

Private, Semi-Private and Group Winds Programs

Saxophone:

Young children can begin Saxophone lessons as soon as seven or eight years old. The larger saxophones can be rather large instruments, so take this into consideration when choosing an instrument for a child. The saxophone is also a great instrument for adults wishing to learn another instrument or pick one up for the first time. Many student and intermediate models can be purchased or rented at a reasonable price. There are four main kinds of saxophone: the soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone. In addition to an instrument, the correct stiffness of reeds is also a consideration to be discussed with your Saxophone teacher. Generally, new students on the sax should choose reeds that are softer rather than harder. Saxophone lessons will teach the basic techniques of reading, theory, and sound production. Using a classical repertoire will give the students the fundamentals they need to play the style of their choice later on in their music education. For more advanced sax students, sax lessons will teach improvisation as it can be applied to jazz, blues, and modern popular music. Saxophone lessons will help the student find their own individual voice and to make that voice fit in any style they wish to pursue.



Flute:

The flute is a popular choice because of its delicate appearance and tone. When deciding to start a young student on flute, just consider their hand size; making sure their fingers can reach all of the keys. Through the flute lessons at Ava Music, you will learn technique, sound production, reading, rhythm, and theory. You will learn the tradition of the flute as well as the more modern genres where the flute has been employed. Many flute students also later pursue voice lessons because of their deep connection to the signing quality the flute has. Like many woodwinds, the flute is an affordable instrument to either purchase or rent. Younger students may find it easier to start with recorder and switch to flute at a later time.



Clarinet:

The Clarinet is a great option for even very young students because of its small size and light weight. It is used in both orchestras and bands, thus being a highly versatile ensemble instrument. The clarinet is also a great choice for adults due to its rich, smooth sound which is also great for jazz and blues. Clarinet lessons at Ava music will first focus on getting the student to make a pleasant sound. From there, basic technique and theory will be taught. Gradually the student will learn the classical repertoire and will have a chance to perform in one of our yearly recitals to show off their new found skills. Student model Clarinets are made of both plastic and wood. Plastic is a great choice if the instrument will be taken outside and used in band. Nearly all professional instruments are made of rosewood, which often produces a warm, dark, vibrant tone. Wood is more fragile and sensitive to temperature changes though, and is best for orchestras and concert bands. A good Clarinet teacher can also help you select any accessories you may also need along with your instrument. No matter what your chosen clarinet style is, Ava Music will develop a lesson plan that best works for you!



Oboe:

The Oboe is one of the instruments closest to the human voice, and is so beautiful when played with skilled hands. It is a great advantage to all beginner and intermediate music students to have proper private instruction from a professional. Oboe is a woodwind instrument, played with a double-reed, and has a different mechanism from other woodwinds common in bands and orchestras.

These two aspects of the instrument can be a challenge for the Oboe student to get good instruction in proper technique. For kids learning Oboe, having specialized guidance makes an enormous difference. Having private Oboe lessons is an excellent way to get a proper and full insight into this instrument right from the start. Ensemble conductors and school band teachers will really appreciate the improvement in sound and technique that your lessons will bring you.



Winds instruments rentals are also available through Ava Music Education Centre upon enrolment in private, semi-private or group winds programs, with special purchase options available upon completion. Please ask us for details!

Winds Instruments	Length	One trial lesson	4 lessons	School Year
Private: Beginners	30 min	\$32	\$30	\$28
Semi-Private: Beginners	45 min	-	\$24	\$22
Group Lessons: Beginners	60 min.	-	-	\$16
Introductory to Grade 4 RCM	45 Min.	-	-	\$42
Grade 5 to 7 RCM	45 Min.	-	-	\$48
	60 Min.	-	-	\$64
Grade 8 to 9 RCM	45 min	-	-	\$51
	60 min	-	-	\$68
Grade 10 to ARCT	60 Min.	-	-	\$78

Flex Pass for all private classes:

We know you have a busy schedule and can't always commit to a full season of lessons. That's why we're happy to offer the Ava Music Flex Pass. The Flex Pass is the ultimate in convenience and choice because it allows you to choose the best time that works for your schedule. Flex Pass books contains 10 lessons vouchers that you can redeem at any time during one term. When you decide you want to attend, just call Ava Music office with not less than 24 hours notice in advance and we'll schedule the best class available for you in the price class you've selected.