



ChiME

Chicago Center
for Music Education



ChiME Monthly

At the Chicago Center for Music Education (ChiME) we provide an exceptional music education to a diverse community as a path for social, emotional, and character development.

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities."

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-Stephen Covey

Celebrating 35 Years of ChiME!

As we begin a new Fall Semester, ChiME is proud to begin our year-long celebration of **35 years** of commitment to music education in the community!



Since our establishment, we have served thousands of Chicago area children. ChiME has developed music programs in several Chicago Public Schools and created multiple curricula for them. At our facility, we provide Early Childhood, General Music, Instrumental Music, and Music Therapy Programs for students of all ages.

We are grateful to have had the support and assistance of our donors. With their help, ChiME has developed a mutually flourishing relationship with the community.

We look forward to future years of cultivating music and character in our students!

Registration

The school year is back in full swing at ChiME! It's wonderful having everyone back, and we look forward to a great year full of musical learning and fun!

It's never too late to register for classes or lessons here at ChiME. This year, we are excited to add group ukulele classes (no experience required) and private lessons in rhythm brass and drum set to our usual program offerings. Keep reading for more information on our Early Childhood program and Instrument Primer class.

Early Childhood Music

[FREE Drop-In Classes](#)

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Special Offer

[Click here to print out our coupon for a free class or lesson!](#)

Social, Emotional, and Character Development

Self-confidence
Listening
Patience
Respect
Perseverance
Self-expression
Problem Solving
Set, work toward, and achieve goals
Discipline
Self-assessment
Giving back
Collaboration
Empathy
Quality standards
Pro-activity
Motivation

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 17

10:00am-2:00pm

Back to ChiME Bash

1:30pm

[Suzuki Basics for Parents](#)



Call [312.738.2646](tel:312.738.2646) to schedule your FREE trial class, or click on your preferred class below to register online:

Twinkle Tots - 6 to 18 months

[Thursdays at 11:45 am with Ms. Cecilia](#)

[Saturdays at 8:00 am with Ms. Kristen](#)

[Saturdays at 9:00 am with Ms. Alli](#)

Mi-Fa-Sol-Agú - 6 to 18 months (Spanish immersion class)

[Thursdays at 9:30 am with Ms. Cecilia](#)

Mi-Fa-Sol-Agú - de 6 a 18 meses

Los jueves a 9:30 am con Ms. Cecilia

Beat Explorers - 1½ to 2½ years

[Tuesdays at 11:15 am with Ms. Ana](#)

[Thursdays at 8:30 am with Ms. Cecilia](#)

[Saturdays at 9:00 am with Ms. Kristen](#)

[Saturdays at 10:00 am with Ms. Alli](#)

Rhythm Explorers - 2½ to 3½ years

[Tuesdays at 10:15 am with Ms. Ana](#)

[Wednesdays at 3:15 pm with Ms. Ana](#)

[Thursdays at 10:45 am with Ms. Cecilia](#)

Steppin' Up - 3½ to 4½ years

[Saturdays at 11:00 am with Ms. Alli](#)

Ukulele - 4 to 6 years

[Tuesdays at 5:00 pm with Ms. Kristen](#)

Instrument Primer

Saturday, October 8

2:30pm

All-School Recital

ChiME Wishlist

- Solid, bright colored, or educational 8x10 area rug for new Music Therapy room
- Sink fixtures for our restrooms (and plumbing skills for installation!)
- Storage organizers for our instruments in Spero Performance Hall
- Fun artwork for the walls
- Full-sized electric guitar

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ChiME In!

We would love to hear any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.

[Click here to ChiME in!](#)

ChiME Monthly Archives

Missed last month's ChiME Monthly? Visit the [ChiME Monthly Archives](#) on our website!



ChiME welcomes new instrumental students! For students age 4 to 6, our [Instrument Primer](#) class is the perfect way to decide which instrument to learn and to begin developing skills for private lessons in a fun, group setting. Call today to schedule your **FREE trial class**, or [click here](#) to register online.

Join us for **FREE** Classes in September!

During the month of September these classes are FREE! Just drop in and join in!

Does your child love to sing? [Hummingbirds](#), a singing group of 5 to 8 year-olds sings music from around the globe. Join us at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays!



Tuesdays are **Ukulele** night at ChiME! Children [ages 4 to 6](#) meet at 5:00 pm and [ages 7 to 12](#) meet at 5:30 pm. Classes for [teens](#)

meet at 7:30 pm, and classes for [adults](#) meet at 8:15 pm. Ukuleles will be provided for these classes. Aloha!



FREE Instrument Lesson for New Students

Do you want your child to learn a lesson? Enroll your child in **instrumental lessons** at ChiME today! Learning a musical instrument is a great way to spend time with your child and learn how to help them succeed. We provide 1 lesson for FREE to make sure you find the right fit!



For students age 4 and up, we offer private instrumental lessons in voice, piano, guitar, violin, viola, cello, flute, rhythm brass, and drum set as well as group and ensemble classes. To register for instrumental private lessons and classes, please call ChiME at **312.738.2646**. For more information about our Instrumental Music program, please [click here](#).

What's Going On Inside the Brain When We Play Music?



ChiME 2016-17 Partnerships

Throughout our history we have enjoyed effective partnerships with organizations throughout Chicago. As we embark upon our 35th year we are privileged to provide an exceptional music education to students at our partner schools:

Blair Early Childhood Center (CPS)
Budlong Elementary School (CPS)
Wendell Green Elementary School (CPS)
Laurance Armour Day School
Lincoln Park Preschools
Providence St. Mel
St. Helen's School
Frederick Stock Early Childhood Center (CPS)
Wilma Rudolph Education Center (CPS)
Rufino Tamayo UNO Charter School (CPS)

What Makes ChiME Unique?

Check out the video below to learn more about ChiME's unique mission in community music education:



Back to ChiME Bash



Join us in ChiME's Family Room on Saturday, September 17, from 10:00 am until 2:00pm for an **open-mic** type of an event that will celebrate the beginning of the new school year. We will set up a small stage area in the Family Room for all interested students to perform in front of their ChiME family. Bring a solo piece or a group number to perform and share with other ChiME families! Anyone is welcome to perform and no sign-ups are necessary. We will have **treats** for performers to reward their bravery and willingness to share their music with us.

Back to ChiME Bash

Saturday, September 17

10:00am-2:00pm

Family Room

Performers of all instruments, ages, and levels are welcome!

Getting Back into "School Mode"

Proactivity for Students and Parents



Sometimes the beginning of the school year is a big shock to the system, not only to students but their parents as well. The first weeks of getting back into a regular schedule can be somewhat challenging. With just a little bit of forethought and planning, you can help yourself and your children ease back into the routine of music lessons and daily practice. We can all start the school year on a positive and enthusiastic note. Here are some steps that can help us all prepare to successfully start the new school year.

Steps for parents to take on their own:

- Remind yourself and reflect on why you have chosen to sign up for music lessons or classes. Why is music important to you? Why do you want your child and the whole family to be involved in music? Where is music on the priority of all activities? What is the end goal in mind for your child's and family's participation in music? Thinking about these questions will help you renew your commitment to your child's music education, which in turn will help strengthen his or her commitment. It might also help you get through the tough stages, if those occur at any point throughout the year.
- Plan out your schedule for lessons, group classes, practice routine. How do all the components work in your own calendar? How do they fit in with other activities your child or you will be involved in? Will you be able to practice with your child or do you need someone else's help on some days? Are there days that will make practicing a challenge? Planning all this will help you see the real picture of day-to-day commitment to music, discover some potential challenges or schedule conflicts,

and give you a chance to proactively face these challenges with well thought-out solutions ahead of time.

Steps for parents to take with their children:

- Talk to your child about what they value in music. What do they love most about playing their instrument or participating in lessons and classes? What is their favorite musical activity? How do they feel about daily practicing? This will help them take a step back and see how music study fits into their lives and what gifts it brings. It also teaches them to reflect on what they value and to use those reflections to set priorities and goals.
- Together with your child, prepare their instrument, books, bag and any other supplies they may need ahead of the first lesson and/or group class.
- Together with your child, come up with some goals: first around the practice routine itself and then perhaps about what they want to accomplish in lessons this semester, this month, and this week. Start with a big picture and get smaller from there. Once you have an idea of the goals, consult with your child's teacher to see if the goals are appropriate, realistic, and achievable.
- Involve your child in writing out a weekly and daily practice plan. Decide when it would be ideal to practice each day and whether you want to follow the same plan each day or change it up a bit. Doing this together creates more ownership and helps your child learn to plan their work. Your teacher might have some helpful suggestions.
- If you took a break from practicing in the summer, start with shorter practice sessions and build up to a full practice session by adding on a few minutes each day instead of getting into long practices right away.
- Commit to a practice challenge - easy enough to reach, but one that helps to set a routine. For example, challenge your child to practice for 15 minutes each day for a week at the same time of day. Choose whatever challenge is appropriate for your child and the family. Again, your teacher might have helpful ideas.

For specific ideas on how to make practice relevant, productive, and pleasant, check out this [article from the Suzuki Association of the Americas](#).

Good luck with your first days and weeks back to school!

Character and 21st Century Skill Development



The goals of education in the 21st century have changed so much since most of today's parents were in school. Practical skills and knowledge are just a part of the package our children need to succeed in life in the current societal and economic climate. The other part is made up of social and emotional competencies not always taught or emphasized in traditional education.

At ChiME, our mission is to use music as a tool to teach social and emotional skills and to help develop character. As we begin a new year of classes and lessons, we encourage parents to think about what this means to them and how they wish their children to benefit from the power of music to shape character. Consider these questions for reflection:

- What skills are most important to you, personally?
- Which ones do you think you would have liked to learn in school?
- How can you as a parent focus on when those skills are being used and taught during music instruction?
- What type of guidance do you think might be beneficial to you as a parent to become more effective in carrying those lessons throughout the entire week at home?

For more perspective on 21st century skills, here are some additional resources:

[The Critical 21st Century Skills Every Student Needs and Why 21st Century Skills](#)

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