



Yellow Springs  
Youth Orchestra  
Association

*fostering a life-long passion for music*

# Directory of Music Teachers in the Yellow Springs Area 2025

Dear Friends,

The Yellow Springs Youth Orchestra Association (YSYOA) has supported music education in the Yellow Springs area for over 60 years. We foster musical opportunities for vocalists and instrumentalists of all types, at all levels and all ages (youth and adult). Our hope is this directory will be of help to those searching for a music teacher. If you are interested in scholarship assistance for music lessons, there is a scholarship application at [ysyoa.org](http://ysyoa.org) (scroll down and click on “YSYOA Scholarship Application”) or you can email [YSYOAmusic@gmail.com](mailto:YSYOAmusic@gmail.com) for more information.

Listings in this directory are informational only and do not constitute an endorsement by YSYOA. If you are a teacher and interested in being listed, send a message to the above email address.

*Suzanne Grote*

*President, YSYOA Board of Directors*



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YSYOA*

# PIANO

## **Tucki Bailey**

[tuckib12@gmail.com](mailto:tuckib12@gmail.com): 626-665-3335

*Instrument(s)*: Piano, saxophone, and “popular”vocal

*Age group*: 6 to 106 years old

*Location*: Dayton and Yellow Springs locations

## **Dr. Jenny Cruz**

[jcruz@centralstate.edu](mailto:jcruz@centralstate.edu)

*Instrument*: Piano

*Age group*: all ages

*Location*: Wilberforce on Central State University’s campus or downtown Dayton

*More info*: I’ve been teaching privately since 1996 and at Central State University since 2006. My current piano studio has students ranging in age from kindergarten to adults. I love teaching music theory, so if you want to nerd out with me on the “why,” I’m here for it. I have a B.M. in Performance from Indiana University – South Bend, a M.M. in Performance from Manhattan School of Music, and a D.M.A in Performance from University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music. I became a beginning adult student in guitar during COVID, so I’ve been reminded what it feels like to be a humble beginner. Let’s play!

## **Caryn Diamond**

937-825-6481

*Instrument(s)*: Beginning to intermediate piano and beginning to intermediate trumpet

*Age group*: all ages

*Location*: Yellow Springs (412 Dayton St.)

## **PIANO (Cont.)**

### **Heidi Graff**

[Heidi.s.graff@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.s.graff@gmail.com); 920-428-9585

*Instrument:* Piano

*Age group:* 5 yr to adult

*Location:* Cedarville

*More info:* I have had 5 years of teaching experience and hold a BA in music from the University of Iowa. She has studied at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music as well as the Yamaha Music school.

### **Amy Hathaway**

[appleseedmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:appleseedmusic@hotmail.com); 315-400-9922

*Instrument:* Piano

*Age group:* 6 to adult

*Location:* 360 E. Main St., Enon

*More info:* I have 25 years experience teaching piano. I am teaching online Monday and Thursday, and in person in Enon on Wednesday. I focus on reading music and playing music in a space with other teachers in Yellow Springs as well. style the student enjoys (classical, pop, rock, musicals, etc.) I'm interested in sharing a studio

### **James Johnston**

[delphi@ameritech.net](mailto:delphi@ameritech.net)

*Instrument(s):* Piano, violin, viola

*Age group:* All

*Location:* First Presbyterian Church, 314 Xenia Ave., Yellow Springs

*More info:* Lessons at all levels; vocal coaching, conducting, composition, notation, orchestration

## PIANO (Cont.)

### **Barbara Leeds**

[leedspianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:leedspianostudio@gmail.com); 937-527-6292 (text/call)

*Instrument(s):* Piano and Pipe Organ

*Age group:* Age 6 to adult

*Location:* Yellow Springs

*More info:* Studied at Wilmington College and University of Cincinnati College/Conservatory of Music, Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance with a minor in Piano Pedagogy. Barbara teaches a reading-approach, also welcoming students who play by ear and wish to gain reading skills. Barbara brings a diverse musical background to her teaching as she is still an active performer in the worlds of classical music, musical theater, gospel and choral music, pop and jazz. Lessons are offered during the summer as well as the school year.

### **Cindy Oleynik**

[ckaydo@gmail.com](mailto:ckaydo@gmail.com); 630-926-6597 (voice or text)

*Instrument(s):* Beginning to intermediate piano

*Age groups:* 5 years and up; returning and beginning students welcome

*Location:* 1415 Spillan Rd., Yellow Springs (my home or yours)

*More info:* 20 years of teaching; experienced in working with students that learn differently

## PIANO (Cont.)

### Alex Polotsky

[redrabbitplanet@gmail.com](mailto:redrabbitplanet@gmail.com); 937-416-7773

*Instrument(s)*: Beginning to intermediate piano

*Location*: 322 S. Stafford St., Yellow Springs

(See full description under “Strings”)

## STRINGS

### Simone Stave Demarzi

[Sdemarzi@gmail.com](mailto:Sdemarzi@gmail.com), 916-802-2242

*Instrument(s)* Beginning cello

*Age group(s)*: all ages

*Location*: Yellow Springs

### James Johnston

[delphi@ameritech.net](mailto:delphi@ameritech.net)

*Instrument(s)*: Piano, violin, viola

(See complete description under “Piano”)

### Matt Minde

[mminde@ysnews.com](mailto:mminde@ysnews.com); 937-767-2330

*Instrument(s)*: Cello, guitar, mandolin, recorder, harmonica.

*Age group(s)*: Any and all

*Location*: Yellow Springs

*More info*: Also offers ear training, vocal harmonization, and instruction regarding audio recording and live performance skills.

## STRINGS (Cont.)

### Janet Ogg

[janetoggmusic@gmail.com](mailto:janetoggmusic@gmail.com); Text or call: 937)212-4085

*Instrument(s)* : Guitar, beginners – intermediate; Drumset, snare beginners - advanced;

Songwriting - any level

*Age Group*: 7 - adult

*Location*: My home studio in Huber Heights or I will come to you for an extra fee.

*More info*: Wright State University, Berklee College of Music; 50+ years of professional playing and teaching experience.

### Alex Polotsky

[redrabbitplanet@gmail.com](mailto:redrabbitplanet@gmail.com); 937-416-7773

*Instrument(s)*: guitar (any genre, finger style and flat picking) bass, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, as well as beginner to intermediate piano.

*Age group(s)*: Beginners to advanced on any of the string instruments listed. All age groups.

*Location*: 322 S. Stafford, Yellow Springs

*More info*: Playing guitar, performing and teaching for more than 20 years.

### Marna Street

[streetmusician@live.com](mailto:streetmusician@live.com); 513-236-0248

*Instrument(s)*: Violin and viola

*Age group(s)* Ages 4 to 104

*Location*: Yellow Springs

*More info*: Sage Strings; Graduate of the Julliard School; 43 years with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Nippert Endowed Chair for viola and currently Principal Viola Emerita

## WIND INSTRUMENTS

### **Caryn Diamond**

937-825-6481

*Instrument(s):* Beginning to intermediate piano and beginning to intermediate trumpet

*Age group:* all ages

*Location:* 412 Dayton St., Yellow Springs

### **David Diamond**

937-286-2511

*Instrument(s):* Trumpet, jazz and improvisation instruction, Music masterclasses, all genres

*Age group:* all ages

*Location:* 412 Dayton St., Yellow Springs

### **Gretchen Germann, GIFT Flute Studio**

[gretchen@giftflutestudio.com](mailto:gretchen@giftflutestudio.com); 937-430-5270

*Instrument(s):* Flute, piccolo, alto flute

*Age group:* Age 7 through adult

*Location:* 5025 Bokay Drive, Kettering 45440

*Website:* [www.giftflutestudio.com](http://www.giftflutestudio.com)

*More info:* Studio has equal parts student and adult; opportunities to participate in studio classes, small ensembles, solo opportunities, and masterclasses with guest artists.

### **Zavaan Johnson**

[zavaanj@yahoo.com](mailto:zavaanj@yahoo.com); 937-239-1563 (cell/text)

*Instrument(s):* Saxophone and clarinet

*Age group:* All ages, all levels

*Location:* Centerville (Hauer Music), Yellow Springs

*More info:* Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music; 4 decades of experience teaching students aged 9 to 90 years old.



## **WIND INSTRUMENTS (Cont.)**

### **Carrie Sandberg**

[sandcarda@gmail.com](mailto:sandcarda@gmail.com); 937-956-2692

*Instrument:* Oboe

*Age group:* 11 and up

*Location:* South Beavercreek

*More info:* I have taught private lessons for about 20 years. I have a masters degree in oboe performance from Brigham Young University. I teach from home or at local schools depending on the student.

### **Haley Kendall**

[haleydkendall@yahoo.com](mailto:haleydkendall@yahoo.com); 937-270-9229 (mobile)

*Instrument(s):* Clarinet

*Age group:* 9+

*Location:* McCutcheon Music, Centerville; also teaches from home in Kettering.

### **Inger Neighbours**

513-300-9102

*Instrument:* Flute

*Age group:* all ages

*Location:* Yellow Springs

### **Abigail Turnmire**

saksewfone@gmail.com; 937-441-4151

*Instrument:* Saxophone

*Age group:* all ages

*Location:* Yellow Springs (124 Kenneth Hamilton Way)

*More info:* I can teach any age and still level, focusing on classical style

## **WIND INSTRUMENTS (Cont.)**

### **Richard York**

[rwYork28@gmail.com](mailto:rwYork28@gmail.com); 937-360-1505 (leave a message)

*Instrument(s)*: Clarinet and bass clarinet

*Age group*: Ages 9 - adult

*Location*: 2600 Ridge Rd, Springfield, OH 45502

*More info*: 50 years principal clarinet in Springfield Symphony and clarinet instructor at Wittenberg University. Founding member of Triple Bond woodwind trio.

## **VOCAL**

### **Tucki Bailey**

[tuckib12@gmail.com](mailto:tuckib12@gmail.com); 626-665-3335

*Instrument(s)*: “Popular” vocal

**(See complete description under “Piano”)**

### **James Johnston**

[delphi@ameritech.net](mailto:delphi@ameritech.net)

*Instrument(s)*: Piano, violin, viola, vocal coaching

**(See complete description under “Piano”)**

### **Beverly Logan**

[loganbks@gmail.com](mailto:loganbks@gmail.com); 937-767-8719; 937-561-8233 (mobile)

*Instrument(s)* Voice, group and individual voice lessons

*Age group*: All ages

*Location*: Yellow Springs

*More info*: Lessons are free, but only teaching via Zoom;  
Improve your singing and have fun doing it.

## Vocal (Cont.)

### Will Mattox

[wpmattox@gmail.com](mailto:wpmattox@gmail.com)

*Instrument(s):* Voice

*Age group:* 10 to adult

*Location:* Yellow Springs

*More info:* I taught voice at Wittenberg for the past 10 years. I have exposure to Italian, French, and especially German repertoire. I can also teach musical theater.

### Matt Minde

[mminde@ysnews.com](mailto:mminde@ysnews.com); 937-767-2330; 937-561-8233 (text)

*Instruments:* Ear training, Vocal harmonization

*Location:* Yellow Springs

**(See complete description under “Strings”)**

## PERCUSSION

### Dr. Jacob Ottmer

[jaottmer@gmail.com](mailto:jaottmer@gmail.com)

*Instrument(s):* Percussion

*Age group:* all ages

*Location:* Central State University

*Availability:* I am only available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5 pm onward

*More info:* Experience in drum corps like Santa Clara Vanguard, indoor drumline, as well as orchestra/classical. Focus can be on mallet instruments, snare drum, timpani, etc. I serve as Principal Percussionist at the Lima Symphony, and frequently perform with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra. Attended CCM in Cincinnati for both my Master's and Doctorate.

## PERCUSSION (Cont.)

**Janet Ogg**

[janetoggmusic@gmail.com](mailto:janetoggmusic@gmail.com); Text or call: 937)212-4085

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*Instrument(s):* Guitar - beginners through intermediate;

Drumset, snare - beginners to advanced; Songwriting - any level

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*More info:* Wright State University and Berklee College of Music

50+ years of professional playing and teaching experience.

## COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENTS

### **Cedarville University**

Dept. of Music and Worship, 251 N. Main St. Cedarville, OH  
937-766-7728

Website: <https://www.cedarville.edu/academic-schools-and-departments/music-and-worship/music>.

Music lessons may be available from music department staff or music students. Those interested can contact staff via the directory available here:

<https://www.cedarville.edu/academic-schools-and-departments/music-and-worship/faculty-staff>

For more information contact:

[musicandworship@cedarville.edu](mailto:musicandworship@cedarville.edu) or 937-766-7728.

## **COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENTS (Cont.)**

### **Sinclair Community College**

Department of Music, Building 2 Room 220, 444 W. 3rd St.,  
Dayton, Ohio

937-512-4580

Website: <https://www.sinclair.edu/academics/divisions/lcs/mus/>

For lessons, contact Sheri Fazzari. Lessons are available in 30 or 60 minute slots for registered adults. Junior high and high school students may be eligible through the college credit plus program set up through their school or home school. Lessons are available for vocal and a wide range of instruments.

For more information contact: [sheri.fazzari@sinclair.edu](mailto:sheri.fazzari@sinclair.edu) or 937-512-4580

### **University of Dayton**

Dept. of Music, O'Reilly Hall, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH  
937-229-3936

Website:

<https://udayton.edu/artssciences/academics/music/index.php>

Music lessons are available through the private studios of music department staff. The list of faculty is available here:

<https://udayton.edu/arts-sciences/academics/music/faculty-staff.php>

For more information: [musadms@udayton.edu](mailto:musadms@udayton.edu)

## **COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENTS (Cont.)**

### **Wright State University**

School of Fine and Performing Arts, Department of Music  
Wright State University, Dayton, OH  
937-775-2346

Website: <https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/music>

Music lessons are available through the private studios of music department staff. The faculty list is available here:

<https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/faculty-and-staff-directory-by-program#music>

For more information contact: [sofpa@wright.edu](mailto:sofpa@wright.edu)

## **MUSIC STORES**

### **Kincaid's Music**

1325 W 1st St.  
Springfield, OH 45504  
937-325-7071  
<https://www.kincaidsmusic.com/pages/lessons>

### **Hauer Music**

528 Miamisburg Centerville Rd  
Centerville, OH 45458  
800-544-2837  
<https://www.hauermusic.com/music-lessons-hauer-music-dayton-ohio/>

## **MUSIC STORES (Cont.)**

### **McCutcheon Music**

38 Marco Lane  
Centerville, Ohio 45458

937-435-2900

<https://mccutcheonmusic.com/>

### **School of Rock Beavercreek**

2850-C Centre Drive, Suite 6

Beavercreek, OH 45324

937-912-1010

<https://schoolofrock.com/locations/beavercreek>