



KISSM Intermediate Program

For musicians who have completed Grades 7 or 8

The KISSM Intermediate Program is designed to take young musicians, no matter where they are at, to the next level in their musical development. Our goal is to inspire, excite, challenge, and support young musicians as they learn and grow. Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program, Choir Program, or the World Music Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives for the afternoon (page 4.) Students have the opportunity to play, to sing, to act, to explore and to develop confidence and leadership skills.

Intermediate program Highlights for 2019!

- Intermediate and Senior Band and Choir students will get the opportunity to perform a **specialty commissioned piece of music** created by one of our very own KISSM alumni, and our local composer-in-residence, Kevin Mulligan.
 - **World Music!** We are excited to be offering intermediate students the opportunity to choose from 3 morning programs this year, including the highly anticipated World Music program.
 - Intermediate Musical: ***Beauty and the Beast***
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KISSM Intermediate Programs- Morning

All musicians in the KISSM Intermediate Program will spend their mornings in either the **World Music Program**, the **Choir Program**, or the **Band Program**.

World Music Program

Young musicians in the **World Music Program** will have the opportunity to explore the world through music. Participants should prepare themselves for a full immersion in world music, drum and song! They will experience the music of African and Latin America countries that guarantee to have their toes tapping and a catchy song stuck in their head. This fast-paced course provides plenty of hands-on time with authentic instruments with a focus on hand drumming, marimba and song.

Choir Program

The **Choir Program** is divided into three parts.

Part 1: The first section focuses on choral repertoire that will have the students singing in three and/or four-part voicing. It is designed to build strong musicianship and develop mastery of the skills and concepts required to sing beautiful choral music including rhythmic and melodic independence of parts.



Musicians will explore a variety of styles and are sure to gain confidence as singers while having fun with others!

Part 2: Musicians will work on the fundamentals of singing and voice technique. Explorations will focus on breathing, intonation, line, and developing healthy singing habits. This is also the time when the students of the Choir Program will take part in an exciting new commissioned piece of music. We are excited to announce, that this unique piece of music was composed by KISSM alumnus, Kevin Mulligan. The KISSM intermediate and senior choirs, in conjunction with the Intermediate and Senior Bands, will have the honor of bringing this fantastic piece of music to life for the first time ever at the Showcase Concert.

Part 3: While in this section, students will be partaking in the very popular KISSM Vocal **Colab Lab**. This class is designed for our vocalists to collaborate, write, arrange and perform a wide variety of small ensemble pieces. Individual and small group vocal coaching will also be given during this time.

Band Program

Young musicians in the **Band Program** will end up in one of our four fantastic band classes, based off of their experience and skill level. To ensure the success of the young musician, the KISSM faculty will spend the first few days getting to know the students and their ability level. After a few days, the young musicians will be placed in the band level best suited to their skill set. All students registered for the **Band Program** must bring their own band instrument on the first day of KISSM. If you don't own an instrument one can be rented from Long and McQuade.

Traditional Concert Band instrumentation includes woodwind, brass and percussion instruments ([click here for a comprehensive list](#)). Please note that electric bass guitar can not be supported in Concert Band. Young musicians who play electric bass should consider upright bass if they wish to be a part of the KISSM Concert Band Program.

4 Levels of BAND:

Intro-To-Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who want to learn how to play a concert band instrument, but haven't had the opportunity yet. Learn to play an instrument and get a great head start to band next year. Students should bring their own instruments. Instruments can also be rented from Long and McQuade for the duration of KISSM. Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play in Mass Band with other KISSM musicians.

***Bonus:** All Intro-to-Band students will have the opportunity to attend a workshop before the start of KISSM that will introduce the students to Concert Band instruments in a small group setting. This workshop will be held at Long & McQuade and students will have the opportunity to rent their chosen instrument at the end of the workshop.

Please Note: Students must bring a band instrument with them on the first day of KISSM.



Prerequisite: None

Novice Concert Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who already play a concert band instrument. Students will strengthen their playing muscles, be exposed to music in different styles and get a great head start to band next year. Large group performance is the emphasis in this course, which is a great ensemble for students wishing to gain experience and become key players in their school ensembles. Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play in Mass Band with other KISSM musicians.

Please Note: Students must bring a band instrument with them.

Prerequisite: One year of school band or equivalent.

Intermediate Concert Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who have performed in a concert band and loved it! KISSM provides approachable but exciting music intended for intermediate level musicians who have at least two years playing experience on their instrument. Students will strengthen their rhythmic and music literacy skills and have expert guidance to take their playing ability to the next level in a short time.

Students in the Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands will also take part in an exciting project to celebrate another fantastic year of KISSM! This year KISSM has commissioned an original work of music to be composed for mass band and choir, and musicians in the Intermediate and Senior programs are invited to participate. These young musicians will get the opportunity to perform a **specially commissioned piece of music** created by one of our very own KISSM alumni, and our local composer-in-residence, Kevin Mulligan.

Prerequisite: 2 or 3 years of school band or equivalent

Senior Concert Band

This course is our premiere Concert Band ensemble, designed for students with a high skill level on their chosen instrument! Musicians will develop more advanced individual and ensemble performance skills. KISSM provides challenging music intended for high school level musicians with at least three years playing experience on their instrument. Students will gain technical proficiency and expert guidance to take their musical performance to the next level of mastery.

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Prerequisite: 3+ years of school band or equivalent

AFTERNOON ELECTIVES

Elective group A- choose one:

Collaborative Jazz Piano

Piano students will be exposed to collaborative ensembles and solo playing in the contemporary and jazz styles. Students can work with instrumentalists from the Jazz Band to form ensembles and experiment in areas of improvisation, composition, and performance within the contemporary and jazz genres with the goal of performing their hard work and sharing their musical talents for their peers and audiences! In addition, a community, downtown “Coffee House” will be an opportunity where piano students can perform one evening in a cafe and showcase their music in a positive and enriching setting.

Prerequisite: Three or more years of private lessons. This is not a beginner piano class for students wanting to learn to play piano. An intermediate level of piano is recommended (Conservatory Grade 3-4 or higher or equivalent.)

Marimba Ensemble

Want a chance to explore music of the world through Marimbas? Join KISSM’s Marimba Band for Intermediate and Senior students! Students will have the opportunity to explore cultures and their history through their music, on this versatile and enchanting instrument. A word of warning, once you start playing, you won’t want to stop!

Music Leadership

Are you wanting to take more leadership within your ensemble or music program? Then this is the course for you! Through the KISSM Music Leadership class, students will learn leadership skills, team building and how to lead a sectional, warm up, or a rehearsal. This course will also cover basic conducting skills, how to teach a private lesson, how to read a conductor's score, music event planning, public speaking and much more!

This will be a fun and inclusive course where you learn and can practice your leaderships skills.

Introduction to Jazz Band

This course is designed for students who would like to learn about playing in a Jazz Band. This will be the perfect class for a young musicians who wants an introduction to explore the world of jazz. We focus on the introduction of jazz rhythms, phrasing. Students who feel confident will be given the opportunity to develop solo and improvisational skills.

Prerequisite: 1 year of experience on their instrument.



Advanced Jazz Band

This course is designed for students with solid ensemble experience. The mix of experienced players and novice jazz players provide a supportive yet challenging class for anyone who wants to explore the world of jazz. We focus on interpretation of jazz rhythms, phrasing, and some development of soloing skills. KISSM students will be given the opportunity to explore the art of jazz improvisation while soloing. If you really love it you can show it off during our amazing KISSM Showcase Concert.

Prerequisite: Minimum of two years' experience on their instrument.

Beauty and the Beast: Intermediate Musical Theatre-CAST

We are pleased to offer our Intermediate Program musicians the option to perform in *"Beauty and the Beast"*. The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

With many fun supporting roles allowing students to play objects inside the castle, this "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set opportunities.

Students who register for "Beauty and the Beast" Cast must register for this class in both Elective A and B.

For ticket information, please refer to our events calendar. All of the information will be posted as it becomes available.

Teaching Assistant

This course was created with eager, organized, and dedicated young musicians in mind. Depending on the musical history of the student, and their main interests, students will be paired with one of our talented faculty members as their teaching assistant. This is a unique opportunity for the young musician to be able to see things from the teachers perspective and learn more about what it means to be a music teacher at KISSM. Any students who request to be teaching assistants must be leaders within their music community, be a team player, and be willing to help their teacher in a myriad of different ways.

Elective group B- Choose One:

Lee's Music's Rock Band!

Connect with your inner ROCKSTAR! Don't know which instrument you WANT to learn? No worries! Welcome to Lee's Music Intro to Rock – your opportunity to try out guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and voice in a relaxed and interactive learning environment -a great way to start your Rock & Roll journey!

Prerequisite: None. Students will form small groups according to their experience level.



Chamber Music

Duets, trios, quartets and quintets! This is an intermediate/senior level course for concert band musicians who are interested in experiencing the intimate, small group musical setting of chamber music. Be prepared to work hard, take a leading role within the ensemble, play without a conductor, experience new styles of music, and have a lot of fun.

Prerequisite: Minimum of two years' experience on their instrument.

Guitar

Whether you are a beginner guitar player or have some skills, this course will take you to the next level in your guitar playing. Learn to read music including tab, pick and strum while focusing on those pieces you love and can play at home, around the campfire or with your friends. Guitars are provided!

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*See description in Elective A

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