

Artist Musician Program at The Music Clubhouse

August, 2023 – May, 2024

The Artist Musician Program (AMP) provides a rich environment for musical growth for high-achieving piano students. Both the Junior and Senior AMP divisions are tailored to fit highly ambitious students who thrive on challenge and inspiration to reach their highest potential.

Entry Requirements

Junior AMP students must be studying late elementary classical literature and beyond.

Senior AMP students must be studying intermediate classical literature and beyond.

Entrance to either division is not based on age or grade.

To enter this program, students must have the endorsement of their private teacher.

Tuition

Junior AMP - \$210

Senior AMP - \$260

The annual tuition for participation in the Artist Musicians Program is in addition to the student's private lesson tuition and is due in full by September 10, 2023. This non-refundable fee covers all additional instruction and studio class materials. For Senior AMP students, this fee also covers the cost of our concert excursions. Checks (payable to The Music Clubhouse) can be mailed to The Music Clubhouse, 1245 New Hampshire St., Lawrence, KS 66044, or tuition can be paid electronically through Venmo. Our Venmo username is Music-Clubhouse-111.

Piano Literature and Technical Skills

The repertoire will emphasize classical literature. As part of their study, students will learn and play music from all eras of keyboard literature. Students will use listening and writing exercises to augment their literature development. The student will also achieve technical proficiency by mastering a series of skills (scales, chords, arpeggios, etudes, etc.) as outlined by the teacher in lessons.

Practice Requirements

Students must be committed to a practice routine that enables significant progress in technical work and repertoire with daily work that is at least as long as the private lesson. Thus, a student who takes a 45-minute weekly lesson would be expected to practice no less than 45 minutes daily.

Studio Classes

Students will attend one-hour studio classes at The Music Clubhouse on the first Sunday of each month from September through May (with the exception of January - no class that month). The purpose of studio class is to provide extra performance opportunities, to inspire and learn from each other, and to foster a sense of community and friendship, and is designed for students who aspire to push the boundaries of their own abilities. The schedule for these is as follows:

*Junior AMP: Sundays at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

*Senior AMP: Sundays at 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Studio Class Dates:

September 3

October 1

November 5

December 3

January: NO CLASS

February 4

March 3

April 7

May 5

Artist Musician Recital

On Thursday evening, May 30, 2024, The Music Clubhouse will hold an Artist Musician Recital featuring only AMP students. Students will perform from memory in most cases. This event will be publicized in the community. Artist Musicians also play on the regular Music Clubhouse recitals so that all of our students can benefit from hearing advanced performances. Other performances open to AMP students are Lawrence Accredited Music Teacher Association recitals, special master classes, and other arranged community performances.

Auditions and Competitions

We encourage AMP students to enter special auditions and competitions, such as the Kansas Music Teachers Association (KMTA) district and state auditions. More advanced students might enter concerto competitions offered by the Kansas City Music Teachers Association (KCMTA) and the Midwest Chamber Orchestra. AMP students are required to participate in KCMTA's Music Progressions (performance critique and theory and listening tests). The instructor will announce these opportunities to students as appropriate. Most require an entry fee separate from the AMP program fee.

Concert Excursions for Senior AMP Students*

To inspire and teach students, The Music Clubhouse will organize two concert excursions so that students see and hear some of the best pianists to visit the region. The intent is for students and teachers to have shared experiences that are both fun and stimulating, experiences that enhance the teaching/learning process, and celebrate the joy of making music. Chaperones will be recruited and compensated for transportation to and from events.

Fall concert excursion:

Sunday, October 8, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts/Helzberg Hall

Kansas City Symphony with Yefim Bronfman (pianist) playing Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2

Spring concert excursion:

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8:00 p.m.

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts/Helzberg Hall

Kansas City Symphony with Joyce Yang (pianist) play Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1

*Junior AMP students are welcome to join but must do so with a parent or guardian, and will need to purchase a ticket as it is not included in the yearly fee.