

# Private/Combination Lessons and Youth Choir

## PRIVATE LESSONS

*\*Private lessons will be offered year-round, although summer lesson times may be adjusted*

### ***Piano: K-12***

1. Private piano lessons (30 minutes) are kid friendly and will progress at the pace of the students. Materials for lessons will be determined by the age and experience of the student. I will recommend what books to purchase and where to get them at our *free* introductory meeting.
2. Piano students may begin lessons on a keyboard, however, it needs to have full size, touch sensitive keys and include a foot pedal. I would also recommend switching to a full-size piano (can be electric) asap.

### ***Guitar: K-12***

1. Private guitar lessons (30 minutes) are kid friendly and will progress at the pace of the students. Materials for lessons will be determined by the age and experience of the student. I will recommend what books to purchase and where to get them at our *free* introductory meeting.
2. Students are welcome to use either an electric or an acoustic guitar, however it must be fitted to the size of the student and be a quality instrument approved by me in our introductory meeting.

### ***Voice: 3-12***

1. Private voice lessons are offered to students grades 3-12. Voice lessons are 45 minutes per week. They will focus on the fundamentals of vocal production and the physical aspects of singing, understanding of musical concepts such as rhythm and notation, and learning to read music from the standpoint of a vocalist.
2. Materials for lessons will be determined by the age and experience of the student. I will recommend what initial books to purchase and where to get them on our introductory meeting. Consideration of the student's style preferences, personal goals and age will be considered when additional song materials are selected.

### **COMBINATION LESSONS:**

*\*Combination lessons will be offered year-round, although summer lesson times may be adjusted*

1. Combination lessons are one hour in length and are offered to:
  - a. private students who wish to study two separate disciplines (e.g. voice/piano; voice/guitar; piano/guitar)
  - b. families who have two children enrolled for private lessons.
2. Private students enrolled in a combination lesson will be expected to study both disciplines regularly each week.
3. Private lesson students who are interested in taking a combination lesson will be approved *after* taking three months of a single discipline and passing the three month evaluation in that area.

### **SONA DOLCE YOUTH CHOIR**

*\*Youth choir will be held through the fall session (Oct-Jan) and the spring session (Feb-May) ending for the year at the spring recital*

1. Offered to students **grades 3-12**. Fun, kid friendly, group approach to vocal pedagogy focusing on: beginning solfege and pitch differentiation, beginning music theory and notation, and the physical aspects of vocal production. Sessions will also encourage individual singing in a relaxed setting through folk and children's song repertoire.
2. **FREE** membership is offered to students enrolled for voice lessons; all other students enrolled for lessons can join at a discounted rate (see rates page).
3. Students not enrolled for lessons are welcome to join (see rates page).
4. Beyond an introductory meeting no formal audition is required to join - all students with a desire to sing are welcome.
5. Youth choir will perform in a mid-winter program for parents and the local nursing homes in late January, and at the spring recital in early June.