



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## McGaw YMCA Music Studio

Getting you or your child started with music lessons is an exciting step. Whether you're a beginner or a veteran musician, there are always some basic questions that people ask. Don't see your question below? Contact Liz Plemmons for more information at (847) 475-7400 ext 289.

### **Q. Do I have to be a member of the YMCA to sign up for lessons?**

**A.** Not at all. Lessons are offered to members and non-members alike.

### **Q. How much do lessons cost?**

**A.** Pricing is based on the length of a student's lesson during the week and is charged on a monthly basis. Pricing is as follows:

<u>Lesson Length</u>	<u>Lesson Tuition</u>
15 minutes	\$59.50/\$82.50 per month <i>(for children ages 3 ½ to 5 years)</i>
30 minutes	\$119/\$165 per month
45 minutes	\$178.50/\$247.50 per month
60 minutes	\$238/\$330 per month

And in an effort to be a greener McGaw YMCA, payments for lessons are taken through an automatic draft making payments easier for you, and billing paperless for the environment.

### **Q. Is tuition scholarship available?**

**A.** A limited amount of tuition scholarship is available to those who qualify. For more information, please contact Liz Plemmons, Music Program Coordinator at (847) 475-7400, x289 or ElizabethZ@McGawYMCA.org.

### **Q. How often do lessons occur?**

**A.** That depends on you! Most students have one half-hour lesson per week, as a general guideline. However, longer lessons, more frequent lessons, or shorter lessons are also available. Check with your teacher to see what works best for your needs.

**Q. Where are the lessons held?**

- A. Lessons are held on the track level of the gym in rooms 367, 368, and 370 (depending on the teacher).

**Q. We don't have a piano at home. Is this a problem?**

- A. Not necessarily. You MUST have an instrument to practice on to reinforce what you've learned during your lessons, but it doesn't have to be a full-blown acoustic piano. A simple keyboard will do just fine, to start. Keyboards can usually be purchased fairly cheaply at Best Buy, Costco/Sam's Club, Target, Craig's List, etc. The only requirements they should meet is that they be touch-sensitive (meaning: if you push the keys hard, the sound is loud, and if you push them softly, the sound is quiet) and have weighted keys.

**Q. Are lessons at the Y only for children or can adults sign up, as well?**

- A. Of course! Lessons are available to students age 3 1/2 up through adulthood. It's never too late to start learning an instrument.

**Q. Are there recitals?**

- A. Absolutely! We offer at least one recital per semester and they are held in the Chinnock Lounge. We also offer opportunities to see other musicians perform around the area, especially if a student is unable or not quite ready to participate in a YMCA recital.

**Q. Nobody in the family knows how to read music. Is this a problem?**

- A. Not at all! Your books and other materials are set up so that learning is fun and easy. They are relatively self-explanatory and easy to follow so even if you have no musical background, you'll be able to learn along with your child to help them practice.

**Q. How do I sign up?**

- A. If you'd like to sign up for lessons, call Liz Plemmons, Music Program Coordinator, at (847) 745-7400, x289 or ElizabethZ@McGawYMCA.org to get started.