What is the Mission of the Community School?

The Mission is to foster a love of music by providing high quality instruction with a commitment to excellence and accessibility, regardless of age, race, sex, or financial status.

Outreach
As part of its mission to promote awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of the arts, the Community School of Music presents Choir concerts, Guitar recitals, and Youth String concerts in December and May.

The Community School of Music is a member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education.

Music Making... It is not only a question of musical training, but for forming human beings. It is a matter of developing imagination and the ability to experience everything a child experiences... what is awakened and fostered for the rest of life.
- Carl Orff

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At times, the Community School Director may be on campus although not in the office. At such times, please communicate with the office by:

• leaving a note in the Community School mailbox (School of Music office, first floor, Presser Hall)
• e-mailing the director at cgatewoo@stetson.edu
• leaving a phone message at (386) 822-8962

Voice mail is available at all times.

If you would like to speak to Ms. Gatewood regarding any aspect of the Community School of Music, please call 386-822-8962 or e-mail cgatewoo@stetson.edu or drop by Presser Hall, room 354, Monday through Friday. Please do call before dropping by to be certain Ms. Gatewood is in the office.
What is the Community School of Music?

Under the aegis of the School of Music, the Community School is an outreach music program which consists of:
1. The Young Singers (treble choir for ages 8-17)
2. Private one-on-one lessons on all orchestral and band instruments, and voice, guitar, harp and piano.
3. Orff classes for children ages 3-9
4. Youth String Orchestra for all school-age children

Individual Lessons

Individual lessons are available for piano, voice, guitar, harp and all orchestral and band instruments. These are taught by Stetson University students and community professionals (degreed musicians).

Youth String Orchestra

Registration for this group is open to all school-age students. The Youth String program provides an ensemble experience in a comprehensive environment for the development of beginning and intermediate string students.

The Young Singers

The Young Singers program is an auditioned community treble choir. The Choir has performed at regional and national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference and the National Orff-Schulwerk Association.

Orff-Schulwerk

This internationally recognized approach developed by Carl Orff combines movement, singing, speech, and the playing of instruments such as xylophones and glockenspiels. Orff-Schulwerk provides an active approach to learning music, based on what children love to do: sing, dance, chant rhythms, and clap.

How and when do students enroll for lessons?

Registration forms are available in the lobby of Presser Hall (School of Music building) August 1 for the fall semester, December 1 for the spring semester, May 1 for the summer session.

Registration forms are also mailed each semester to people who have taken lessons in the previous semesters.

How is Registration/Tuition Received?

Students are required to fill out a registration form and pay tuition each semester.

The Community School accepts cash, money orders, and checks (which should be made out to Stetson University).

Are Payment Plans Available?

Yes! Contact Ms. Gatewood at 822-8962 or e-mail cgatewoo@stetson.edu to make payment plan arrangements.

Where are lessons taught?

Lessons are taught in practice rooms on the third floor of Presser Hall.

How long is the semester?

The Community School follows the Stetson University semester schedule. Most semesters are 13 weeks.

The Community School offers 13 half-hour lessons per semester. Student teachers may not teach during exams or break periods.

When do lessons begin?

Your teacher will contact you to arrange for specific days and times for the lessons. Because teachers need time at the beginning of each semester to arrange their own classes, rehearsals, and work periods, you may not be contacted by the teacher for several weeks after you have registered.

Missed Lessons?

Students pay for all lessons whether taken or missed. Teachers are not required to give make-up lessons for students’ absences. Make-up lessons are given at the discretion of the teacher. No special time is reserved for make-up lessons. Missed lessons due to teacher absences will be made up by arrangement between the student and teacher.

What if a lesson has to be missed?

How do I reach the Instructor?

Be certain to get your teacher’s contact information. Contact your teacher directly via phone or email.

What resource materials will I need?

Instrument rental and the purchase of sheet music and method books are the responsibility of the student; these costs are not reflected in the lesson fees. All questions about materials should be directed to the individual teacher.

Do students perform in recitals?

Each teacher decides whether a recital will be held at the end of the semester.