

Virtuosos Music Academy

Summer 2010 Camp Catalog

A week at a Virtuosos Music Academy Music Camp is a unique investment in your child. Not only are our camps loads of fun and a great place to meet other kids, each camp is carefully planned with a unique curriculum to give your child the educational experience you have come to expect from Virtuosos Music Academy. Our camps are taught by professionally qualified teachers who are experts in their chosen field and like to have fun. We focus on building confidence and creativity through music and encourage respect, patience, and appreciation for all levels and styles of musicality. So what are you waiting for? A summer of fun awaits you... !

Please note the following about Virtuosos Music Academy's Summer Music Camps.

- We do not provide lunch. Please bring a bagged lunch. There is refrigeration available.
- We will provide snacks. Please notify us of any allergies or preferences.
- We do not provide for transportation. Arrange to pick-up and drop-off within 15 minutes of the camp starting and ending times. If this poses a problem, we do provide optional activities before and after camp hours, for an additional fee. Please contact us directly for more information.
- We must meet a minimum number campers (this varies by the camp) by June 1st, or we reserve the right to cancel the camp and refund your fee in full.
- If you should choose to withdraw from the camp before June 1, 2010, we will refund your fee minus a \$75 processing fee. After June 1, 2010, only 50% of your fee will be returned. Due to the intense preparation for each camp, we regret that there are no refunds within four weeks of the start of your camp.

Rock Your Socks Off Camp! (pg 3)

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Camp SongCraft! (pg 4)

This camp is perfect for: The student who wants to take a song from inspiration to musical creation! Entering grades 7-12. Beginners welcome!

Epic Rock Camp (pg 5)

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Guitar Intensive : Songs of GuitarHero (pg 6)

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Piano Intensive : From Beethoven to Billy Joel to Sara Bareilles, The Many Faces of Piano through the Ages (pg 7)

This camp is perfect for: Pianists or keyboardists who have played for three years or less (complete beginners are welcome!) and want to accelerate their learning curve. Students are encouraged to have a piano or keyboard at home. Entering grades 3-8.

Show Choir Camp (pg 8)

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Rock Your Socks Off Camp!

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Watch your child shine in this Rock Camp, designed especially for young kids. We introduce your child to a variety of traditional rock instruments, show them how to play simple riffs, and demonstrate cool performing techniques. The emphasis in this camp is to get campers playing an instrument with a band, so we will focus on playing by ear and not by sheet music. Students with no experience are encouraged to participate – we'll write a part especially for each camper! Campers with previous instrument experience will get more challenging parts. Campers will also learn about band promotion, lighting and sound, and band management. Students will perform on a real stage at the end of the week. Every student gets a chance to be a rock star in this rock band camp!

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., brown bag lunch.
*Optional activities before and after camp hours.

Camp Dates: July 19 – 23, 2010

Performance: Friday, July 23, 2010; 3:00 p.m. (Opening Act for Epic Rock Campers!)

Ages: For campers entering grades 3 – 6.

Price: Register by April 30, 2010: \$305*
Register after May 1, 2010: \$355*
*Additional fee for activities before and after camp hours

Location: Please note that this camp will be held at a local church (within 1 mile of Virtuosos Music Academy) due to space considerations. The final day of camp may be held at the performance venue (within 10 miles of VMA) to allow for adequate practice time on stage.

Camp SongCraft!

This camp is perfect for: The student who wants to take a song from inspiration to musical creation! Entering grades 7-12. Beginners welcome!

Learn how to craft your own songs at this amazing songwriting camp! Choosing one or two songs to focus on, students will study composition techniques, musical styles, instrumentation, lyrics and more. At times, campers will be split into small groups to study concepts that are relevant to their particular skill level, age, and interest. Students will also receive private one-on-one assistance with their song or songs and have supervised, independent practice time. Students will learn the skills necessary to create professional sheet music or demo recordings and will leave with sheet music or CD in hand! At the end of the week, students will have the option to perform their song at a local venue, with supporting faculty band (if needed).

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., brown bag lunch.
*Optional activities before and after camp hours.

Camp Dates: August 16 – 20, 2010

Performance: Friday, August 20, 2010; 3:00 p.m.

Ages: For campers entering grades 7 – 12.

Price: Register by April 30, 2010: \$425*
Register after May 1, 2010: \$475*
*Additional fee for activities before and after camp hours

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Epic Rock Camp

This camp is perfect for: Students who want to play, act, and look like a famous rock star – and perform onstage with a group of great kids! Entering grades 6-12. Students must be proficient at their chosen instrument.

Students will be performing classic epic rock songs like Bohemian Rhapsody (Queen), Live and Let Die (Beatles), or Stairway to Heaven (Led Zeppelin) in a large ensemble. Each camper will get a part that is appropriate to their level, and students may be asked to play something that is not their main instrument (although this is not required). Campers will be amazed at how much they can accomplish in a week – and how big the group sounds on stage! During the week, campers will learn about the dynamics of working within a group, work on specific parts to various rock songs, and discover how each part contributes to the whole. We'll also cover costume design, stage persona, performance techniques, and concert promotion. Students will receive one-on-one assistance with their individual parts, as well as small group “sectionals” to work on putting it all together. Students will work towards an Epic Rock Performance at the end of the week at a local venue!

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., brown bag lunch.
*Optional activities before and after camp hours.

Camp Dates: July 19 – 23, 2010

Performance: Friday, August 13, 2010; 3:00 p.m. (Rock Your Socks Off Campers will be the Opening Act!)

Ages: For campers entering grades 6 – 12.

Price: Register by April 30, 2010: \$425*
Register after May 1, 2010: \$475*
*Additional fee for activities before and after camp hours
*Please note that students will be expected to create their own costumes – some of this you may have on hand, other items you may need to purchase

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Guitar Intensive : Songs of GuitarHero

This camp is perfect for: Guitarists who have played for three years or less (complete beginners are welcome!) and want to accelerate their learning curve. Students must have an acoustic or electric guitar. Entering grades 3-8.

This intensive four-day program is designed as a "music-booster" for beginning and intermediate guitarists. During camp, students will participate in clinics, private lessons, small group lessons, group ensembles, and recording sessions – using the songs of Guitar Hero! Students will be placed into small groups with other kids who have similar skill and experience levels (in guitar, not Guitar Hero!). Topics will include left-hand and right-hand technique, strumming patterns, chord progressions, basic progression theory, effective group listening and more, appropriate for a beginning and intermediate level. Students will leave with a recorded CD of themselves. The focus of this camp is on playing, so students should come prepared to jam! Just for fun, we'll have a camper GuitarHero video game tournament and pizza party on the last day.

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., brown bag lunch.
*Optional activities before and after camp hours.

Camp Dates: August 2 – 5, 2010

Ages: For campers entering grades 3 – 8.

Price: Register by April 30, 2010: \$350*
Register after May 1, 2010: \$375*
*Additional fee for activities before and after camp hours

Piano Intensive : From Beethoven to Billy Joel to Sara Bareilles, The Many Faces of Piano through the Ages

This camp is perfect for: Pianists or keyboardists who have played for three years or less (complete beginners are welcome!) and want to accelerate their learning curve. Students are encouraged to have a piano or keyboard at home. Entering grades 3-8.

This intensive four-day program is designed as a "music-booster" for beginning and intermediate piano students. During camp, students will participate in clinics, private lessons, small group lessons, group ensembles, and recording sessions. Students will be placed into small groups with other kids who have similar skill and experience levels. We'll cover both classical and contemporary stylings in this dynamic camp. Topics will include the difference between classical and contemporary technique, musical expression, playing with chords versus notated music and more, appropriate for a beginning and intermediate level. Students will leave with a recorded CD of themselves. The focus of this camp is on playing, so students should come prepared to join in!

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., brown bag lunch.
*Optional activities before and after camp hours.

Camp Dates: August 9 – 12, 2010

Ages: For campers entering grades 3 – 8.

Price: Register by April 30, 2010: \$350*
Register after May 1, 2010: \$375*
*Additional fee for activities before and after camp hours

Show Choir Camp

This camp is perfect for: Singers who like to dance and dancers who like to sing! No experience is necessary. Entering grades 6 – 12.

You can't beat this Show Choir Camp, a chance to sing and dance and put on a great show! Campers will learn about singing, dancing, acting, costume design, promotion, and more – and put it all together for a spectacular show at the end of the week. Students will be required to send in a placement audition packet in advance, so placements will be ready to go Monday morning and we can better utilize our camp time. Campers will be placed in groups based on their previous experience, age, and skill level. In addition to group instruction, students will receive private or small group instruction on their parts to ensure that every student has a chance to shine in this fun Camp!

(Note: although there is no costume fee, students will be creating their own costumes during the week. We will do our best to keep this to something simple (jeans and a black t-shirt, for example), but you may need to purchase items if you don't already own them.)

Camp Hours:	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., brown bag lunch. *Optional activities before and after camp hours.
Camp Dates:	July 26 – 30, 2010
Performance:	Friday, July 30, 2010; 7:00 p.m.
Ages:	For campers entering grades 6 – 12.
Price:	Register by April 30, 2010: \$425* Register after May 1, 2010: \$475* *Additional fee for activities before and after camp hours
Location:	Maple Grove Senior High School