



VANDERBILT Blair Academy at Vanderbilt

Music education for children, youth, and adults

COURSE OFFERINGS | **SUMMER 2025**



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

Registration for all camps, 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. Please note that some camps may require an approved application to participate.

STEP TWO: FIND YOUR COURSE

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

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.

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—\$128

60-minute lesson—\$160



AREA COORDINATORS

Here are the people to contact for each instrument area.

BRASS

Fred Sienkiewicz: • (615) 322-7651 • fred.sienkiewicz@vanderbilt.edu

GUITAR

Richard Todd: • (615) 322-4910 • richard.todd@vanderbilt.edu

PERCUSSION

Ji Hye Jung: • (615) 322-7669 • ji.h.jung@vanderbilt.edu

PIANO

Jama Reagan: • (615) 322-4938 • jama.reagan@vanderbilt.edu

STRINGS

Connie Heard: • (615) 322-7681 • connie.heard@vanderbilt.edu

SUZUKI

Zachary Ebin: • (615) 322-7665 • zachary.ebin@vanderbilt.edu

WOODWINDS

Jared Hauser: • (615) 322-7663 • jared.hauser@vanderbilt.edu

YOUTH COURSES AND CAMPS

MUSIC THEORY WITHOUT FEAR



Ages 12 to adult

Kevin Rilling, instructor •

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 2-6, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Zoom

Tuition: \$300

VANDERBILT YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CHAMBER & ORCHESTRAL INTENSIVE

Craig Madole, director •

craig.a.madole@vanderbilt.edu

VYO-COSI is a one week, non-resident, chamber music and orchestral intensive experience for string students in rising grades 6-12 and brass/wind students in rising grades 9-12. The experience will include chamber, orchestral, sectionals, technique classes, and masterclasses taught by Blair School of Music faculty members and guest Nashville Symphony Orchestra musicians. [Applications are open now!](#)

June 2-6, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$773

VANDERBILT
YOUTH
ORCHESTRAS

NASHVILLE SUZUKI INSTITUTE

Suzuki students of violin, viola, and cello

Zachary Ebin, director • zachary.ebin@vanderbilt.edu

The Nashville Suzuki Institute is a week of intensive instruction in the Suzuki Method for Suzuki students and parents. Each student receives five hours of instruction per day including: masterclass, technique class, repertoire class, fiddle, and music and movement. Advanced students receive chamber music coaching in place of music and movement. Each day finishes with a special activity or concert.

July 13-18

Tuition: \$598

VANDERBILT
SUZUKI
PROGRAM

ADULT OFFERINGS

ADULT CHAMBER MUSIC INSTITUTE

Stephen Miahky, director •
stephen.miahky@vanderbilt.edu

String players of all levels dive into four days of music-making led by the world-class resident faculty of the Blair School. The daily program will include plenary sessions on technique, coaching and chamber group rehearsals, concerts, and times to relax and enjoy making new friends in music.

July 31-August 3,
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuition: \$700



NASHVILLE MARIMBA SESSIONS

Ji Hye Jung, artistic director • jung-min.shin@vanderbilt.edu

The Nashville Marimba Sessions provides adult percussionists from around the world an opportunity to work closely with faculty members in lessons and chamber coaching situations, network with peers, perform for and alongside faculty, and to have a unique cultural experience in Nashville, Tennessee. Percussionists who love playing marimba, vibraphone, and chamber music are encouraged to apply. Performers will be assigned a variety of repertoire. Each performer will also receive group lessons and/or chamber music coachings with the performance faculty.

May 25-31

Tuition: \$1,200

REGISTRATION

Blair uses an online registration and payment system, VUPACE. New students should visit 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 5, 2025

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

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS

Elm Stephenson

Blair Academy Registrar

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BLAIR ACADEMY PROGRAM WEBSITE

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GENERAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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