



## Summer 2022 Private Lesson Packages

Select from the following options to be scheduled directly with your student's instructor between April 18 and July 30.

45-minute and 1-hour lessons are not recommended for students younger than 9 or with less than 3 years experience. If you are unsure about which lesson duration is right for your child, please email [Sota@CovenantChristian.net](mailto:Sota@CovenantChristian.net).

Four 30-minute lessons - \$120

Four 45-minute lessons - \$166

Four 1-hour lessons - \$215

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Eight 30-minute lessons - \$240

Eight 45-minute lessons - \$330

Eight 1-hour lessons - \$430

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Twelve 30-minute lessons - \$360

Twelve 45-minute lessons - \$495

Twelve 1-hour lessons - \$645

*Rates shown above include a slight increase in hourly rates over the 21-22 school year as well as applicable PayPal fees. Summer tuition must be paid in full at time of registration*

# Lessons

PIANO (ages 5 to adult) ♦ VIOLIN & VIOLA (ages 6 to adult) ♦ DRUMS (ages 8 to adult)  
VOICE (ages 12 to adult) ♦ GUITAR, *acoustic or electric* (ages 6 to adult)

*Piano and drum students should have suitable instruments at home for practice.*

## Instructors



**Julia Brandenburg (violin, viola)** serves as CCA's Strings Director for students in grades 5-12. She grew up in Warwick, Rhode Island and began playing the violin at the age of 5. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance at the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings at Mercer University and a Master of Music and a Performer Diploma in Violin Performance from SMU. Julia is an active performer and member of the Plano Symphony Orchestra, Irving Symphony Orchestra and Dallas Chamber Symphony, and a frequent guest at national and international music festivals. Julia is passionate about passing her love of performing on to the next generation of musicians.



**Steve Dowdy (guitar, drums, piano)** is a multi-faceted musician and an accomplished guitarist and pianist with experience ranging from playing in Rock, Country and Jazz bands to being featured on multiple album recordings. He is a graduate of TCU where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and he serves on the Praise Team at Center Point Church where he plays Keyboards, Bass, Electric and Acoustic Guitar. He has more than 11 years of teaching experience.



**Rhonda Dunn (piano)** has 30+ years of proven experience teaching piano. She majored in Music Education at West Chester University and continued her piano studies at Carnegie Mellon University. She has also worked as an accompanist and Musikgarten teacher. Rhonda is committed to creating an environment where students feel safe, accepted and appreciated. She expects the best from her students while striving to give them what they need to succeed.



**Glay Posch (voice, piano)** holds an MM in Advanced Vocal Studies from Stephen F. Austin State University. A 6<sup>th</sup> generation Texan, she began performing professionally at age 14 and teaching privately at 16 in her hometown of Houston. She has taught PreK-12 and college-level music, choir and drama. She continues to perform regularly throughout Texas.

# Parent/Student Contract

## Registration and Payment

- Registration and payment is online only.
- Summer session tuition must be paid in full at the time of registration.
- Checking the "I agree" box in the online registration form indicates that you are agreeing to abide by the policies in this contract.

## Tuition and Fees

- The registration fee is non-refundable and is \$15 per student, per semester with a maximum of \$30 per family.
- Beginning summer 2022, lessons will be billed at a rate of \$52 per hour.
- Before the first lesson, the instructor will provide a list of any method books or other materials needed. The student should have those things in time for the second lesson if possible.

## Lesson Scheduling

- During the summer, parents must schedule lessons directly with the instructor.
- Lessons will take place on the CCA campus as follows:  
Week of May 2-5 (Mon-Thurs), 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Mon/Tues May 9-10; 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. ; No lessons Wed-Thurs May 11 & 12  
After May 16:  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs. Instructors who are CCA faculty members may also conduct lessons on Fridays and Saturdays at any time agreed upon with the student.
- All private lessons are to be taught on the CCA campus (or virtually if a student or teacher is ill but feels well enough to have a lesson). Instructors may not go to a student's home to teach a lesson, nor may a student go to an instructor's home.
- For guitar and strings students, preparing the instrument and tuning is part of the lesson. Parents should also expect that a minute or two of the lesson time will be used to drop off and pick up students.
- Instructors strive to stay on schedule. Should you wish to discuss something with an instructor, please make arrangements to call them at a time other than before or after your student's lesson.
- In the event of a school shutdown, instructors will make every effort to continue lessons virtually until the campus re-opens.

## Materials & Instruments

- Prior to the first lesson, instructors may ask parents to purchase specific method books, notebooks or other supplies. Students should have these materials in time for the second lesson, if at all possible.
- We recommend [Young Musicians](#) in Keller as a source for string instrument rentals or purchases. Rental prices vary and are dependent upon the quality of the instrument being rented. Young Musicians does not require a deposit, just a credit card number they will keep on file. They do require rental insurance for a nominal fee (\$1-3) per month. Rent is collected on a quarterly basis. To rent an instrument, call and make an appointment so that your child can be measured for the correct instrument size (817-741-3838).  
Purchase prices also vary depending on the quality of the instrument. Violins are in the \$250 range for a new student instrument and \$315-325 for a new Nagoya (Japanese made Suzuki instrument). [Young Musicians](#) also may have some used violins for sale. Their website is [www.young-musicians.com](http://www.young-musicians.com)

## Lesson & Practice Expectations

- Student should bring his or her instrument, pencil, folder, and other required materials to each lesson.
- Students should commit to practicing as instructed by the teacher. Practice is essential to the development of the student's gift and skills. Practicing for a short amount of time each day is much better than practicing for a long amount of time on one day.

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- Parents should commit to encouraging practice time at home by preparing a place for practice and helping the student achieve his/her daily practice goals.
- Student will be punctual and will arrive to the lesson on time. Lesson time missed for tardiness will not be subtracted from the next student's lesson time. A parent/instructor conference will be requested if the problem persists.
- Student will respect the teacher and other students at all times.
- Student should plan to participate in SOTA recitals and performances.

### Student Dropoff and Pickup Procedures

- For the safety of all, the outer doors of the buildings are locked during the day. **Under no circumstances should outer doors be propped open.**
- For younger students, parents are welcome to sit in on the first couple of lessons if that would be helpful in establishing the student's comfort.
- Teachers will only release students to parents or a designated adult (when arranged ahead of time with the teacher). **Anyone other than the parent will need to show ID to pick up the child.**

### Absences/Makeup lessons/Tardiness

- SOTA teachers are committed to the lesson schedule agreed upon at the beginning of the semester. **Parents should make every effort to give the instructor 24 hours advance notice via email and text/phone call if a student needs to miss a lesson.** When proper notice is given, up to 2 makeup lessons will be offered to each student per lesson session (summer, fall, spring).
- Makeup lessons will not be offered, nor will tuition be refunded, for more than 2 missed lessons per student, per session, even with proper advance notice.
- If a student misses a scheduled lesson for any reason (illness, travel, forgetfulness, family emergencies) without advance notice, the instructor is not obligated to make up the lesson and no refund will be given.
- Lessons that are canceled by the instructor will be made up at a mutually agreed date/time. In the event that the instructor is unable to complete the total number of lessons scheduled before the end of the session, the tuition for those lessons will be refunded OR credited to a future SOTA session.

### Student Withdrawals/Refunds

- Students who withdraw from the SOTA program within two weeks of the first scheduled lesson are eligible for a 50% refund of the remaining balance only if the full semester of tuition has been paid.
- **After the second week, refunds cannot be given for any reason.**
- If a student misses more than 2 lessons per session without advance notice to the instructor (at least 24 hours in advance when possible), the student may be dropped from the SOTA program to make room for a student on the waiting list, and a refund will not be given for the remaining lessons.

### Non-Compete Agreement

- CCA recognizes that most SOTA teachers teach lessons or provide services for entities outside of CCA. Current instructors and those who leave the SOTA program must abide by the non-competes agreement they have signed which states that the instructor will not enter into an instructor/student relationship outside of the SOTA program with anyone in the CCA community, including people whom he/she has not previously taught, for a period of two years after his/her departure from the SOTA program. The instructor understands that to do so would be unethical and would violate the agreement he/she has signed. Parents, by signing the contract agreement, you also agree not to enter into a student/instructor arrangement with a SOTA instructor outside of our program either while the teacher is engaged by SOTA or for a period of two years following the teacher's departure from the SOTA program.

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