

**Basic Tuition:** \$50 (payable upon selection into ensemble; does not qualify for family max. or 50% discount)

## THEATRE COURSES

*NOTE: Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who want to audition for theatre productions must be enrolled in a choir class. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who want to audition for theatre productions are encouraged to enroll in a theatre class, but are not required to. Students enrolled in theatre classes are encouraged to audition for the productions, but are not required to.*

### **Primary Theatre**

Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be introduced to theatrical terms, learn and develop basic vocal and physical acting skills, take part in theatre games, and perform skits and improvisation exercises. Students will gain confidence and communication skills while working with, and receiving feedback from, teachers and peers. These fun classes allow the students to gain experience in taking direction, memorization, expressing emotions, and working as a team. Students will be exposed to other aspects of putting on shows beyond "just" being an actor.

**Instructor:** TBD

**Time:** Monday 3:30 – 4:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$130.00

**Note:** Students must register for Primary Choir if they intend to audition for the Spring production.

### **Junior Theatre (Section A or Section B)**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be provided an engaging and uplifting environment with the goal of experiencing the skill and joy of theater! Students will learn and develop acting and stage techniques and vocabulary through games, exercises, improvisation, and scene work. They will work on stage presence and movement, emotional expression, and role-play, while receiving feedback from teachers and peers. While theater has the obvious product of an onstage display, it also teaches empathy, teamwork, confidence, public speaking skills, and is a chance to participate in a project from script to stage. Specifics will be tailored to the student's ability level.

**Instructor:** Mr. Reji Woods

**Time:** Monday 3:30 – 4:25 or 4:30 – 5:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$160.00

**Note:** Students must register for Junior Choir if they intend to audition for the Spring production.

### **Middle School Theatre (Monday or Thursday)**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will develop vocal and physical acting skills, and participate in various theatre pieces and exercises for both individuals and groups. Students will focus on developing a stage presence, understanding and analyzing characters and scripts, and following stage directions. The course may also work specifically on scenes and pieces from Academy shows.

**Instructors:** Mr. Reji Woods (Monday) & Ms. Bonnie Bosso (Thursday)

**Time:** Monday 6:00 – 7:25 or Thursday 5:30 – 6:55

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$180.00

**Note:** Students must register for Middle School Choir if they intend to audition for the Spring production.

### **High School Theatre (Monday or Thursday)**

Students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will develop vocal and physical acting skills, and participate in various theatre pieces and exercises for both individuals and groups. Students will focus on developing a stage presence, understanding and analyzing characters and scripts, and following stage directions. The course may also work specifically on scenes and pieces from Academy shows.

**Instructor:** Mr. Reji Woods (Monday) & Ms. Bonnie Bosso (Thursday)

**Time:** Monday 7:30 – 8:55 or Thursday 7:00 – 8:25

**Requirement:** Student must be enrolled in High School Choir.

**Basic Tuition:** \$200.00

**Note:** Students must register for Concert Choir if they intend to audition for the Spring production.

### **Dance Theatre (Section A or Section B)**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will learn fundamental steps commonly used in musical theatre choreography. They will learn how to properly execute the steps, as well as terminology of steps. Once students have mastered various steps, they will be taught how to execute them by learning a variety of different combinations from many different styles. Students will learn stretches and exercises to strengthen their bodies.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Andrea Calderon

**Time:** Monday 2:15 – 3:10 or 3:30 – 4:25

**Requirement:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$160.00

### **Shakespeare Readers Theatre**

Readers Theatre is an interpretive activity in which readers use their voices to bring characters to life. It requires no sets, costumes, props, or memorized lines. The performer's goal is to read a script aloud effectively, enabling the audience to visualize the actions. Students will combine acting, interpretation, and rhetoric as they analyze and perform selected works of William Shakespeare and present a recital during the last class. This class is for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Laurie Brown, MA (The Lancaster Center for Classical Studies)

**Time:** Thursday 2:00 – 2:55

**Requirement:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$200.00



## FINE ART COURSES

### **Primary Art (Section A or B)**

Students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will explore the world of visual expression. They will learn to draw, paint, glue, and cut by using the basic art media of crayons, pencils, colored pencils, markers, watercolor, tempera, and acrylic paints. They will also explore some clay, craft, and mixed media projects. Students will study the elements of design, famous artists and art movements, and learn basic art vocabulary.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jean Newswanger

**Time:** Monday 1:00 – 1:55 or 3:30 – 4:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$130.00

### **Junior Art (Section A or B)**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will develop skills in visual art expression. They will learn basic 3-dimensional drawing, color theory and paint mixing skills, and other art skills. Students will continue study in the elements of design, famous artists and art movements, and basic art vocabulary. Students will do projects emphasizing drawing, but also including watercolor, tempera and acrylic painting, clay, craft, and mixed media projects.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jean Newswanger

**Time:** Monday 11:45 – 12:55 or 2:15 – 3:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$160.00

**Notes:** Students will need to supply their own drawing pencils, erasers, colored pencils, markers, and a pad of 9x12 drawing paper.

### **Middle School Art (Section A or B)**

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will develop intermediate skills in the visual arts. They will develop 3-dimensional drawing skills, emphasizing contour, proportion, perspective, and value. Projects will emphasize still life, plant and animal, and portrait work. Students will also learn basic painting and printing skills.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jean Newswanger

**Time:** Monday 4:30 – 5:55 or Thursday 7:00 – 8:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$180.00

**Notes:** Students will need to supply their own drawing pencils, kneaded and gum erasers, blending sticks, white and black charcoal pencils, colored pencils, black markers, and a pad of 9x12 drawing paper.

### **High School Art (Section A or B)**

Students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will develop intermediate skills in the visual arts. They will develop 3-dimensional drawing skills, emphasizing contour, proportion, perspective, and value. Projects will emphasize still life, plant and animal, and portrait work. Students will also learn basic painting and printing skills.

**Instructor:** Mrs. Jean Newswanger

**Time:** Monday 6:00 – 7:25 or Thursday 4:00 – 5:25

**Requirements:** None

**Basic Tuition:** \$200.00

**Notes:** Students will need to supply their own drawing pencils, kneaded and gum erasers, blending sticks, white and black charcoal pencils, colored pencils, black markers, and a pad of 9x12 drawing paper.