

YACM - CORE-ARTS Elective Class Descriptions

Spring 2020 | January 20 - May 30

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Class Fees (Class fees do not include the cost of instrument, computer, or book.)

SMC CORE ARTS Student: 1 Class a Semester - Included in Fees

NON CORE ARTS / Extra Class Fee: \$247.50 (4.5 mo)

Beginning Guitar

Taught by Lee Bob Watson | TUE 5:30 - 6:30

In this course, learn the basics of guitar including skills such as playing chords and common chord progressions that you can use to play your favorite songs. This group class will also focus on technical skills such as strumming technique, grip, and playing as a group. Please bring your own guitar.

Piano Proficiency

Taught by Wanda Cook | WED 5:30-6:30

This course is designed to teach piano basics to non-piano playing musicians. Vocalists and instrumentalists are both encouraged to take the course. Learn piano technique and fundamentals, and work on your skills reading chords and playing with both hands independently.

World Music and Percussion

Taught by Matthew Thomas | TUE 4:30 - 5:30

Explore several different music styles from around the world, including different musical scales and instruments. Take a look at Indian ragas, Gamelan, African drumming, and more. This class will feature interactive drum circles where you can put your knowledge into practice.

Composition

Taught by Eric Woodcock and Sarah Blaine | THU 5:00 - 6:00

This class will outline the basic principles of composition in regards to writing for voice, piano, percussion, strings, brass, and woodwinds. Throughout the semester you will work on small compositions relating to each instrument group, while also working on a larger project piece with the instrumentation of your choosing. Sibelius/Finale/Musescore recommended. Prerequisite: Music Theory 3 or test in. Please bring your own computer

General Music and Music Fundamentals

Taught by Berkeley Rousseau | FRI 4:00 - 5:00

This class will teach a fundamental understanding of rhythm, notes, and melody through activity, and movement. You will dance, sing, play the recorder and xylophone, and more as you explore the wonderful world of music. Ages 7-10.