

PHILOSOPHY

God created music to glorify Himself. The Lord does all things well. It is fitting that the music offered to a God who “does all things well” mirrors a meaningful level of excellence in order that those organized sounds appropriately image the Savior in quality, character, and presentation. Trinity Music Academy has been founded with the purpose of striving for excellence and diligence in music education in order to truly honor God with music as an expression of praise and worship.

Since music is a language and music styles are intended to communicate diverse messages, it will be a posture of Trinity Music Academy to accentuate art music, promoting its character and its values, while at the same time abstaining from pop sound, and thus avoiding identification or participation with the pop agenda.

Our program of instruction is yoked with the sincere and urgent desire to grow a generation of young people who will be well trained to joyfully participate instrumentally and vocally in offering “the sacrifice of praise” to the Lord.

HISTORY

Some of the teachers of Trinity who currently offer lessons and use Trinity’s facilities and instruments have done so independently. Over recent years, the magnitude and volume of this kind of instruction had grown dramatically. Availability of private studios with new pianos had made giving lessons at Trinity desirable. The convenience of during-the-school-day music lessons had added to the attractiveness. In short, the Trinity package had caused a mushrooming of activity and clearly necessitated formulating policies to help in teacher acquisition, lesson/studio coordination, and other matters germane to effectively educate students in music.

PURPOSE

Trinity Music Academy is designed to provide structure, facilities, and organization, allowing instructors to work with and train students in an organized and supervised manner. With that goal in mind, we have developed the following objectives and guidelines:

- ♪ TMA will provide the music studios and environment conducive to music training and instruction.
- ♪ TMA will provide instructors who are both professionally trained in the field of music and display a testimony of salvation.
- ♪ TMA will establish student evaluations to aid instructors and ensure parents of their child's complete educational experience. Student and teacher monitoring will determine aptitude and provide proper motivation.

LOCATION

All lessons, programs, recitals, and faculty child care will take place at Trinity Baptist Church facilities.

REGISTRATION

A student must register each year before lessons and teachers are assigned. A non-refundable registration fee of \$20.00 for returning students and a registration fee of \$25.00 for new students should accompany a completed registration. There is only one registration fee per family and only one registration fee per student, even if the student is registering for more than one instrument instruction.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

All teachers must have at least a Bachelor's Degree in music or the equivalent training and the approval of the Trinity Music School Advisory Board. They must have a testimony of salvation and philosophy of presenting music which is God-honoring, skill and accomplishment oriented, all offered in a spirit of humility.

STUDENTS

Students will be reviewed by the Trinity Music School Advisory Board and must be determined to have the aptitude, talent, and motivation to benefit from the teaching of the music school.

AREAS OF INSTRUCTION

Flute

Piano

Trumpet

Violin

Voice

PRIVATE LESSONS

Individual lessons are scheduled at the convenience of the teacher and the student. Lessons may be given during school time. Advanced arrangements need to be made with the teachers to make sure the students are able to miss class time without impact on their academic performance. No lessons will be taught on Sunday or at any time that would cause conflict with church activities.

GROUP LESSONS

Group lessons will be offered for piano and trumpet instruction. Class size for group lessons is generally 2-4 students.

MISSED LESSONS

- ♪ Both the teacher and student are committed to keeping the lessons at the appointed time.
- ♪ If a teacher has to cancel a lesson, the student will receive another lesson at an appointed time. At the end of each semester, a make-up week will be offered.
- ♪ If a student forgets to come to his/her lesson, or forgets books or instruments, the lesson will not be made up and there will not be a refund for the lesson. The student has a responsibility to notify the teacher at least 24 hours in advance, if possible, if a lesson will be missed. If a student habitually misses lessons, the parent will be notified by e-mail and it will be expected that the situation will be resolved.
- ♪ If lessons are missed due to snow days, a make-up lesson will offered at the convenience of instructor/student.
- ♪ School vacations are not included in the 32-lesson count. If a parent/student goes on vacation during scheduled lesson times, the lesson will be made up at the discretion of the instructor.
- ♪ Lesson fees will be charged every month whether or not the student takes the lessons.

PRACTICE TIME

All music students are encouraged to practice in accordance with the guidelines established by their teachers. Students who habitually are not prepared for lessons may be considered for dismissal from the program by their teacher. Parents are encouraged to set up practice schedules and monitor their child's performance.

WITHDRAWALS

Trinity Music Academy office must have 30 days' written notice to withdraw a student from lessons. Tuition will be collected for all lessons scheduled within 30 days of the date the withdrawal is received.

SCHEDULE

Trinity Music Academy will operate during the standard school year. Tuition will be based on 32 lessons over the two-semester period.

BILLING

Tuition will be billed on a monthly basis in advance of the month's lessons. If a student has not paid for the previous month's lessons, the next lesson will not be given. In the case of an unpaid bill, the Trinity Music Academy secretary will call the student one week in advance of the next lesson to avoid an interruption in lessons. If a lesson is missed due to lack of payment, it may be caught up during the "make-up" week, provided all charges are current, if time allows. Tuition will be billed over a 9-month period.

FINANCIAL AID

Students who have exceptional ability or financial needs and who hold membership in Trinity Baptist Church may be eligible for scholarship help or financial aid. These arrangements will be made with the teacher and the Trinity Music Academy Advisory Board.

RECITALS

Workshops and opportunities for performance will be offered throughout the academic year. Each of these forums provides the student with the opportunity to perform in public. A coordinated Trinity Music Academy recital will be scheduled in the spring.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- ♪ Trinity Christian School students are expected to follow the dress code as outlined in the school handbook when taking lessons at Trinity Music Academy.
- ♪ All individuals enrolled for lessons in Trinity Music Academy are expected to dress modestly. Men and boys should wear shirts with collars and dress slacks that fit appropriately. Women and girls should dress modestly with skirts or dresses. Hair should be feminine and jewelry moderate and conservative.
- ♪ There should be no running or shouting in the building. Students should show respect for the church property and musical instruments.
- ♪ Child care will be provided for Trinity Music Academy instructors. Other children are the responsibility of the parents.

- ♪ Children need to be supervised while in the building. Students not taking a lesson must do school work in the designated area.
- ♪ Practice on church instruments must be reserved in advance on the sign-up sheet in the music room foyer.
- ♪ Students may not use church auditorium instruments unless arrangements have been made with the teachers.
- ♪ Students are expected to listen to quality music and uphold the church's music philosophy.

We at Trinity Music Academy anticipate a good and fruitful third year by giving our young people the tools they will need to minister in music effectively wherever the Lord leads them.

Lessons will begin the week of September 4, 2007.

Thank you for your involvement in this important ministry at Trinity Baptist Church.

Trinity Music Academy Advisory Board

I will praise the name of God with a new song... Psalm 69:30

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