



Class Name: Violinists Unite!
Block 4 (12:35-1:30)
Fall & Spring Semester 2023-24

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Grade Level: 7th-12th Grade

Course Description:

If you like the community of playing with other musicians, this is the class for you. Meant for advancing instrumentalists who are already familiar with the violin and the reading of music, join us as we explore playing many types of music from classical to fiddle, jazz and beyond. We will also cover more advanced bow techniques, tools for better tone production, extended techniques, improvisation, scales, and exercises.

THIS CLASS WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY; THEREFORE, TUITION WILL NOT BE COLLECTED THESE 2 MONTHS.

Prerequisites:

Maturing violinists who are comfortable reading music and know the basics of music theory.

An audition for this course is necessary in order to correctly place the student. For the audition, parents can send me an iPhone video recording of their student performing the below materials. Please, make sure to also send a picture of the sheet music of the piece being performed. When recording, be sure that the video is well lighted and that the violin f-holes are shone facing the iPhone. There should be a clear view of the student's bridge, bow, and fingerboard. In

this position and from the view of the person recording with the iPhone, the scroll will appear pointing to the right. Please make sure that a clean audio is produced as well - no heavy ambient noise should be present.

Audition material includes:

- G Major Scale (2 octaves)
- A Major Scale (2 octaves)
- D Major Scale (2 octaves)
- Current music repertoire (classical, fiddle, or other) being practiced by the student that showcases the best of his/her technical prowess and ability to express emotion. Some of the things I will be watching for will include proper intonation, steady rhythm, dynamic contrast, and emotional expression.

Supplies Required:

- Violin & Bow
- Rosin
- Music Stand
- Shoulder Rest

Cost: \$10.00 per week

Materials Fee: \$5/semester

Maximum number of students: #15

Minimum number of students: #10

Book List: TBA after auditions are received and students placed.