



VCMA  
VENTURA COUNTY  
MUSIC ACADEMY

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## **Our Mission**

At VCMA, we strive to **instill musical excellence** in each student by focusing on the instrumental skills that are required for a solid musical foundation. We aim to teach students the **importance of collaboration** so that they feel confident working in a team setting to accomplish a goal. Finally, we teach students **the art of stage performance** to ensure their ability to perform musically on stage. Proficiency in these areas is important not only in the musical sphere, but in maturing into a confident adult and contributing member of society.

## **Private Lessons \$125 per month (30 min lessons) 3rd sibling \$115 per month**

- *Private Piano Lessons*
  - Beginning and Intermediate
- Private Guitar Lessons
  - Beginning and Intermediate
- *Private Violin Lessons*
  - Beginning and Intermediate

## **VCMA Division for Advanced Instruction**

VCMA is now offering enrollment for advanced study. Students who have completed remedial/intermediate lessons can audition with an instructor to receive advanced level instruction. Students within our advanced division of study are eligible to participate in competitions, local performances and achievement programs.

*One hour lessons per week      \$80/hour*

## **Small Group Lessons \$80/month per student**

Small group lessons are not only more affordable, but a good way to improve on your instrument in conjunction with instrumental collaboration. Students can have siblings and/or friends join with them to create a group lesson for a more affordable experience. Group lessons are between 2-4 students per class. Piano students play on electric keyboards. Beginning students only.

## **Recitals**

Recitals are bi-annual. VCMA encourages students to participate in each recital to showcase their progress and to learn the art of performance. Students are required to memorize their music for each recital.

## **Practice Performances**

Practice Performances are a great opportunity for students to showcase their monthly progress to other students. Practice Performances are optional and no extra cost. Each student has a one or two opportunities at each performance to play some pieces. Performances are held at Alma Via Retirement home in Camarillo. Performance helps ease anxiety, develop musical collaboration, and is a great opportunity for students to just get together and have fun!

### **Attendance/ Makeups**

- Students can reschedule 1 lesson per month if his/her teacher's schedule allows.
- Students must give a 24 hr notice before lesson time in order to receive a reschedule. If it is less than 24 hr notice, the student forfeits the lesson OR they are welcome to attend the monthly makeup class. Class space is limited.
- If the student is ill, the teacher will schedule a private lesson if his/her schedule allows within one week of the missed lesson OR student can sign up and attend the Monthly Makeup Class.
- All makeups and reschedules need to be directly communicated between the parent and teacher.
- Students are allowed 2 weeks out of the calendar year to pro-rate. Please contact your teacher AND Tara Kays to schedule your vacation pro-rate

### **Credit Card Payment**

- If you are using a credit card, there will be a 2% charge per transaction. To pay by credit card, go to your emailed invoice and pay through there. If you'd like VCMA to set you up on autopay, email [vcmusicacademy@gmail.com](mailto:vcmusicacademy@gmail.com) and we will get you set up.
- If automated charges are rejected while taking lessons, the parent will be charged a \$15 processing fee.

### **Check Payment**

- If you are paying by check, checks are due on the 1st of the month. A \$10/week late fee will be charged for checks that come in later than the 1st of the month.
- If you decide to discontinue, the studio requires that you notify your teacher immediately. No refunds will be issued.

### **Automatic Bill Pay**

- You can opt for automatic bill pay through your bank account. Send automatic bill pay checks to PO Box 235 Somis, CA 93066. Due by the 1st of the month in the PO box.

### **The Staff**

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Instrument</b>
Tara Kays	805-390-6500	<a href="mailto:tarakays@icloud.com">tarakays@icloud.com</a>	Violin and Piano
Kathleen McKinley	805-616-1617	<a href="mailto:kats88keys@verizon.net">kats88keys@verizon.net</a>	Piano and Voice
Jenn Timm	805-204-7180	<a href="mailto:jennmtimm@gmail.com">jennmtimm@gmail.com</a>	Guitar and Bass

Teacher	Phone	Email	Instrument
Elisha Odell	805-607-2697	<a href="mailto:elishaodell@yahoo.com">elishaodell@yahoo.com</a>	Ukulele and Piano