

Thompson Tutoring - Private Music Lessons

Tutors: Kaela Hartmann, Chelsea Pierce, Corey Thompson, and Dawn Thompson

Ages: 5-18 Lessons at Centerpoint Church

Class Description:

Learn how to play a musical instrument! Beginner through advanced. Keyboard/Piano, Voice, Guitar, Uke, Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, and Baritone/Euphonium.

1) Students will:

- A) Play songs based on student's interests.
- B) Learn skills/techniques, terminology, and theoretical principles of their chosen instrument.
- C) Lessons will be based on individual student needs: A student-centered approach to learning.
- D) Lessons will be designed around the different requirements of each instrument.

2) Requirements:

New material is to be practiced at home after it has been introduced. The lesson time will focus on practicing songs and exercises, explaining theoretical principles, and demonstrating new techniques.

3) Supplies Needed:

An instrument for home use and practice. Band instruments can be purchased/rented through Marshall or Meyer Music. Additional materials will be determined based on student needs. i.e., Book, pick, drumsticks, reeds, etc. A keyboard/piano will be supplied for the lessons at KAT. Students are to bring their instruments and music to class each week.

4) Payment Schedule & Policies:

Lessons are 30 minutes each week at the scheduled timeslot. The charge for a lesson in 2022-23 was \$27. New rates for the 2023-24 school year will be posted in August. Monthly payments are due by the first lesson of each month. An invoice will be sent before the start of each month as a reminder. The Thompson Tutoring Student Handbook KAT will be provided to families, which will cover the policies regarding lessons before starting lessons.

5) Drop/Add Policy:

Lessons can be added at any time based on availability. Lessons can be dropped at the end of a semester or year.

6) About the Tutors:

Corey Thompson has a background in instrumental music instruction. He served as Director of Bands at West Branch /Rose City Schools, Kazoo School and Kalamazoo Country Day. He has been involved in church music his whole life: instrumental ensembles, instrumental solos and adult choir. He also served as a youth group director. He has a Bachelor of Music. Corey is the owner of Thompson Tutoring, LLC and has been providing private lessons in the greater Kalamazoo area for over 20 years.

Dawn Thompson has a background in teaching piano, voice, and guitar. She has served as a church choir director, church organist, and elementary school music instructor. She also served as a youth group director and Sunday school teacher. She has a master's in educational leadership and a bachelor's in education (music and academics). She has been an educator in the greater Kalamazoo area for over 20 years.

Kaela Hartmann has a background in teaching violin, viola, cello, piano, guitar, clarinet, saxophone, and flute. She has a bachelor's in music. Kaela is very nurturing and positive in her approach to instruction.

Chelsea Pierce has a Bachelor of Arts in K-12 Music Education and decades of experience with teaching, piano accompaniment, singing, and the flute. She has taught piano, voice, and Spanish. As a pastor's kid, she has been a children's choir director, Sunday School teacher, Awana leader, and camp counselor. Chelsea was a soloist on a Grammy-award-winning album.

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