

Mission Statement

The Asbury Conservatory of Performing Arts was founded as an outreach of Asbury United Methodist Church, to provide the highest quality of music and theatre arts instruction to the children, teenagers and adults of North Shelby County and surrounding areas.

Guidelines and Policies

We operate on a semester basis, with the second semester beginning on January 11th. Each semester consists of 15 30-minute private music lessons, taught in music rooms at Asbury United Methodist Church. The theatre arts classes are 60-minute group lessons.

Recommended Ages for Lessons:

Voice 10 years old
Piano 7 years old
Guitar 12 years old
Theatre Arts Class Ages 7 and up, with classes divided by age groups

Registration:

1. You must complete the registration form online at asburyonline.org/conservatory
2. Pay the annual registration fee online at asburyonline.org/conservatory. The yearly fee is \$25 per family and is non-refundable.
3. You must pay the first payment of tuition before your first lesson.
4. After the office receives your information and payment, the Conservatory Director will contact the student to set up a lesson time. Preferred lesson days and time will be considered as we place you with the best instructor for your needs.

Payment Plans:

Lessons are paid in two installments, due January 15th and March 15th. Payments may not be deducted for missed lessons either by student or instructor cancellation. (See below for information on missed lessons).
30-minute lessons.....(\$22 per lesson) \$330 per semester
60-minute theatre arts group lesson....(\$12 per lesson) \$180 semester

Discounts for siblings or students enrolled in more than one lesson:

If a student is enrolled in 2 lessons (i.e. Voice and Piano), cost is \$330 per semester for first instrument, and \$300 for second instrument.

If 2 students in the same family are enrolled in lessons, cost is \$330 for the first student and \$300 for the sibling.

Theatre Arts Class: \$180 for first student, \$135 for sibling.

Option 1: One Payment

Spring tuition may be paid at the beginning of the semester.

Option 2: Two Payments

Full tuition amount for Spring session may be divided into two payments, due on the 15th of January and the 15th of March. For your convenience, you may set up automatic payments on the Asbury website, and you may make credit card payments on the website as well.

Payments are required to be paid on time. You will not receive a bill for your lessons. If payment is not received (postmarked) on or before the 15th of the month, a late fee of \$10.00 will be applied. A pattern of late payments will result in the student losing his/her lesson time.

Questions: Contact Nancy Beard, Conservatory Director, at nbeard@asburyonline.org or at 205-271-9915.

Missed lessons/Tardiness:

It is the student's (parent's) responsibility to notify the teacher in advance if a lesson is to be missed for any reason. The Director or church office cannot be responsible for relaying messages regarding lesson cancellations to instructors. If you need to miss a lesson, please give your instructor as much notice as possible. Your teacher will work with you to schedule a make-up lesson, provided they are given sufficient notice of your absence. Unexcused absences or absences that occur when the teacher receives no notification will not be made

up. Instructors are not required to extend the lesson if the student arrives late.

Pick-up and Drop-off:

Parents are encouraged to accompany students to and from their instructor's studio. Parents may sit in lessons, or outside the room. Parents are asked to not interfere with the ongoing lesson, and to not bring younger siblings who may be a distraction to the instructor or student into the studio. At the first lesson, the parent (of students age 18 and under) will be given a "Safe Sanctuary" form which should be signed and returned to the instructor.

Discontinuation of Lessons Registration for a semester is a 15-week commitment for the student. In the event that a student/parent wishes to discontinue instruction, a thirty-day notice is required. This notice should be given to the Conservatory Director in writing. The student/parent will be responsible for lessons that occur within thirty days from the date notice is given.

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Faculty Members

Ellen Stanton, Piano
Elizabeth Vise, Voice and Theatre Arts
Nancy Beard, Voice
Liz Drugan, Voice
Greta Sandy, Voice
Jeremy Huddleston, Guitar
Jesse Davis, Guitar