



**VANDERBILT**  
Blair Academy  
at Vanderbilt

Music education for children, youth, and adults

COURSE OFFERINGS | **SUMMER 2024**



# WELCOME TO BLAIR ACADEMY

The Blair Academy has something for everyone! Blair Academy offers classes and lesson for all ages. Our world-class faculty strives to help each student grow in skill, artistry, and enjoyment in music. We invite you to explore music with us this summer!

## SUMMER REGISTRATION STEPS

### STEP ONE: CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON VUPACE

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Registration for all courses, lessons, classes, and ensembles can be accomplished on [VUPACE](#). If you have not taken a course at the Blair Academy before, you will need to create a VUPACE account for the student and complete the [New Student Application](#). Once this application is approved, you will receive confirmation via email, and you can then register for courses.

### STEP TWO: FIND YOUR COURSE

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You can visit the [Blair Academy Programs Page](#) on VUPACE for a complete listing of our offerings. Alternatively, you can search for your chosen course via the search bar in the upper-right corner.

### STEP THREE: CHECK OUT

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Once you have found your course, you can add the correct section to your cart and click the cart icon to begin the checkout process. Any additional required forms can be completed during checkout.

Feel free to contact [Elm Stephenson](#), the Blair Academy registrar, if you have any questions or need assistance with registration.

## MUSIC THEORY WITHOUT FEAR

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Ages 12 to adult

**Kevin Rilling, instructor •**

[kevin.a.rilling@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kevin.a.rilling@vanderbilt.edu)

Music theory can be fun. Unlock its secrets and learn how to read, write, and understand theory in this lively course. The course is designed for all who want to gain a fundamental understanding of theory in a short time. Excellent college prep or review course. No previous experience necessary.

**June 3-7, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Zoom**

**Tuition: \$300**

## VANDERBILT YOUTH ORCHESTRAS SUMMER CAMPS

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**Craig Madole, director •** [craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu)

Email VYO director Craig Madole at [craig.madole@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:craig.madole@vanderbilt.edu) for audition requirements and scheduling.

Visit [blair.vanderbilt.edu/blair-academy/youth-orchestras](http://blair.vanderbilt.edu/blair-academy/youth-orchestras) for more information about Vanderbilt Youth Orchestras.

**Tuition: \$280**

### SUMMER YOUNG ARTISTS ORCHESTRA

**Craig Madole, instructor •** [craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu)

This exciting orchestra experience will include rehearsals, master classes and more. Students in grades 7–12 will prepare a full concert to be performed at the Blair School of Music.

**June 25-28, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

### VANDERBILT YOUTH ORCHESTRA SUMMER INTENSIVE

**Craig Madole, instructor •** [craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu)

The VYOSI features an intensive orchestral experience, professional repertoire, master classes, sectionals and a final concert. Open by audition to students in grades 8–12. Contact Craig Madole for audition information.

**June 2-6, 6:00–7:30 p.m. on Sun,  
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. from Mon-Thu**

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**YOUTH**  
ORCHESTRAS





## MUSICTECH

Ages 13-17

**Pascal LeBoeuf, instructor**

Dive into the world of video game music composition with MusicTech at Vanderbilt University. MusicTech offers an exceptional summer experience for teens with a passion for video game music and game design.

The program provides students with the foundational tools of digital music creation, combined with creative skills. You'll learn to compose original game music alongside likeminded technologists and industry experts.



MusicTech engages students through a combination of hands-on, production-based projects and group interactive experiences, learning a multitude of skills including Logic Pro and digital music composition.

Vanderbilt University's MusicTech is much more than the typical summer camp experience. Discover the difference with a friendly environment of radical acceptance and "geek culture" where kids form meaningful relationships, grow socially and have a summer to remember!

Camp sessions are conducted in small groups and led by award-winning staff and are appropriate for all levels of experience, from beginners to more experienced students.

This year we are offering both a day program, as well as an overnight experience. For more information, please visit the [MusicTech website](#).

**Day Program: July 8-12, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., \$2,000**

**Overnight Program: July 14-20, \$2,600**

## PRIVATE LESSONS

The summer lesson period can be as short as three weeks or as long as fifteen weeks, as determined by teacher and student. Not all faculty members teach over the summer, however, so you will need to verify that your instructor will be available to teach lessons.

### ALL ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS, PIANO, GUITAR, VOICE (PER LESSON)

30-minute lesson—\$87

45-minute lesson—\$123

60-minute lesson—\$155

### PARTNER PIANO, FIDDLE, AND SUZUKI (PER LESSON)

30-minute lesson—\$96

45-minute lesson—\$127.50

60-minute lesson—\$159.50



## BEGINNING AND PARTNER PIANO

### PARTNER PIANO

Ages 3 and up

Students in Partner Piano receive a combination of private and group piano instruction. In the group lesson, students learn rhythm, pitch, musical terms, and notation, using a variety of activities. Each student has a private lesson and a group lesson weekly.

Please email or call to schedule a Zoom interview with **ChiHee Hwang, program coordinator** [chihee.hwang@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:chihee.hwang@vanderbilt.edu) • (615) 322-7670 • Room 1170

### PARTNER PIANO I

(Limited to children age 3) — \$77

30-minute private lesson and  
30-minute group lesson weekly

### PARTNER PIANO II

(Children age 4 and up) — \$96

30-minute private lesson and  
30-minute group lesson weekly

**PARTNER PIANO III** — \$127.50

45-minute private lesson and  
30-minute group lesson weekly

**PARTNER PIANO IV** — \$159.50

60-minute private lesson and  
30-minute group lesson weekly



# VANDERBILT SUZUKI PROGRAM

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Ages 4 and up

Suzuki instruction develops musical skill and sensitivity, using listening and imitation, the same process used in learning language. Students gain poise and read music notation as they progress. New students as young as age 4 are welcome.

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SUZUKI  
PROGRAM

Contact the **Suzuki Program director, Zachary Ebin**, for information about joining this renowned program. [zachary.ebin@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:zachary.ebin@vanderbilt.edu) • Phone: (615) 322-7665

## SUZUKI I

\$96 per lesson

30-minute private lesson  
and weekly group lesson

## SUZUKI II

\$127.50 per lesson

45-minute private lesson  
and weekly group lesson

## SUZUKI III

\$159.50 per lesson

60-minute private lesson  
and weekly group lesson



# PRECOLLEGE FIDDLE

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Ages 5 and up

**Crystal Plohman Wiegman, director**

[crystal.plohman@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:crystal.plohman@vanderbilt.edu) • (615) 343-6360

The Precollege Fiddling program offers a holistic approach in teaching, using the Suzuki philosophy to build solid technique and tone, along with the “Fiddle and Song” curriculum to teach traditional fiddle music. Introductory classical and historical folk styles, including old-time, bluegrass, Irish, Scottish, Texas swing, and other world styles are taught.

Beginning students have 30-minute weekly private lessons and small group experience. Second-year and above students participate in the Fiddle Frenzy performance group, which gives students the opportunity to have fun playing and learning with peers.

Tuition:

30-minute weekly/group experience: \$96 per lesson

45-minute weekly private/Fiddle Frenzy group class: \$127.50 per lesson

60-minute weekly private/Fiddle Frenzy group class: \$159.50 per lesson

# REGISTRATION

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Blair uses an online registration and payment system, VUPACE. New students should visit [vupace.vanderbilt.edu](http://vupace.vanderbilt.edu) to create a profile and submit a new student application. After application approval, registration may be made online.

Credit card payments are accepted. Refunds are not made after the first week of classes. Payment may be made in full at registration or in installments. See Elm Stephenson, Academy registrar, for assistance.

## Registration begins May 1, 2024

Registrar Office hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Wednesdays, the registrar is available only by phone.

# BLAIR ACADEMY CONTACT INFORMATION

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## REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS

**Elm Stephenson**

**Blair Academy Registrar**

(615) 322-7655

[elm.a.stephenson@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:elm.a.stephenson@vanderbilt.edu)

## BLAIR ACADEMY PROGRAM WEBSITE

[blair.vanderbilt.edu/blair-academy](http://blair.vanderbilt.edu/blair-academy)

## GENERAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

**Mary Biddlecombe**

**Director, Blair Academy at Vanderbilt**

(615) 343-3167



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