

Pre-school Music Programs:

Did you know that all children are musical? We offer great, music/dance/art-based classes for kids ages 1 to 7 taught by high quality instructors. Children will learn all about a different classical composer each session, using the Orff-Schulwerk & Kodaly method to learn and perform music of the masters. Please note that Cherry Blossom III classes can be taken in a group, private or semi-private setting. No experience is necessary. Classes are grouped according to age. Parents do not attend the Cherry II & III classes; therefore, this program is suitable for children who feel comfortable attending classes independently.

Although some classes may be currently full, openings are filled on an ongoing basis throughout the year, please do not hesitate to call us at 604-990-3541.

Cherry Blossom I (ages 1 to 3)

Cherry Blossom I classes focus on the musical development of your child. The sessions are designed to be attended by children with their parents or caregivers and to create a musical bond between the participants. Our classes are taught in a fun, non-competitive and inclusive environment that encourages the participation of children and adults alike. They focus on enhancing your child's ability to hear, feel and move to a beat. Movement is explored through interactive circle games, imaginative journeys, interpretive dance, and role playing.



Whether it be through mimicking the actions and sounds of an animal, or playing a cherry blossom instrument as we navigate around the room, your child will further develop his/her ability to creatively move alone, with partners, and as an entire group using fun and exciting props such as balls, bean bags, hoola hoops, body bells, streamers, scarves, and parachutes.

Cherry Blossom II (ages 3 to 5)

Cherry Blossom II offers an active, hands-on approach to music that is most appropriate for this age group. Using their voices to speak and sing, and their bodies to move and dance, children in this class joyously progress from musical imitation to improvisation and literacy. The classes are based on things children like to do: sing, chant rhymes, clap, dance and keep a beat on anything near at hand. These instincts are directed into learning music by hearing and making music first, then reading and writing it later, when age appropriate. The children improvise and compose their own songs with the Orff instruments, as well as play together, as in a small orchestra.



Through music pieces and songs from different cultures, epochs and styles, the children learn to appreciate a wide variety of music.

The unity of music, speech and movement are essential in the teaching based on the ideas of the Orff Schulwerk. Through nursery rhymes, finger games, songs and dances, children learn music in a playful and holistic way. They develop their intellectual, motor, emotional and social skills. Recorder playing and note reading are also introduced.

Cherry Blossom III (ages 5 to 7)

The Cherry Blossom III program is carefully crafted to awaken the musical creativity that every child possesses. The child-centered curriculum recognizes that, for children, playing and learning are inseparable. This Orff-Kodaly based program focuses on children's response to music through movement and singing. Folk tunes, nursery rhymes, and solfege are components of the classes as are movement activities and the use of percussion instruments. Recorder playing and note reading are the main instruction component in this class. They also learn to play piano using a special pre-reading method. The Piano Group experience is a fun and innovative curriculum. They're the same traditional Orff classes you've heard of...with a twist! The Piano Group Experience helps children



explore musical ideas like pitch, dynamics, tempo and rhythm. These classes give children a solid foundation in music by engaging their minds and imaginations in a playful, participatory way. They also provide an excellent preparation for formal music lessons in the future, or just a great way to develop your child's life-long love of music. Using instruments like the recorder, glockenspiels, xylophones, metallaphones, and of course the piano, we aim to compose and perform, creating musical experiences which will foster a true love of music.

Group Piano Lessons for younger kids: (ages 3 to 7)

Traditionally, piano lessons have been taught one on one in private lessons. But with the advantage of portable, inexpensive digital pianos equipped with headphones, programs have sprung up to teach piano to groups of beginners. While there are pros and cons to teaching groups lessons versus private piano lessons, group lessons for beginners can be successful if certain elements are in place. The success of group lessons depends on the



skill of the teacher, the class curriculum, the number of students, and how well matched the students are in age and learning ability.

Ava Music is the only distributor of MusIQ Club in Lower Mainland. MusIQ Club is an enriched after school group music program that provides convenient access to a comprehensive, affordable and fun instrumental music education. In MusIQ Club, students learn the language of music and develop performance skills, progressing from level to level each term.

How It Works

A powerful combination of traditional teaching methods and sophisticated interactive software tools facilitate both the group lesson and home practice. **All of Ava Music's orff students 3 years old and up will participate in this program as part of their class activities.** Comprehensive programming and proven music pedagogy are delivered in a social setting, creating a fun and motivating music learning experience.



Results Focus

Each year, students advance from level to level, quickly developing music reading, composition, and playing skills. Recent studies show strong relationships between these skills and developmental benefits in areas such as math, science, reading, and behaviour.

Convenient Times, Convenient Locations

Typically, weekly MusIQ Club classes happen after school, before school, or during lunch.



Pre-School Music/Group Piano	Length	School Year
Cherry Blossom I (1-3 years old)	45 Min.	\$10
Cherry Blossom II (3-5 years Old)	90 Min.	\$15
Cherry Blossom III (5-7 years Old)	90 Min.	\$22