



WHAT IS THE SATURDAY MUSIC PROJECT?



The Saturday Music Project (SMP) is Turtle Bay Music School's highly-competitive four-year music education program offered to motivated and dedicated students (beginning in grades 3 through 5) from across the five boroughs, who otherwise have little or no access to music education. Each student accepted into the SMP program is awarded a full-tuition scholarship for 30 weeks of small group instruction on their primary instrument (cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone or violin), as well as a rotating schedule of courses in our *Core Curriculum*, designed to foster musicianship and give students a well-rounded understanding of music-making as an art form.

Highlights of the Core Curriculum include Keyboard Skills, Music Theory, Sight Singing and Conducting where students develop a strong musical background. They are then able to make use of this knowledge in a rewarding and creative way with classes in Composition and Music Technology. Students not only create music, but also learn to record and then share their compositions with their peers. To round out the program, students also study Orff-based Percussion and Creative Movement, where they learn to experience and express music through physical movement.

Unique to the SMP program is our weekly series of workshops for parents and families, which educate all members of the student's family on the basics of each SMP instrument. Parents learn the skills necessary to assist their child with music-making in their home, encouraging students to practice and share.



In their third and fourth years, SMP Core Curriculum also includes the opportunity to participate in the Turtle Bay Music School Orchestra or Jazz Ensemble. This experience builds on the ensemble skills students develop in the first two years of the program and helps them to understand the role of teamwork in completing a complex goal.



After successfully completing the four-year program, alumni are invited to continue their participation in Orchestra or Jazz Ensemble. This allows students to continue building on skills they have acquired in SMP, while providing them with a way to keep music in their lives well into their future.

For more information on the Saturday Music Project, please contact
Katie Mazzari, Director of School & Community Programs: 212.753.8811 x21 / katie@tbms.org.

To view program materials, please visit our website: <http://www.tbms.org>

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WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN THE SATURDAY MUSIC PROJECT?

LEVEL I (YEAR 1 AND 2)

- Beginning knowledge of chosen instrument (cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, violin), with proficiency to begin a pre-orchestral program
- Basic Keyboard Skills
- Note-Reading Ability
- Understanding of Music Technology, including use of *Garage Band* and *Logic Express*
 - Ability to compose and record original music in both programs, with both live instruments and digital effects
- Knowledge of tuned-percussion instruments



- Understanding of general music history
- Ability to begin composing on instruments other than student's primary instrument
- Introductory conducting skills
- Introductory yoga and movement skills, with a greater understanding of body placement and its impact on music-making
- Basic vocal technique and sight singing

LEVEL II (YEAR 3 AND 4)

- Intermediate knowledge of chosen instrument
- Proficiency required to audition for NYC Performing Arts High Schools and High School level Orchestras or Jazz Ensembles
- Proficiency to continue as a full member of the Turtle Bay Music School Orchestra and/or Jazz Ensemble
- Discipline
- Ensemble Skills and Teamwork
- Greater appreciation for music, with the foundation to become a "lifelong listener"





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FACT SHEET

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- 30 weeks of small group instruction in a primary instrument (cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone or violin)
- A rotating schedule of courses in our “Core Curriculum”, designed to foster musicianship and give students a well-rounded understanding of music-making as an art form.
- Parents and families of First and Second year students are also required to attend a weekly series of workshops, educating them on the basics of each SMP instrument. Parents/guardians will also learn the skills necessary to assist their child with music-making in their home.
- In their Third and Fourth years, SMP Core Curriculum also includes participation in the Turtle Bay Music School Orchestra, as well as in small ensembles.

WHEN/WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

The program requires a four-year commitment and runs every Saturday for 30 weeks each year from September to June.

Classes are held from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for first year students, 12:30pm - 2:30pm for second year students, and from 2:30 - 4:30 for third and fourth year students. All classes are held at Turtle Bay Music School, located at 244 East 52nd Street in Manhattan (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues).

Parent workshops are held for First and Second year parents during their student’s lesson times each Saturday.

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

NYC students may apply to the program in 3rd - 5th grade. This program is intended for students who cannot otherwise afford music lessons. This program is for beginners, and not appropriate for students already at an advanced level on their chosen instrument.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

- Non-refundable \$50 application fee.
- Instrument rental fee (typically \$150 - \$250 per school year), to be arranged directly with a recommended instrument rental company. Turtle Bay Music School does not rent instruments to students.
- All students who pass the rigorous application process receive a full-tuition scholarship. For the four year program, this scholarship is valued at \$12,000.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Space is VERY limited and the application process is extremely competitive. Completed applications are due by May 15, 2011, with no exceptions. Follow-up family interviews for those being considered for the program will take place beginning at the end of May through June 2011.

Final decisions will be made by July 1, 2011 and all accepted applicants will be notified by mail. Families must confirm their intent to accept their scholarship by July 15th. Mandatory contract signing appointments will be scheduled to take place in early September. At the time of contract signing, students will be given information on renting instruments. All students are required to have an instrument in order to attend the first class in late September.

Application Requirements:

Please note that all application materials should be submitted in English.

1. Completed Application with \$50 non-refundable application fee by May 15, 2011, including essays by both student applicant and parent/guardian.
2. Financial documentation (W-2's, Tax Forms, Pay Stubs, Bank Statements, a Letter from your Employer stating your monthly income, or a written explanation of your family's financial situation are all acceptable documentation).
3. One Teacher Recommendation
4. One Personal Recommendation (other than parent or guardian, English-only please)
5. Families being considered for the program must also attend a follow-up family interview.

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**For questions or to receive an application, please contact Katie Mazzari,
Director of School & Community Programs (katie@tbms.org or / 212-753-8811 x21)**

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AT TURTLE BAY MUSIC SCHOOL



Class of 2015 Application

DEADLINE: May 15, 2011, without exception

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

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APPLICATION TIMELINE:

May 15, 2011: Application Deadline

May - June 2011: Family Interviews

July 1, 2011: Announcement of SMP Class of 2015 by mail

July 15, 2011: Deadline to accept SMP student scholarship

September 2011: Mandatory contract signing appointments

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Please note that all application materials should be submitted in English.

1. Completed application with parent and student short essays
2. Non-refundable \$50 application fee
3. One teacher recommendation
4. One personal recommendation (other than parent/guardian)
5. Proof of Income (see page 2 for acceptable documents)
6. Follow-up Parent/Child Interview if scheduled

Please mail/drop off completed application to:
(Checks can be made to "Turtle Bay Music School")

Turtle Bay Music School
Attn: Saturday Music Project
244 E. 52nd Street NY, NY 10022

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STUDENT INFORMATION

APPLICANT (STUDENT) NAME: _____

STREET _____ APT. No. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE: _____

GRADE (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011): _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

MOTHER/GUARDIAN NAME _____

HOME PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS*: _____

*AT LEAST ONE VALID AND REGULARLY-CHECKED EMAIL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED PER FAMILY.
PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE SENT WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES REGARDING THE PROGRAM.

EMPLOYER _____ POSITION _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION CONT.

WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

HOME PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS*: _____

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INSTRUMENT PREFERENCE

(NOTE: WHILE PREFERENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR PLACEMENT IN ANY INSTRUMENT CHOICE. STUDENTS WILL BE PLACED IN AN INSTRUMENT GROUP AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROGRAM STAFF.)

PLEASE NUMBER IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (1ST THROUGH 5TH):

_____ CELLO

_____ CLARINET

_____ FLUTE

_____ SAXOPHONE

_____ VIOLIN

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM? _____

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

DOES YOUR SCHOOL OFFER INSTRUMENTAL INSTRUCTION? (PLEASE CIRCLE) YES / NO

HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN MUSIC CLASSES BEFORE? (PLEASE CIRCLE) YES / NO
IF YES, HOW LONG, AND WHAT DID YOU STUDY?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

MOTHER/GUARDIAN'S YEARLY INCOME: \$ _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN'S YEARLY INCOME: \$ _____

PLEASE PROVIDE PROOF OF FAMILY INCOME FOR VERIFICATION

ATTACH A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. YOUR MOST RECENT 1040 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORM(S) OR
2. W2s OR
3. PAY-STUB FROM RECENT PAYCHECKS OR
4. A LETTER FROM YOUR EMPLOYER STATING YOUR MONTHLY INCOME OR
5. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE INCLUDE A LETTER OF EXPLANATION.

PLEASE RESPOND:

IS THE APPLICANT ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH? (PLEASE CIRCLE) YES / NO

MONTHLY RENT: \$ _____

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD _____

DO YOU RECEIVE FOOD STAMPS? (PLEASE CIRCLE) YES / NO

DO YOU RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)? (PLEASE CIRCLE) YES / NO

DO YOU RECEIVE MEDICAID? (PLEASE CIRCLE) YES / NO

NOTE: TURTLE BAY MUSIC SCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK CONFIRMATION FOR THE INFORMATION ABOVE.

IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT AFFECT YOUR FAMILY'S INCOME, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW. ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE MATTERS, PLEASE CONTACT KATIE (KATIE@TBMS.ORG / 212-753-8811 x21)

APPLICANT NAME: _____

STUDENT ESSAYS

1. WHY DO YOU WANT TO TAKE MUSIC LESSONS?

2. YOU WILL NEED TO PRACTICE AT LEAST 20 MINUTES EACH DAY ON YOUR INSTRUMENT. HOW WILL YOU FIT THIS INTO YOUR SCHEDULE?

**(IF YOU NEED MORE ROOM, PLEASE WRITE OR TYPE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.
PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.)**

APPLICANT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SHORT ANSWERS (TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL RESPONSES SHOULD COMPLETED IN ENGLISH.

1. WHY DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO TAKE MUSIC LESSONS?

2. YOUR CHILD WILL BE EXPECTED TO PRACTICE 20 MINUTES DAILY. HOW WILL YOU ENSURE THIS HAPPENS EACH DAY?

3. ATTENDANCE POLICIES FOR THIS PROGRAM ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. HOW WILL YOU ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES ON TIME EACH WEEK?

4. FOR FIRST AND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND WEEKLY PARENT WORKSHOPS. ARE YOU OR ANOTHER ADULT FROM YOUR FAMILY ABLE TO ATTEND EACH WEEK?

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