PARENT CONTRACT

Once this form is signed and submitted, you will be able to register for fall semester 2014. Classes and lessons will begin on Monday, August 25, 2014. The first parent meeting (required) will be held TBA. All lessons, classes, and meetings take place on the University of Utah campus.

If you have any questions that are not answered in this form, please email Dr. Kasia Sokol-Borup, the program director, at sokol.borup@utah.edu. For information about registration, tuition payment, and any other technical questions, please contact Hao Doan at prepdiv@music.utah.edu or 801-581-7811.

Teaching Philosophy

Each child is different, special, and individual. We love teaching because through it we help each child grow, develop, and discover the world. All of this is done through music learning. Learning how to play a string instrument well is a very complicated process for a young person, so we require for each child to have a person who brings them to all lessons and classes, and who will participate in those classes by observing and taking note of all that is being taught. Then, take it home, and practice! Each child is required to practice six times per week. Beginners will need to devote 15 to 30 minutes of time to daily practice. These practice sessions will be done not alone, but with the participating parent or a caregiver. We believe that only when a good relationship exists between parent, student, and teacher, real learning happens. We feel privileged to be a part of the wonderful process of helping each child grow, and we love the fact that we do it with the parent in the room, one lesson and one class at a time.

Program Description

The University of Utah String Preparatory Division is a program designed for children ages 3-18. We offer violin, viola, and cello instruction. Each participating student takes one weekly individual lesson (length depends on level of playing; beginners register for 30-minute lessons) and a one-hour weekly group class. Beginner students will have an additional weekly practice session with one of the University of Utah String Pedagogy graduate assistants. Group lessons include: group playing, solo playing, theory, and ear training.

Calendar

The UoUUSPD follows the academic calendar of the University of Utah. The 2014-2015 class and lesson schedule is as follows:
**KidMusic**
Friday 10:30 am
Location: West Institute Building, Chapel
This class is designed for children ages 3-5. It is a precursor to the beginning strings classes. Children will learn basic musicianship skills and explore various string instruments.

**Beginner Strings**
Beginner violin/viola class – Monday 4:30-5:30 pm
Location: David Gardner Hall, Room 318
This class is designed for students who have never played a stringed instrument before. We will only accept children ages 6-8.

Beginner lessons – all beginner lessons will be held on Fridays from 2-6 pm and on Wednesdays from 4-6 pm. Specific times for each student will be assigned the third week of August, after registration is closed.

**Whistler Class I**
Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm
Location: West Institute Building, Chapel
This class is designed for students who have completed Suzuki Book I and can read music.

**Whistler Class II**
Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm
Location: West Institute Building, Chapel
This class is designed for students who have completed Suzuki Book II and are in a process of learning how to shift and vibrate.

**Mazas Class**
Monday 5:30-6:30 pm
Location: David Gardner Hall, Room 318
This class is designed for students who have completed Suzuki Book III, can shift and play comfortably in I and III position, are learning II and IV positions, and can vibrate.

**Cello Classes**
Beginner cello class – Thursday 4:00 pm, West Institute, Room 110
Intermediate cello class – Thursday 4:00 pm, West Institute, Room 250
BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AGREE THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL NEED TO BE PRESENT AT ALL LESSONS AND CLASSES IN WHICH MY CHILD IS PARTICIPATING.

Name of the student ____________________________________________

Name of the parent/caregiver ______________________________________

Signature of the parent/caregiver ________________________________

Date________________________

Contact phone number______________________________