Mission Statement

The mission of the Music@First Fine Arts Academy is to provide quality music instruction for children, youth, and adults, engage the surrounding community in order to invite participation in our music ministry, and perpetuate church music by training future musicians and leaders.

We are dedicated to creating an atmosphere where students can learn music and develop their talents to glorify our Creator. We are a ministry of the First United Methodist Church, and function under the umbrella of the church's music ministry.

Enrollment and Instruction

Private study is offered in piano, organ, flute, recorder, voice, percussion, guitar, violin and other lessons as requested. The lessons are offered on a weekly basis in 30 minute blocks. Advanced lessons in piano and voice are available with permission from the instructor and Academy director. These lessons are 45 minutes and will have an additional cost. Vocal instruction is offered to seventh graders through adults. See the Academy Coordinator for prerequisites to organ study.

Registration and Policies

To begin the enrollment process, new students are invited to contact the Coordinator, complete a registration form and enrollment agreement, and submit them with the first installment of tuition on or before the registration deadline. ***When a student is enrolled, he/she is committing to an entire semester of study.***

Lessons & Scheduling

To provide consistency and an atmosphere conducive to learning, all Academy lessons are taught at PFUMC, Plymouth, MI. **No exceptions.** During the enrollment process, each student will be assigned an instructor. The student or parent of the student will then be contacted to confirm a convenient lesson or class time. Once a lesson time is established please plan to continue through the semester with that time to help us maintain a consistent schedule for all of our students.

Make Up Policy

We consider your private lesson time as a standing appointment. If the teacher has to miss a lesson, it will be made up. If the student misses a lesson, PRIOR NOTICE IS REQUIRED. Twenty-four hour notice is preferable. However, if a student wakes up ill on a lesson morning, please call the instructor before 9:00 am. Messages cannot always be relayed through the church office. *Under these circumstances, (with proper prior notice) the teacher will make up ONE lesson per student per semester.* There are no make-ups for group lessons.

End of Semester Recitals

It is important for students to hear other students play/sing. There is also great value in students' performing in public. By committing to a semester of study, a student is agreeing to attend and play/sing on the end of the semester recital, and should plan to remain for the entire time. Adult students are not required to perform on recitals. Exceptions are at the discretion of the teacher and/or academy Director.

Tuition

Fine Arts Academy tuition covers all lessons; lesson books or other materials are not covered by tuition. The general cost of books is $25 per semester. An accompanist fee may be charged for vocal students.

Private Lesson tuition is $210 per semester for beginning level (Summer $168). This total may be paid as 3 payments of $73 (Summer $59). Tuition is $260 per semester for intermediate and advanced level private lessons (Summer $208). This total may be paid as 3 payments of $90 (Summer $73).

Recreational Music Making tuition for 1-hour Recreational Music lessons is $125 for 10-weeks. There is a 4-student minimum for Recreational Music.

Water Color Class *tuition is $60 for an 8-week session and $15 for materials .*

Tuition payments due first day of class and are to be submitted to the academy coordinator, with checks made payable to FUMC.

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Plymouth, MI 48170
Attn: Fine Arts Academy Coordinator

Instrument Policy

A student should be able to practice on an instrument that facilitates progress. Guitars and violins should be fitted to the individual and may need upgrading as the child grows. Piano students are encouraged to practice on an acoustic piano or keyboard with full-size, weighted keys in order to develop proper technique. The director and teachers will be happy to recommend dealers for new, used, or rental instruments.

Music@First Fine Arts Academy

REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name _____

Adult _____if youth, age_____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Name:

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Home Phone:

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Parent's Cell Phone:

_____

Email Address:

_____

Do you attend church? _____

If yes, church name:

_____

Student's School

_____

Grade: _____

Proposed Study (instrument/voice):

_____

Prior Years Experience:_____

Semester: _____

Registration fee of $25 must be submitted with form, checks made out to First United Methodist Church. Mail form and all Academy correspondence to: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, Attn: Fine Arts Academy Coordinator

Phone: (734) 453-5280

2010- 2011 Calendar

Fall 2011 - 10 Weeks

Please Register by	September 19
Semester Begins	September 26
Thanksgiving Break	November 21—25
Semester Ends	December 10
Fall Recital	December 11

Winter 2012 - 10 Weeks

Please Register by	January 2
Semester Begins	January 9
Mid-Winter Break	February 20 - 24
Semester Ends	March 24
Winter Recital	March 25

Spring 2012 - 8 Weeks

Please Register by	April 9
Semester Begins	April 16
Semester Ends	June 9

No Recital

Our Instructors

We will be offering group and private voice lessons, flute lessons, recorder lessons, piano lessons, percussion lessons, and other lessons as requested.

Amy Brewer (BA University of Michigan) teaches Piano and Kindermusik.

Mary Crombez and Michelle Spala teach Kindermusik

Lauren Erickson (BS Music Education University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) teaches recorder and flute.

Bryan Gill - Professional Guitarist

Brandon Krueger (BA Eastern Michigan University) teaches percussion.

Lauren Mileto (BA Baker College) teaches voice and beginning piano.

Vincent Maiorana teaches acrylic watercolor painting.

Victoria Haltom (BM Loyola University) teaches violin, viola and beginning cello.

Marcia Van Oyen (DMA University of Michigan) teaches organ.

Barbara Theurer - Teaches Piano

Nancy Whitecar - Professional Pianist - Recreational Music Making.

Kelly Williams (BM Wittenberg University) teaches piano.

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Fine Arts Academy

We nurture budding musicians of all ages

KINDERMUSIK
for ages 6 mos. - 7 yrs

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS
ages 7 - adult

RECREATIONAL MUSIC
for adults

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