



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 (scroll down and click on “YSYOA Scholarship Application”) or you can email 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; 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

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; 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; 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

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; 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; 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; 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, 916-802-2242

Instrument(s) Beginning cello

Age group(s): all ages

Location: Yellow Springs

James Johnston

delphi@ameritech.net

Instrument(s): Piano, violin, viola

(See complete description under “Piano”)

Matt Minde

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; 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; 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; 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 Juilliard 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; 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

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; 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; 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; 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 skill level, focusing on classical style

WIND INSTRUMENTS (Cont.)

Richard York

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; 626-665-3335

Instrument(s): “Popular” vocal

(See complete description under “Piano”)

James Johnston

delphi@ameritech.net

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

(See complete description under “Piano”)

Beverly Logan

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

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; 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

Instrument: 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.

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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 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 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

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

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>