

Ensemble Music Fall Semester 2024

Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 PM · BT Sanctuary

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Who is this class for? Students in grades 6-12 (ages ~11-18).

Are there prerequisites? Nope! Students can either bring an instrument they already play (vocals included) or come prepared to learn basic music skills on a new instrument!

How much work is expected each week? Students should commit to attending class on Thursdays and practicing at least 15 min/day, 5 days/week by themselves at home. Students are also responsible for bringing their music binder and a useful pencil to and from class.

What if we have to miss rehearsals? Families have until October 10 to decide whether this class will work for them—students are welcome to join or drop the class until that point. From October 10 on, each student is allowed to miss two rehearsals for the semester. If for some reason they will miss more, please talk to me and we'll do our best to work something out! If at all possible, all students must attend the December dress rehearsal and concert—however, we can move those two dates around to accommodate everyone.

What instruments can students play? Students can bring any instrument they play, but if it is a wind or brass instrument, they'll also need to be enrolled in private or group lessons.

What new instruments can students learn? Options for students without musical experience (or who want to learn a new instrument) are guitar, percussion, piano/keyboard, and violin/viola.

What is the repertoire for this semester? We'll be playing an eclectic mix of songs (4-7 total)—the full repertoire will be decided in early October (see back of this page for list of options). Students are also welcome to request favorite songs, even though I can't promise we'll play them! We will have at least one "choir" song which most students will sing on (younger siblings also invited!).

What will class look like each week? Students should arrive slightly before 4:30 PM, so they can unpack and tune instruments and get their music in order. We'll then take attendance and pray together. After that will be warm-ups/music games, and then we'll rehearse the piece(s) we're working on at that point. At the end of class, we'll often work in small groups by part (called sectionals). Parents are welcome to sit in on any or all classes (and play along!) if they'd like.

Will there be another class in winter/spring 2025? This class will run for one semester (10 weeks) and then we'll re-assess for the remainder of the school year.

Class days for this semester are below. (Please note there is NO CLASS October 24).

September 26

November 14

October 3

November 21

October 10

November 28

October 17

December 5

October 31

December 12 dress rehearsal

November 7

December 13 (Friday) concert, 6:00 PM

Repertoire Options

Instrumental only

- It Don't Mean a Thing (Thelonius Monk version)
- Dear Friends (Final Fantasy)
- Theme from *Pacific Rim* (Ramin Djawadi)
- Theme from Pokemon and Zelda (mashup)
- Veggie Tales Theme Song
- something by ES Posthumus
- a samba-ish thing (ie La Montana, Tony Mottola)
- drum line piece
- *Maschiach* (Hebrew traditional)
- Wii music

With solo(s) and backing vocals

- Rich Mullins option(s) (AlrightOK.../While the Nations Rage/Sometimes by Step/Awesome God)
- Bob Fitts option (The Lord is Come/Above All Else/He is Lovely)

Choir w/ littles

- I Will Magnify (Bob Fitts)

**I will make a Spotify/YouTube playlist of the final repertoire for students (and families!) to listen to and become familiar with the songs.