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*"After silence, that which
comes nearest to expressing
the inexpressible is music."
— Aldous Huxley*

Mount Calvary Academy of Music

Royal Conservatory
**MUSIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM™**
FOUNDING SCHOOL
CANDIDATE

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COURSE HANDBOOK

FALL 2016



"Two roads diverged in a wood and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Robert Frost



Music

Music is a vibrant and vital part of our culture and essential to our development as intelligent and expressive people. Whether it is within the worship life of a community of faith, the multiplicity of venues in our secular society, or simply for personal satisfaction, music can inspire, empower, comfort, and move us in ways that bring wholeness and vitality to our lives.

Mount Calvary Academy of Music

Mount Calvary Academy of Music is a non-profit, independent organization that operates in partnership with Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior, MN.

Through the discipline of teaching musical skills and technique in both private music lessons and in ensemble settings, our mission is to mentor students in musical skills and sensitivity as a means of personal development, creative expression, and service.

All programs of Mount Calvary Academy of Music are open to all regardless of faith affiliation.

Locations

All Mount Calvary Academy of Music private lessons must be taught onsite at one of the following locations:

- **Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 19, Excelsior**

- **Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Avenue So, Minneapolis**

Private music lessons are offered in partnership with Mount Olive Lutheran Church. The Academy of Music offers private lesson instruction at Mount Olive in voice.

- Find us on Facebook!



Program Offerings

Private Music Lessons

The Academy offers private lesson instruction in nearly every musical discipline including piano, strings, voice, guitar, ukulele, woodwinds, brass, and harp. Private lessons are available to students of all ages from children to adults. Our instructors bring their individual teaching philosophy and personal experience to their studios.

Students are placed with instructors based on their personal objectives for pursuing musical study. Each student's individual experience is of utmost importance to the Academy of Music, and we believe the experience begins with each student's relationship with their instructor and a common understanding of goals and preferences.

Important Dates

September

- 8 - first day of Fall Term
- 29 - Music Exploration for Preschoolers begins

October

- 18 - Registration Deadline for Royal Conservatory Program
- 29 - Piano & String Salons

November

24/25 - Academy Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 4 - Holiday Strings at Mount Calvary
- 16 - last day of Fall Term
- 17 - Recitals—11am, 1pm, 3pm
- 18 - Recital—1pm

January

- 3 - first day of Spring Term



Our Teachers

Teachers are selected for professional competence and also for their interest in mentoring students and passion for music as a way of accessing, developing, and expressing the human spirit. Please contact the Academy or visit our web site for more information about our instructors.



Teacher Contact Information

Dr. Peter Arnstein (piano)	612-374-2559
Charles Asch (cello & piano)	414-916-5727
Dr. Rachel Brandwein (harp & piano)	913-961-5370
Brett Brones (guitar, bass guitar, ukulele)	515-554-7354
William C. Buirge (violin)	763-438-8438
Jill Cowan (voice)	952-807-3213
Dana Donnay (woodwinds & piano)	612-866-0299
Katie Ekberg (violin, viola, Suzuki violin)	612-578-8720
Katherine Faricy (Master Artist in Residence—piano)	952-934-3852
Gary Heil (guitar & ukulele)	612-231-8403
Dr. Kevin Hobbs (piano)	410-490-2108
Mary Lechelt (piano & violin)	952-474-8893
Karin Maas (theater)	952-401-0330
Jean Marker DeVere (violin)	612-889-5459
Kate Niemisto (piano)	612-790-0532
Dr. Emily Olson (oboe, English horn, piano)	952-237-2015
Adam Reinwald (voice)	
Gary Ruschman (voice) - Mount Olive	415-317-0607
Michael Steiner (string bass/theory)	952-807-6909
Madeline Veenker (voice & piano)	651-308-8968
Jared Waln (guitar, ukulele, banjo, mandolin, bass guitar)	763-227-5218

Private Lesson Study includes the following as appropriate to each student's particular situation:

- 1.) *Private lesson study*: Development of skills and knowledge pertaining to the performance and understanding of a particular instrument.
- 2.) *Traditional Recital Performance*
Offered at the conclusion of each semester, the performances provide insight to the larger meaning of music and its potential as a means of communication and as a means for spiritual expression. Technical and artistic preparations during lessons provide students with the opportunity to develop confidence in public performance. All recital opportunities are optional.
- 3.) *Service Opportunities*
Solo and ensemble sharing of musical gifts in community service projects and in church worship settings. The purpose here is to teach students to give of their music to enrich the lives of others. All service opportunities are optional.

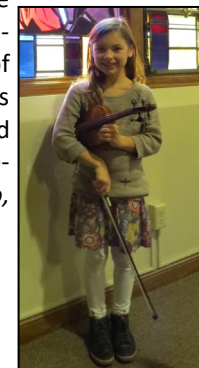
Adult Lessons

Many adults are taking music lessons, whether beginners or brushing up on lessons from childhood. Reasons are varied including relaxation, stress release, or simple enjoyment. Numerous studies of adults ranging in age from 70's to 90's have shown the important role learning a new instrument can have in memory enhancement, implications in prevention of dementia, and enhanced physical abilities, such as coordination and even the improvement of eyesight and hearing. Daytime lessons available!

Suzuki Violin Lessons at Mount Calvary Academy for ages 3.5 and older

Shared Suzuki lessons means that a maximum of three children share a lesson consisting both of private instruction and group musical activities. Suzuki violin lessons are also offered as private lessons. Early beginnings are crucial for developing muscle coordination and mental processes. Actual music reading begins after the basic principles of playing the instrument are acquired, just as learning to read is done after the native language is established. Parents attend lessons with their child and learn with the teacher how to create the right environment for learning at home. *(for more info, go to www.mcaom.org)*

Instructor: Katie Ekberg



Group Lessons

Take lessons with your friends for a reduced rate group lesson! Work on duets or trios, keep your skills fresh and growing! Group lessons are also available with instructor approval at the following per student rates, assuming 30 minute lessons:

Groups of 2:	Tier 1—\$21.10	Tier 2—\$23.80
Groups of 3 or more:	Tier 1—\$15.50	Tier 2—\$17.50

Tuition

Private lesson instruction is offered in weekly sessions of 30, 45, and 60 minutes. Students may choose their desired lesson length, or may consult their instructor to determine the lesson length appropriate for their study. Private 30-minute lessons are \$31 or \$35 per lesson. The higher rate is charged for teachers with advanced degrees or extensive performance experience. Charges for longer lessons are adjusted on a pro rata basis. (See registration form.) Tuition is billed per term, based on the number of lessons in the term. Tuition does not include the cost of music.



Term Length

Fall 2016 consists of up to 14 lessons from Thursday, Sept. 8-Friday, Dec. 16.

No Lessons Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.

Please see our registration form for total tuition costs for the term and payment options.

Missed Lessons

Please call or email your teacher directly (not the Academy office) if you must miss a lesson. If possible, please communicate this information at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson. You will find teacher contact information listed on page 10 under the heading: Teacher Contact Information. Prior notification, however, does not exempt the student from payment. Students are charged for all lessons for which they have registered, including those missed through student absence.

The only student absence for which a make-up lesson is guaranteed is absence due to the observance of a religious holiday. All other student absences (i.e. family vacation, schedule conflicts, illness, etc...) will be made up at the teacher's discretion, as time permits. **Teachers are encouraged to offer a make-up lesson for up to two student absences.**

If a lesson must be cancelled by the instructor, a makeup lesson will be offered at a mutually acceptable time, or a credit/refund may be requested for the lesson not received.

Withdrawal and Refunds

Notice of withdrawal from individual instruction and refund requests must be made in writing to the Academy of Music office. In fairness to our instructors who have committed one of their teaching slots to the student and require time to fill the vacancy created by the withdrawal, following a student's first lesson a minimum of two lessons notice must be given before refunds will be applied. Refunds, if applicable, will be based on the number of lessons remaining following this two lesson notice to instructors at the time written notice is received. No refunds will be allowed for withdrawal requests made in the last four weeks of a term. The registration and split payment fees are nonrefundable.

Financial Aid

Mount Calvary's goal is to make lessons available to students regardless of financial situation. For more information on financial aid, please contact the Mount Calvary Academy of Music.

Giving to the Academy

The Mount Calvary Academy of music seeks to offer music instruction to all interested students regardless of financial situation. Funding is needed on an ongoing basis for scholarships as well as the purchase of instruments and other equipment and supplies.

If you are interested in sponsoring a student, donating music instruments, or contributing to the Academy please contact Mary Lechelt at 952-474-8893 or send your tax-deductible contribution to: The Mount Calvary Academy of Music, 301 County Road 19, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Committed to providing a safe environment for children, Mount Calvary Academy of Music staff and teachers operate as Mandatory Reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.

Our Administration

Doug Affinito....President

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Mary Lechelt....Director, Academy of Music

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Jill Cowan....Operations Administrator

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Registration Process

It's easy to register for lessons and classes with the Academy—

- Register online—www.mcaom.org
- Mail in the registration form—from the mailing or download a form online
- Call us at 952-474-8893 ext. 111 or 116

Once we have received your registration, we will contact you to place your student with an instructor and to determine a lesson day and time.

Students are welcome to enroll at any time during a term.

Payment Options

Payment of tuition and other fees under the selected payment plan is due prior to the student's first lesson. A non-refundable registration fee of \$5 is due for each student along with tuition at the time of enrollment. Families with more than one student enrolled at the same time will receive a 5% discount on tuition for each enrolled student.

Students may select from the following payment options:

Payment in full

Full term payment in cash, check or Visa/MasterCard prior to the first lesson.

Split Payment Plan

Families may elect to use a two-payment plan. There is an additional administrative split payment fee of \$10 associated with this option. Fifty percent of your tuition is due at the time of enrollment, along with registration and split payment fees. **Split payments will be accepted only by method of Visa/Master Card.** Please include your card member information on the registration form.

Split Payment Charge Date

The second payment will be automatically applied to your card at the midpoint of the term.

Late Fees

A late fee of \$10 will be added to any payments not received by their designated due date – this includes initial tuition payment as well as second half split payments.



Academy Holidays

In situations where a regularly scheduled lesson time conflicts with a national or religious holiday, a make-up lesson will be arranged.

Tardiness

Due to tight lesson schedules, students who are late for a lesson cannot be guaranteed their full lesson time.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Mount Calvary Academy of Music will post closing announcements and updates on our website, Facebook, public news media, voicemail and building entrance. The Academy will also automatically close if Minnetonka ISD#276 or Mount Calvary Lutheran Church close due to weather. If weather is deteriorating as the day/evening progresses, please contact your respective teachers at the number listed in this handbook for an update on their individual status or to inform them if you are unable to make a lesson.

Inclement weather closings are considered “Acts of God” cancellations caused by neither student nor instructor. One “Academy Closed - inclement weather day” per term may occur with no makeup or credit for a single Academy Closed cancelled lesson. A make-up lesson is encouraged if time allows. *Second and subsequent* inclement weather closures will initiate a make-up lesson at a mutually acceptable time if possible. If no mutually acceptable time is possible a family may request a credit from Mount Calvary Academy of Music for the *second and subsequent* inclement weather lessons not received. Credits for *second and subsequent* weather closures will only be issued by Mount Calvary Academy of Music when requested by a family and a make-up lesson was not received. Make-up lessons or credits will only be guaranteed for Mount Calvary Academy of Music inclement weather closings. All other weather related missed lessons by student or instructor will be subject to our Missed Lessons policy.



Early Childhood Music Class

Music Exploration for Preschoolers

Who: Ages 3-6

When: Thursdays, September 29-December 8

(No class November 24)

Time: 12:45-1:30pm

Tuition: \$150

Instructor: Dana Donnay

Class Size: minimum 4 / maximum 10

Early childhood music classes are a great way to teach the whole child. Through music and movement the child develops mentally, physically, emotionally and socially. The Music Exploration for Preschoolers course offers a comprehensive, sequential plan for the musical development of your 3-6year old child. The use of familiar songs, literature, and carefully chosen materials will help your child develop listening skills, creativity, and self-expression. The teaching of music appreciation and the learning of basic music notation would make this class a perfect start to further study on any musical instrument.

The classes focus on musical concepts, music terms, and exposure to many musical instruments. Students will have the opportunity to play simple rhythm instruments and various orchestral instruments. The fall session will focus on the string and percussion instrument families.

Instructor Dana Donnay is an experienced music teacher and professional musician with a music degree from New England Conservatory of Music. She has special training and experience in Kindermusik, Kodaly Method and piano pedagogy.

Classroom guidelines:

Parents or guardians are invited but not required to attend. Parents who do attend will learn and participate with their child. You and your child(ren) should be dressed comfortably for an active class and are asked to leave toys and snacks at home or in your car. Please let your instructor know of any special needs or concerns you may have regarding Music class.

Royal Conservatory **Music Development Program** **Session Dates**

Winter Assessments

Registration Deadline: October 18

Practical (Performance) Assessments: November 26 - December 8

Theory Assessments: December 9 & 10

Winter assessments are available at other Centers in the Twin Cities area.

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Fall Term Performance Opportunities

***Salons "Salon": a hall or exhibit for the exhibition of works of art**

For students, their friends, and teachers only! Come hear and meet other Academy students on your instrument. Led by instructor, Salons are performance events to build peer relationships between studios and offer additional performance opportunities. Refreshments provided; performance feedback, listening skills, etc. ... all subject to facilitating instructor's plan!

- **Piano Salon:** Saturday, October 29, 10am in Room 207
- **Strings Salon:** Saturday, October 29, 11am in Room 207

***Holiday Strings - Sunday, December 4**

In the Atrium following 9:00 and 10:30am worship services
(10:00-10:20am and 11:30-11:50am)

***Recitals in Heritage Hall**

Saturday, December 17 11:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Sunday, December 18 1:00pm

***Academy of Music at Mount Calvary**

Private lesson students of the Academy are always welcome to play at worship services of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Duets and ensembles are welcome. Inform your teacher if you are interested in this opportunity on a different date than those offered.

