

# Metro Parks Music

Our music department offers recreational music opportunities for children, teens, adults and seniors. We emphasize an all-inclusive, relaxed approach to playing popular music. Our students are provided with technical instruction, a place to practice their craft, and plenty of performance spots on festivals, celebrations, and parks events throughout the Music City. Many of our students have performed professionally in Nashville and around the nation as well as appearing in TV, radio and multi-media venues.

**\*Note- Some classes have different start and end dates. Please examine schedule carefully.**

## Fall 2019 class offerings

### Student Showcase Nov 22nd Looby Theater

**African Percussion-** This class is great for first time drummers who want to learn African rhythms in a fun group setting. Get the tools you need to play traditional African music and feel confident at a drum circle or next drum jam. Each class will build on simple patterns, concepts and sounds from week to week. Have a great time drumming with new friends. Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Class Session is September 9<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$100

**Beginning Keyboard Private Lessons-** These individual lessons are for students between the ages of 8 and 18. The student needs to have access to a keyboard or piano to practice with. Space is limited. Taught by staff member Rashad Sylvester this is a free class. Space is limited. Call or email for available session times.

**Nick's Harmonica Hang-** Led by Nick Bernard. This class is for those interested in all things harmonica. Time will be spent exploring playing techniques, listening to recordings. Talking about harps, mics and gear. As well as jamming. All are welcome to come and share their experience and expertise. Blues styles and techniques will be covered.

**jamBand-** Our jamBand program takes young people who are already playing an instrument and places them in a group with other students their own age and skill level; while teaching them how to be in a band. We have many performance opportunities throughout the year. We are always accepting new students who play guitar, keys, bass, drums, and/or other instruments.

**jamBand Jr-** This is an entry level class for students ages 8-11. It is helpful if the child has had some sort of lesson or class on their instrument. We will be covering the very basics of how to be in a band.

**Gig Band -** This class is great for teens who are a bit more advanced on their instrument or have been in JamBand for several years. There will be several performance opportunities throughout the semester

**Standards Only-** This is a chance to play jazz tunes from the American songbook with other musicians. Some sight-reading and improv skills are helpful; although not required. Open to all instruments and vocalists.

**Songwriting-** This class will explore different strategies for writing original material. Students will have an opportunity to perform their work in an end-of-semester concert.

**Beginning Guitar Class -** This class is designed for those who do not have any guitar experience. We will be learning simple melodies and basic chords. The student needs to have access to a guitar in good playing condition. Space is limited. This is a fee-based class. Cost is **\$60** for a 5-week session: Sept 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 16<sup>th</sup> through Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Intermediate Guitar Class-** This class is for students that have completed beginning guitar class. Also appropriate for young students that have had guitar lessons elsewhere. Students should be proficient in playing the basic open chords **C, A, G, E, and D**. Cost is **\$60** for a 5-week session. Session Dates are Sept 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, and then Oct 16<sup>th</sup>- Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

**Acoustic Picking Party-** These are held every Tuesday evening from 7PM - 9PM in the [Centennial Black Box Theater](#). Bring an acoustic instrument, join the circle and play along. All styles of music welcome, including originals. Great for ear training and developing chops. Come with at least a couple tunes you'd like to play and an open mind. Ages 12 and up. Hosted by [Mike Teaney](#).

**The Hartman Park Band-** This laid-back class gives older adults a fun opportunity to play together in a band. Some experience on an instrument is recommended. We play great tunes from the blues, R+B and oldies catalog. This group will have several performance opportunities throughout the year.



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 Sept 3rd start date  
 No class week of Oct 7th  
 Nov 25th Looby Showcase

Day	Time	Class	Session dates	Location	Fee	Instructor	Age
Mondays	TBA	Piano Lessons	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	R. Sylvester	8-18 yr old
	5:30-6:25	Jam Band	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze/Sylvester	12-18 yr old
	6:30-7:30	African Percussion	9/8-10/28	CPAS	\$100	C Koufman	teens-adults
Tuesdays							
	10:00-11:00	Standards Only	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze	Adults/Seniors
	3:00-3:55	Home School Jam Band	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze/Sylvester	
	4:00-4:55	Songwriting	9/3-10/1, 10/15-11/12	CPAS	\$60/5 weeks	Guest Instructor	10-18 yr old
	5:00-5:55	Jam Band Jr	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze/Sylvester	8-11 yr old
	6:00-6:55	JamBand	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze/Sylvester	12-18 yr old
	7:00-9:00	Acoustic Picking Party	ongoing	CPAS	NC	Teaney	teens-adults
Wednesdays							
	4:30-5:15	Beginning Guitar	9/4-10/1, 10/15-11/12	CPAS	\$60	Guest Instructor	8-18 yr old
	5:30-6:15	Intermediate Guitar	9/4-10/1, 10/15-11/12	CPAS	\$60	Guest Instructor	10-18 yr old
Thursdays							
	4:00-4:55	Jam Band	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze, Sylvester	8-18 yr old
	5:00-5:55	Jam Band Jr	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze, Sylvester	8-11 yr old
	6:00-6:55	Gig Band	9/3-11/22	CPAS	NC	Fraze,	13-18 yr old
Fridays							
	11:00-1:00	Hartman Park Band	ongoing	Hartman Park	NC	Fraze/Sylvester	Adults, Seniors