



Elective Courses

The Sun Valley Music Festival Music Institute Summer Programs offer a variety of electives and optional courses. These courses are designed to give students an opportunity to expand their Summer Program experience. These are optional classes and except for the Private Lesson option, they do not incur an additional fee. There may be a minimum and a maximum enrollment for each class. Some elective classes are offered more than one time per day. We will place students in electives based on their daily schedule. **Electives are best suited for intermediate and advanced middle and high school musicians.**

- Chamber Music Experience and Viola for Violinists take place M-TH from 8:00-8:55 AM
 - Opera Workshops Experience takes place M-Th 1:30-4:30, students must be available for a Friday dress rehearsal and a Saturday performance
 - All other electives are offered 2 days per week (either M/W or T/TH). We try to alternate elective days to give students an opportunity to participate in multiple classes.
- ❖ **Private Lessons** (30 or 60 minutes); Private lessons are scheduled with SVMF musicians and Music Institute faculty. Students should request private lessons on the application form. They will receive details regarding their lesson time and instructor in their check in packet. There is an additional fee for private lessons.
- ❖ **Chamber Music Experience:** This elective is for string who are interested in playing in small groups. Students will be placed in groups based on ability level and will play a variety of chamber music pieces from different musical eras and learn the skills necessary to be a chamber musician. Select ensembles will perform on the Thursday afternoon Chamber Music Recital. NOTE: Students in grades 2-6 who are in Prelude Strings already have ensemble sessions as part of their program and should not select this elective.
- Instruments:** String instruments
Age/Grade Level: Middle-High School Students in Philharmonia or SV Youth Orchestra
Class Schedule: 8:00-9:00 M-Th
Music Experience Level: Upper Intermediate-advanced
Enrollment is limited, audition recording is REQUIRED (see registration instruction sheet for more information about submitting a recording)
- ❖ **Viola for violin players:** Become a more versatile musician! Violin players will learn the basics of playing the viola. Instruments will be provided.
- Age/Grade Level:** Middle-High School grades
Music Experience Level: Intermediate-advanced
Class Schedule: 8:00-9:00 M-Th
- ❖ **Introduction to Improvisation:** This introductory class is open to String, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Piano students. Learn the basic skills and techniques involved in improvisation.
- Age/Grade Level:** Middle-High School
Music Experience Level: intermediate-advanced
Class Schedule: Piano and Band instruments 1:00-2:00; Strings 2:15-3:15 (2 days per week)
- ❖ **Introduction to Composition:** This course is open to students in all disciplines and offers an introduction to basic composition skills. Students are placed in a time slot that best suits their schedule. Multiple classes may be offered in each time slot
- Age/Grade Level:** Middle School-High School
Class Schedule: 1:00-2:00, 2:15-3:15 (2 days per week)
Music Experience Level: intermediate-advanced

- ❖ **Music Appreciation:** Gain a better understanding and basis for enjoyable listening of classical music. This class will focus on the music and composers featured during the SVMF season. Students are placed in a time slot that best suits their schedule
 - Age/Grade Level:** Middle School-High School
 - Class Schedule:** 1:00-2:00, 2:15-3:15 (2 days per week)
 - Music Experience Level:** all levels
- ❖ **World Music:** Gain exposure to the musical traditions of cultures from around the world. Students are placed in a time slot that best suits their schedule
 - Age/Grade Level:** Middle School-High School
 - Class Schedule:** 1:00-2:00, 2:15-3:15 (2 days per week)
 - Music Experience Level:** all levels
- ❖ **Piano for non-piano majors:** This class is geared to students who do not currently play the piano. learn basic keyboard skills, finger patterns, chord progressions and reading in the 'other clef'
 - Age/Grade Level:** Middle School-High School
 - Music Experience Level:** intermediate-advanced
 - Class Schedule:** 2:15-3:45 T, Th
 - Maximum Class Size:** 10 students
- ❖ **NEW for 2025: Introduction to Ukelele**
 - Age/Grade Level:** Middle School-High School
 - Class Schedule:** 1:00-2:00, 2:15-3:15 (2 days per week)
 - Music Experience Level:** all levels
 - Maximum Class Size:** 15 students
- ❖ **The Opera Workshop Experience:** This class is open to High School Students in Chamber Singers only. Work sample is required. Receive training in musical staging, voice and diction, and character study while performing in the ensemble for semi-staged opera scenes.
 - Age/Grade level:** High School Students ONLY
 - Music Experience Level:** upper intermediate-advanced
 - Class Schedule:** 1:30-4:30 M-Th, Friday varies, MUST be available for the Saturday Opera Workshops Performance

SCHEDULE AND CLASS AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE