

MCAA FALL 2023 programs
All registration for private lessons and programs:
<https://millikin.asapconnected.com/>

Private Lessons

MCAA offers private lessons for ages 6 - adult in piano, voice, bass, violin, viola, cello, guitar, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments as well as group instruction through the Millikin Community Cello Choir, Millikin Community Percussion Ensemble and for singing, Millikin Community choir.

Instructors include School of Music faculty members, Preparatory faculty, and upper-level Millikin student instructors. Private lessons allow students to choose either 30-minute, 45-minute or 60-minute lessons which are offered monthly as well as on a semester basis in the fall, spring and summer. Students have the opportunity to perform in recitals held in Kaeuper Recital Hall at Millikin.

Millikin Community Cello Choir

Director: Dr. Keegan O'Donald

When: Tuesday, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Dates: TBD

Where: Perkins Music Center, Room 110

Performance:

Age: All ages are welcome with a minimum of 1 year of playing experience

Fee: \$165.00

This group provides cellists the opportunity to play together, develop ensemble skills and advance their individual playing levels in a fun and relaxed environment.

Millikin Community Percussion Ensemble

Director Aaron Villarreal

When: Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Dates: September 20th – December 6th with no rehearsal held October 25, or November 22

Where: Percussion House, Millikin University

Performance: December 9, 2023 at 3 pm, Kirkland 136

Age: Ages 10 and older with a minimum of 1 year of playing experience are welcome. Space is limited

Fee: \$165.00

The Millikin Percussion Ensemble, MCPE, is an ensemble open to all percussionists ages 5th grade and older who are interested in a group musical experience. This 10-week course welcomes percussionists of all performance levels with at least one year of playing experience. MCPE will rehearse and perform pieces written and arranged for percussionist ensembles in a variety of styles. This group provides percussionists the opportunity to play together, develop ensemble skills, and advance their individual playing levels in a fun and relaxed environment. 10-week session culminates in a Holiday Bash Concert, December 9 at 3 pm.

Millikin Community Group Piano Classes

Director Pei-I Wang

Tuesday, from 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Classes: Tuesdays from September 5 to November 14 with no class held on September 26

Age: 16+

Fee: \$165.00

Where: Perkins Music Center Room 213

This is a wonderful opportunity for beginning piano students seeking to develop music reading and piano skills while advancing their individual playing levels in a fun and relaxed environment.

Millikin Community Jazz Ensemble

Directed by Dr. David Moore and Dr. Emma Taylor

WHEN: Tuesdays, from 6:40 pm - 8:00 pm

DATES: August 29 - October 24 with no rehearsal held October 3, 2023

WHERE: Kirkland 136, Millikin University

FINAL CONCERT: October 29, 2023 at 2 pm

AGE: High school and older with a minimum of 1 year of playing experience are welcome.

FEE: \$165.00

MCJE welcomes area musicians' high school and older of all performance levels with at least one year of playing experience. Members will have the opportunity to rehearse and perform with other musicians as they develop their improvisational skills and perform music from the great American Songbook.

Questions: Contact Dr. David Moore; dmmore@millikin.edu

Decatur Youth Chorale Fall Program

Director Melissa Miller

WHEN: Tuesdays, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

DATES: September 5 – November 14, 2023

WHERE: Perkinson Music Center

FINAL CONCERT: November 14, 2023 at Kaeuper Hall

AGE: 4-18

FEE: \$100.00

The Decatur Youth Chorale is more than just singing! We believe music and the arts empowers and transforms lives in a positive way. Our choirs are open to all levels of experience which strives to build musicianship and long-lasting friendships in a joyful and creative atmosphere. The program will teach skills and technique of singing, provide a fun learning experience, performing opportunities and incorporate other musical elements with our singing such as drumming, dancing, and acting! Rehearsals will culminate in a performance for family and friends on November 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra

Director Dr. Neal Smith

Auditions: Tuesday, September 5, Thursday September 7, Wednesday September 13: 5:30 – 7:00 pm (Perkinson Music Center Room 218)

Rehearsals: Monday, from 5:15pm to 6:45 pm September 18 – November 27, 2023

Age: Middle School – High School

Fee: \$52.00 per semester

Where: Kirkland Fine Arts Center

The DYSO Program is a comprehensive musical training program for middle and high school instrumental students who play orchestral instruments and is focused on building musical

excellence at all stages of musical development. Program includes performance opportunities including:

- Winter Concert: Monday, November 27th
- Spring Concert: Sunday April 14th at 2 pm Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- Friday, May 31-Sunday, June 2, 2024
Heart of Illinois Youth Symphony Festival (Eastern IL Univ.)

For more information: contact Dr. Neal Smith:

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Music and Movement

Director Melissa Miller

Student Instructors: Adriana Martinez and Morgen Wier

When:

Session one: Saturdays, September 9 – October 14

Session two: Saturdays, October 21-December 2 (No class Saturday, November 25th)

Where: Perkins Music Center room 218

Ages: Infant - 4

Fee: \$40 for 6-week class. Space is limited

Music and Movement classes are designed for children pre-kindergarten and younger, and their caretaker. The classes consist of playful and enjoyable traditional folksongs and rhymes and are easily learned by caretaker and child and can be shared at home. This 6-week session is limited to 8 students and their caretaker to encourage participation and ensure a comfortable atmosphere.

Ages infants – 24 months: 9 am – 9:40 am

Ages 24 months to 4 years 9:50 am – 10:30 am

Beginning Ukulele Courses:

WHEN: Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:15 for students ages 8 – 11 at Perkinson Music Center Room 218
Wednesdays 6:15 – 7:00 for students 12 and older

Dates: Session 1: September 6-October 11

Session 2: October 18-November 29 (No class on Wednesday, November 22)

Where: Perkinson Music Center Room 218

Ages: 8 and older (8 – 11, 12 – adult)

Fee: \$60.00

In this fun 6-week session students will learn basic techniques to play the ukulele and challenge students to develop their own styles. Students are encouraged to sign up for both sessions but there are no pre-requisites. Each session ends in a mini performance for family and friends. Instruments available to borrow for class but not to take off campus.

Beginning Group Guitar Course:

WHEN: 7:00 – 7:45 pm

Dates: Session 1: September 6-October 11

Session 2: October 18-November 29 (No class on Wednesday, November 22)

Where: Perkinson Music Center Room 218

Ages: 12 – adult

Fee: \$60.00

Join our Group Guitar course and enjoy the learning process with others! This is a great way to learn to play the guitar! Students will learn ensemble pieces together, gain improvisational skills and jam to their favorite songs! Each session ends with a group performance.

