

Sun Valley Music Festival



Elective Courses

The Sun Valley Music Festival Music Institute Summer Programs offer a variety of electives and optional courses. These courses are designed to give students an opportunity to expand their Summer Program experience. These are optional classes and except for the Private Lesson option, they do not incur an additional fee. There will be a minimum and a maximum enrollment for each class. Some elective classes are offered more than one time per day. We will place students in electives based on their daily schedule. **Electives are best suited for intermediate and advanced middle and high school musicians.**

- ❖ **Private Lessons** (30 or 60 minutes); Private lessons are scheduled with SVMF musicians and Music Institute faculty. Students should request private lessons on the application form. They will receive details regarding their lesson time and instructor in their check in packet. There is an additional fee for private lessons.
- ❖ **Chamber Music Experience:** This elective is for string who are interested in playing in small groups. Students will be placed in groups based on ability level and will play a variety of chamber music pieces from different musical eras and learn the skills necessary to be a chamber musician. Select ensembles will perform on the Thursday afternoon Chamber Music Recital. NOTE: Students in grades 2-6 who are in Prelude Strings already have ensemble sessions as part of their program and should not select this elective.

Instruments: String instruments, piano, woodwind and brass instruments

Age/Grade Level: Middle-High School Students in Philharmonia or SV Youth Orchestra

Class Schedule: 8:00-9:00 M-Th

Music Experience Level: Upper Intermediate-advanced

Enrollment is limited, audition recording is requested (see registration instruction sheet for more information about submitting a recording)

- ❖ **Viola for violin players:** Become a more versatile musician! Viola players will learn the basics of playing the viola. Instruments will be provided.

Age/Grade Level: Middle-High School grades

Music Experience Level: Intermediate-advanced

Class Schedule: 8:00-9:00 M-Th

- ❖ **Introduction to Improvisation:** This introductory class is open to String, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Piano students. Learn the basic skills and techniques involved in improvisation.

Age/Grade Level: Middle-High School

Music Experience Level: intermediate-advanced

Class Schedule: 1:00-2:00 M, W (piano)

2:15-3:15 M, W (string and wind instruments)

- ❖ **Introduction to Composition A:** This course is designed for younger musicians and uses innovative materials to build music theory knowledge and introduces basic composition skills.

Age/Grade Level: Upper Elementary-Middle School (age 9-13)

Class Schedule: 1:00-2:00 T, Th

Music Experience Level: intermediate

- ❖ **Introduction to Composition B:** This course is designed for older, more experienced music students with a good working knowledge of music theory. Students will learn the fundamentals of composing music.

Age/Grade Level: Upper Middle School-High School (age 13-18)

Class Schedule: 2:15-3:15 T, Th

Music Experience Level: upper intermediate-advanced

- ❖ **Music Appreciation:** Gain a better understanding and basis for enjoyable listening of classical music. This class will focus on the music and composers featured during the SVMF season.
Age/Grade Level: Middle School-High School
Class Schedule: 2:15-3:15 M, W
Music Experience Level: all levels

- ❖ **World Music:** Gain exposure to the musical traditions of cultures from around the world
Age/Grade Level: Middle School-High School
Class Schedule: 2:15-3:15 T, Th
Music Experience Level: all levels

- ❖ **Piano for non-piano majors:** learn basic keyboard skills, finger patterns, chord progressions and reading in the 'other clef'
Music Experience Level: intermediate-advanced
Class Schedule: 2:15-3:45 T, W

- ❖ **The Opera Workshop Experience:** This class is open to High School Students in Chamber Singers only. Work sample is required. Receive training in musical staging, voice and diction, and character study while performing in the ensemble for semi-staged opera scenes.
Age/Grade level: High School Students ONLY
Music Experience Level: upper intermediate-advanced
Class Schedule: 2:00-4:30 M-Th, Friday varies, MUST be available for the Saturday Opera Workshops Performance

SCHEDULE AND CLASS AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE