



## KISSM Senior Program

For musicians who have completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12+

The KISSM Senior Program is designed to challenge and inspire. Whether students have years of experience on their instruments or are trying something new, they will be surrounded by excellent staff and peers that have worked hard to achieve the level they are at. Students have the opportunity to play, to sing, to act, to develop confidence and show their leadership skills. Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives in the afternoon. The KISSM Senior Program connects talented musicians and performers in a stimulating environment.

Senior program Highlights for 2019!

- Senior and Intermediate 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.
- Senior Musical, our most popular class will be performing “**Mamma Mia**” this year!
  - For the first time ever, the senior musical class will perform not once, but twice this year!
  - Registration for KISSM 2019 starts on March 1, 2019!
  - Early Bird discounts are available all of March- register early to secure your spot
- Ready to register now? [Click here](#) to go straight to the KISSM 2019 registration form!

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## KISSM Senior Programs- Morning

Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives in the afternoon.

### Choir Program

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

**Part 1:** The first section focuses on choral repertoire where students will be 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:** In the second section, students will work on the fundamentals of singing and voice technique. Explorations will focus on breathing, intonation, line, and developing healthy singing habits. This is the 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.** The musicians will then 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. If you don't own an instrument one can be rented from Long and McQuade.

Traditional Concert Band instrumentation include woodwind, brass and percussion instruments- [click here for a comprehensive list](#). Please note that electric bass guitar can not be supported in Concert Band. 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. Explore what it feels like to sound a trumpet, a sax, a flute, a clarinet, or even a slide trombone! Students do not need any playing experience. 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. **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 have been learning a concert band instrument and can't wait to perform again! KISSM provides easy and fun music intended for concert band musicians with at least one



year of playing experience on their 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. **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.** The musicians will then be placed in the band level best suited to their skill set.

### 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. **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.** The musicians will then be placed in the band level best suited to their skill set.

### Senior Concert Band

Musicians in the Band Program will be able to register in Senior Concert Band, our premiere Concert Band ensemble! 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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**of music** created by one of our very own KISSM alumni, and our local composer-in-residence, Kevin Mulligan.

**Prerequisite:** 3+ years of school band or equivalent. **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.** The musicians will then be placed in the band level best suited to their skill set.

## AFTERNOON ELECTIVES

### Elective group A - choose one:

#### 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 musician 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:** Students must have a minimum of two years' experience on their instrument.

#### 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.)



## 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.

## Mamma Mia - Senior Musical CAST

We are pleased to offer our Senior Program musicians the option to perform in *"Mamma Mia"*. Join the talented cast of KISSM's Musical Theatre department as they perform ABBA's hits and tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

**Students who register for "Mamma Mia" 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.**

## Assistant Stage Manager

The Assistant Stage Manager (or ASM) is a crucial part of the artistic team because they also help make the show happen behind the scenes. They fall under the supervision of the Stage Manager (SM) of the production, and the SM relies on them heavily to make sure that the production runs smoothly. Some shows have multiple ASMs, depending on the size and scope of the project. Being an assistant stage manager is a great way for students to get involved in theatre, no matter their age or experience. A great ASM is helpful, hard-working, forward-thinking, organized, flexible, and a good listener.

In this course students will learn how to "block" a script using standard theatre shorthand notation during rehearsals, how to use a "prompter", how to create a props list, how to create a Scene Breakdown, how to create a "Backstage Dance", how to prepare the Theatre space for a performance and what to do during Show Time.

No two rehearsals or performances are ever the same for an assistant stage manager, and the variety and energy really suits some students who enjoy hands-on, unusual tasks. If this sounds like a fun and interesting job, why not give it a try?! This course is limited to 8 registrants.

**Students who register for "Mamma Mia" Assistant Stage Manager Team must register for this class in both Elective A and Elective B**



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### **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:**

#### **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 already, this course will take you to the next level in your guitar playing. Learn to read music including tab, pick and strum while learning those pieces you love and can play at home, around the campfire or with your friends. Guitars are provided!

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#### **Mamma Mia: Senior Musical-CAST**

\*Please see description in Elective A, above.

**This is a whole afternoon elective. Students who register for Musical Theatre must register for this elective in both Elective A and Elective B.**



### **Mamma Mia: Assistant Stage Manager**

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**This is a whole afternoon elective. Students who register for the Assistant Stage Manager Role must register for this elective in both Elective A and Elective B.**

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