



VERDUGO YOUNG MUSICIANS' ASSOCIATION
Youth Orchestra & Chamber Music Program
real musicians.....only younger!

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Dear Homeschoolers,

The Verdugo Young Musicians' Association is dedicated to providing first-rate music education in a nurturing, non-competitive ensemble setting. Members of VYMA enhance their musical skills through professional coaching while they discover the dedication, teamwork and joy of making music together.

VYMA Orchestral Programs

All students with a minimum of one year private instruction are welcome. Repertoire is carefully selected to meet the abilities, aspirations, and educational needs of students at varying levels of musical development (beginning through advanced). In addition to the orchestra rehearsals, VYMA offers sectional coaching by experienced and accomplished professional musicians every week. All ensembles have multiple performance opportunities throughout the year. Past venues have included theaters, libraries, museums and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion for the L.A. Philharmonic's Symphonies for Youth events.

String Ensemble welcomes all young string players with little or no orchestral experience. Students learn the basics of ensemble playing and how to work with a conductor while they prepare music for performance. String Ensemble meets on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00.

Verdugo Youth Orchestra, open to all instruments, is designed for intermediate and advanced players who have had orchestral experience and are prepared to explore the orchestral repertoire of Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary composers. Verdugo Youth Orchestra meets on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00.

Chamber Music Program

VYMA also offers a Chamber Music program especially designed to challenge young musicians playing beginning, intermediate and advanced repertoire. VYMA chamber groups have the opportunity to perform in many venues, and have won recognition from the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) Voce Competition and at the Southwest Youth Music Festival (SYMF). Chamber ensembles meet on the day available to the coach and group.

VYMA Fine Arts Academy offers classes in music theory, music history, rhythm fundamentals, improvisation, Hand Bell ensemble, Percussion ensemble, Pop and Rock ensemble, Jazz Band and Classical Ballet instruction. VYMA Fine Arts Academy meets on Mondays.

Auditions and Tuition

VYMA's season runs from September through early June. Minimum requirement for membership in the instrumental programs is one year of weekly private lessons which must be continued throughout participation in VYMA. Auditions are held for the purpose of placement only, and are conducted with the same encouraging teaching style that characterizes VYMA rehearsals and coaching. Check our website for audition hints! Tuition is \$275 per semester for each instrumental program. Verdugo Fine Arts Academy classroom courses are \$200 per semester. Limited scholarships are available.

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