



Woodridge Music Academy^{LLC}



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Contact Information

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All new information and changes are highlighted in yellow.

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Weekly Rehearsal Venue: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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(school building)

Rehearsals are held every Thursday evening beginning late August through May.

Summer rehearsals are held every Thursday evening beginning June through early August.

Websites: www.woodridgemusicacademy.com

www.wmafineartscompetition.com

www.woodridgemusicstudio.com

Social Media:

Facebook: Woodridge Music Academy & Studio

Instagram: Woodridge Music

YouTube: Woodridge Music Academy Singers

Tik Tok: Woodridge Music Academy Singers

Welcome and Mission Statement

Welcome to Woodridge Music Academy!

Whether you are a new or a returning family, we are honored to bring your children a quality music education. Thank you for your involvement and commitment as we strive toward a great year together with many musical opportunities for you and your children.

For many students, and especially home school students, a quality music education program is not readily available. The classes offered by the academy provide students with a broader educational experience, while also developing the student musically, socially, and spiritually. Each class is developmentally designed to teach age-appropriate musical skills. Students are taught the disciplines of music reading and vocal and instrumental techniques, which also develop leadership skills and team camaraderie.

Woodridge Music Academy offers quality music education in the Central Indiana Area. We are a faith-based music academy that desires to teach students to enjoy music, and develop their God-given talents and abilities to be used in their homes, schools, and local churches.

Woodridge Music Academy was founded in 2007 as a choral component to the Central Indiana Home School Band in Martinsville, Indiana. In 2013, the choir became a separate music academy with an annual enrollment of over 100 students.

**“Not by might,
nor by power,
but by My spirit,
saith the Lord”**

Zechariah 4:6

CLASS SCHEDULE

New classes are highlighted

<u>Time</u>	<u>Large Motor Room</u>	<u>Girl Scout Room</u>	<u>Preschool Room #1</u>	<u>Preschool Room #2</u>
4:30 – 5:00/15	Flute Ensemble (4:30 – 5:15)		Beginning Violin Class (4:30 – 5:00)	Preschool Prodigies® (ages 3 – 5)
5:00 – 5:30/45 Instrumentals		HS Bell Choir 5:00 – 5:30 (grades 8 – 12)	String Ensemble (5:00 – 5:45)	
5:30 – 6:00		Middle School Bell Choir (grades 5 – 7)		Preschool Prodigies® (ages 3 – 5)
5:45 – 7:00 6:00 – 7:00	High School Choir (grades 8-12)	Middle School Choir (6:00 – 7:00) (grades 5 – 7)		Elementary Choir (6:00 – 7:00) (grades 1 – 4)
7:00 – 8:30	Collegiate Choir/ WMA Singers	Folk Dancing (7:00 – 7:30) (grades 4 – 12 through Sept 23 for Waverly Festival. No extra charge for this class.)		



Building Policies

As guests at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School, please show proper respect for the facilities by following these guidelines as requested by the church and school:

1. Please follow proper driving/parking procedures in regards to the “One Way” directional signs. There may be weeks when parking is unavailable, due to a church event. In that case, student drop off/pick up is necessary.
2. Please check for ALL belongings before leaving the building each week. Lost and Found items will be stored in our designated closets.
3. Please dispose of all trash in the proper containers.
4. Please do not allow young students to sit in the hallway cubicles.
5. Please do not allow students to touch anything in the classrooms that is not the property of WMA.
6. Please do not bring balls to the Luther Hall (lower level). Card games and board games may be enjoyed if students are having to wait.
7. The playground equipment is to be enjoyed by students in 6th grade and under. **Please check for all belongings before leaving the playground.**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

For the safety and the well-being of our students, we ask the parents to help with the following guidelines regarding arrival and dismissal:

1. All elementary students will be signed in and picked up by a parent or a driving sibling.
2. Elementary students will not be allowed to leave the building without a parent or high school/collegiate sibling.
3. In the event that parking is unavailable on certain nights, parents or driving sibling will drop off and pick up students by texting the teacher. The teacher or the teacher’s assistant will dismiss each student at the door.
4. Please drop off and pick up student(s) on time. If a parent is going to be late, please text the teacher.
5. **As of this year, Prince of Peace has strongly suggested that we operate within a locked building policy. This is to ensure the safety of all of our students and families. A staff member will always be available just inside the door to allow access to late-comers. Once classes have started, the doors will be locked.**

Vocal Choirs & Classes

Prodigies®

(Ages 3 – 5/K)



We firmly believe that a child’s music education should begin early in life. Woodridge Music Academy has partnered with Prodigies® to bring early childhood music education to young children ages 3 – 5 or through kindergarten. Each week consists of a 30-minute video series play along with Mr. Rob. Students receive a certificate for completing each chapter of Prodigies® every 8 weeks.

“From singing with echo songs, to hand signing with solfege, to playing your first instrument, Prodigies makes the language of art and music fun and easy to learn.” - Mr. Rob

Elementary Choir

(Grades 1 – 4)

This class is a general music class and choir for young elementary students with no musical experience, as well as students with 1-2 years’ musical experience. Students will learn to...

Read rhythm patterns and notation

Play rhythm patterns on rhythm instruments

Sing and sign solfege hand signs

Conduct simple meters

Identify the various orchestral instruments

Middle School Choir

(Grades 5 – 7)

NEW this year! This choir is for students who have had a least one or more years of elementary choir experience, or have taken private/group lessons and are already progressing in their musical skills. This choir prepares the students for high school choir. Students sing 2- and 3- part pieces in both English and Latin.

High School Choir

(Grades 8 – 12)

Students sing a variety of genres including Latin, Classical (which includes Baroque, Romantic, and 20th Century) Folk, Spirituals, Classic Broadway, Patriotic, and Sacred Arrangements. All new students audition for voice quality and part placement. Students do not need to have choral experience or strong reading skills, but **must have the ability to sing on pitch**. Membership is at the discretion of the director. Students may audition or be asked to join smaller ensembles. There is no additional cost for ensemble membership.

Collegiate Choir

(Grade 11 – Young Adult)

The Collegiate Choir is a more advanced music group for high school juniors and seniors, college-aged students, and young adults. The choir focuses on sight singing, a capella arrangements, and advanced concert material. The choir performs at various community events and concerts. Current high school juniors and seniors may join at the discretion of the director as auxiliary students, plus the cost of concert attire. Eligible students must be able to sight read parts and have several years of choral experience.

WMA Singers

(Grade 11 – Young Adult)

This is an elite group of outstanding current and former singers. Most of the members are currently in the collegiate choir. Former students and some high school students create this exceptional group of singers to make recordings and videos.

Collegiate Summer Ministry (Grade 11 – Young Adult)

The Collegiate Choir forms a new traveling group each summer. Current students as well as former and new students who are home for the summer may join by audition. Rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings throughout the summer in preparation to sing for community events and in local churches on Sunday evenings. College-age and adult instrumentalists may also join the summer ministry team. The ministry team takes one overnight performance trip at the end of each summer.

Instrumental Classes and Ensembles

Middle School Hand Chime Choir

(Grades 5 – 7)

This is a beginning hand chime choir to prepare students for the more advanced hand chime choir. This class emphasizes the important skills of rhythm, music reading and ensemble playing. The class size is limited to 12 members. This newly formed choir will participate in concerts and competition.

High School Hand Chime Choir

(Grades 8 – 12)

Music reading is a prerequisite for membership. Students learn the importance of ensemble playing, keeping a steady tempo, and team work. This choir performs at concerts, competition, and community events. Consistent attendance is a requirement to be a member. Enrollment is limited in this group. Additional students will be used as “understudies” so rehearsals may continue uninterrupted.

Flute Ensemble

(Grade 7 – adult)

The flute ensemble practices weekly in preparation for community events and concerts. All players must audition for the director, and be able to play basic scales and sightread sections for part placement.

Beginning Violin Class

This is a new class for beginning violin students of any age! The class will cover all the basics in starting a new instrument, including the correct sizing, rental information, music, etc.

String Ensemble

The string ensemble practices weekly in preparation for community events and concerts. All players must audition for the director, and be able to play basic scales and sightread sections for part placement. All string instruments are welcome – violin, viola, cello.

Referral Program

Refer a family to join Woodridge Music Academy and receive a \$25 gift card for both you and the new family!



TUITION

Prodigies®, Elementary, High School Choirs

# of Students	Month	Quarter	Semester
1	\$40	\$80	\$160
2	\$75	\$150	\$310
3-4	\$100	\$200	\$400

Bell Choirs, Instrumental Ensembles

# of Students	Month	Quarter	Semester
1	\$20	\$40	\$80
2	\$35	\$70	\$140
3	\$45	\$90	\$180

Collegiate/WMA Singers

# of Students	Month	Quarter	Semester
1	\$40	\$80	\$160
2* married couple discount	\$75	\$150	\$310

Registration Fees

\$15 per track (Choral or Instrumental)

Dress Code

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:27)

We firmly believe that God made only two genders – male and female. We accept, adhere to and acknowledge the gender God created and has purposed for each individual. Therefore, we believe males should look like males and females should look like females. Our appearance and clothing choices should not draw undue attention to ourselves, or become a stumbling block to those in whom we come into contact. Our appearance should always reflect the glory of God our Creator. Therefore, we ask that you please refrain from wearing the following while at rehearsals:

- No low cut, see-through, bare-midriff, or tank tops, or spaghetti strap tops
- No short shorts. All shorts must come to the knee
- No undergarments should be showing
- No holey jeans
- No leggings/jeggings
- No clothing promoting rock bands, pop/rock culture, or any worldly culture
(i.e. Peace Signs, Nazi Symbols, LGBT rainbows, etc.)

Guys – Hair should be short and neatly trimmed for performances (i.e. off the eyebrows, ears, collar)

Girls – May wear neat, clean jeans (without holes) dress slacks, capris, knee-length shorts, or skirts/dresses. Please keep modesty in mind at all times.

Please refrain from unnaturally colored hair for group pictures and all performances.

High School Credit

High School students grades 9 – 12 may earn a fine arts credit for each semester enrolled to be applied towards the state requirement. Students may receive ½ credit per semester enrolled. (One credit per full year.) Certificates are given to seniors at the end of each spring semester.

Elementary Progress Reports & Promotions

At the end of each quarter, elementary students and parents will receive a progress report on the student's musical progress. This will help keep parents, students, and teachers accountable and on track so that each student is striving toward their musical goals. Young students have so many opportunities available to them as they grow and develop musically through their years in the academy. Consistent attendance plays a vital role in each student's progress, and is taken into consideration at each quarter. If a student is struggling musically, private music lessons may help the student. The academy teachers can recommend many private teachers.

Promotion to the next level choir is a great incentive to each student. Sometimes a student needs another semester **or year** in the current class before becoming eligible for promotion. The academy promotes elementary students at the Christmas concert (for second semester), and at the spring concert (for the following year).

Attendance

Consistent attendance is vital to any young musician's growth and development. Practice at home is also extremely beneficial. If a student is ill or is aware of an upcoming absence, please text the teacher ahead of time so the rehearsal time can be adjusted if needed. Every student is important in every class.

Concert Attire

Elementary Students:

Boys: White, pressed, long-sleeved dress shirts

Black dress pants with belt

Black socks and black dress shoes

Bow ties will be given to the boys to wear at performance time and must be returned immediately following each performance.

Girls: White (not off-white) long-sleeved or 3/4 length shirts or blouses

Black skirt at least to the knees

Black hose/tights and black dress shoes

(Please no colored belts or hair accessories that would distract from the group).

Middle School and High School Students:

Girls:

Ready-made dresses are ordered twice a year from Formal Fashions, Inc. The cost of each black dress is \$75.00. There is an extra \$10.00 charge for larger sizes. To view the selected dress, go to www.formalfashionsinc.com and type in 4855AA-E in the search item style. The dresses come unhemmed and extra-long. Each dress will need to be hemmed 1" from the floor while wearing performance shoes. Girls will need to wear black hose and black closed-toe shoes. Used dresses may be available for sale at the Swap-N-Shop table during Opening Orientation Night and through the first few weeks of rehearsals.

Boys: Tuxedo shirts and vests are ordered twice a year from Formal Fashions, Inc. The shirts are \$17.00 each and the vests are \$26.00. (\$43.00 total) Bow ties are provided by the director and must be returned after each performance. Boys will provide their own black dress pants with belt, black dress socks and shoes.

Please be sure to turn in order forms by the established date if new attire is needed.

Collegiate Summer Ministry Attire:

Men: Black dress pants, white long-sleeve dress shirt, black shoes
Purchased tie: \$12.00

Women: Purchased light-weight floor length dress: \$36.00

Fine Arts Competition & Festivals

Woodridge Music Academy offers a full day fine arts competition the first Thursday in March. The purpose of the competition is to allow students to display their God-given talents, while competing with other students in areas of art, drama, and music. The students are judged by professional, well-qualified judges in their area of expertise. The competition is open to all home school students and students in grades 4 – 12 who attend schools that do not participate in any other competitions.

Please see website for complete rules and registration forms:

www.wmafineartscompetition.com

BAND & CHOIR FESTIVALS

High School students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in either a band or choral festival workshop led by skilled guest conductors. The festival work shop rehearsals are scheduled later in the day following all competition categories.

Students obtain the festival music months prior to the competition day and learn their respective instrumental or vocal parts ahead of time. The festival band and choir are open to both competing and non-competing students. The festival band and choir, along with the Best of Show from several categories, perform in the closing Awards Ceremony 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Competition Day is the highlight of our year.

Festival Band

Best of Show

Festival Choir

Winning Drama Performance

Winning Musical Performances

Winning Art Work Displayed