

ABOUT HOPE ACADEMY

In 1999, East Liberty Presbyterian Church founded the Hope Academy of Music and the Arts to bring arts to the children and youth in Pittsburgh. We offer a safe place where young people of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds can further their personal and artistic growth through the study and performance of music and the arts.

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts impacts the lives of over 350 children and their families a year through music and performing arts instruction and positive peer and adult interaction, giving students the opportunity to discover hidden skills and talents, and build self-esteem in a supportive, caring environment. The community problem that we address is the lack of opportunity for underserved youth to participate in the arts due to limited resources in the family and cutbacks in arts programming in the schools. The strength and uniqueness of our programming is derived from the partnerships we have developed with some of the city's finest artists and cultural organizations.

Support and Partnerships

Hope Academy's program costs are covered by a combination of tuition, financial and logistical support by East Liberty Presbyterian Church, substantial grants from local foundations including the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, individual donors, including Hope Academy families and friends from the Pittsburgh Foundation; as well as local businesses including Whole Foods Market.

The following arts organizations have contributed in various ways to Hope Academy:

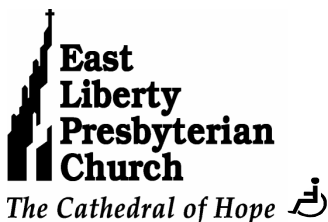
- ◆ Carnegie Mellon University Drama Dept.
- ◆ Guitar Society of Fine Art
- ◆ The Kelly-Strayhorn Theater
- ◆ Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre
- ◆ Pittsburgh Public Theater
- ◆ Renaissance City Choirs

Questions?

Call Hope Academy

412/441-3800 x11

www.HopeAcademy.info



COURSES AND PRIVATE LESSONS

Courses are offered in music and the performing arts for children and youth from 4 to 18 years old. Course sizes are small to ensure a low student-to-staff ratio.

Private music instruction is also available through a partnership with Guitar Society of Fine Art.

Days and Times

Most courses meet weekly during two 12-week semesters during the school year—Tuesday through Friday between 3:00 and 7:30 pm; Saturday between 9:15 am and 5:00 pm; and some Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Private lessons are scheduled weekly during two 10-week terms—Tuesday through Friday, between 3:00 and 7:30 pm and Saturdays between 9 am and 5 pm.

Location

Courses and private lessons are held at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, corner of Penn and Highland. Directions and parking information are available on our website.

Attendance

It is the student's responsibility to attend all scheduled classes. There are no make-up classes or refunds for missed classes.

If an instructor is ill or otherwise unable to teach a class, every effort will be made to find a substitute. Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel or reschedule a class. Cancellations due to weather will be announced on the local television stations.

For private lessons, instructors must be notified of an absence at least 24 hours in advance in order for the student to be eligible for a make-up lesson. Students taking private lessons will be given a maximum of one makeup lesson per term. All lessons must be completed by the end of the term.

REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form inside this catalogue, sign it, and return with your check (made out to "ELPC") or money order for total tuition and registration fee to:

Hope Academy
c/o East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 South Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Payments by cash must be submitted in person. Onsite registration will be held on Saturday, Sept 6, 2008 from 1 to 4 pm at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

Course enrollments are limited. Students will be accepted into a course in the order that their paid registrations are received. If minimum enrollment for a course is not met by the registration deadline, that course will be cancelled (see Refund Policy).

IMPORTANT: A separate registration form and \$10 registration fee must be submitted for each student registering. This includes registration for free courses.

Registration Deadlines

Courses fill quickly, so please register early and before the deadline to ensure your space in the class.

- Monday, September 8, 2008 Fall Term
- Monday, December 15, 2008 Winter Term

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tax-deductible Donations

Tuition covers only a portion of the total cost of operating the Hope Academy of Music and the Arts. Families, who are able, are asked to make tax-deductible donations to cover the difference for their children. Donors names will be listed on the website and in all programs, unless they request to be anonymous.

Payment

The full-tuition amount plus the \$10 registration fee is due at the time of registration.

Scholarships

Applications for the *Discover the Talent Scholarship* fund are available online at www.HopeAcademy.info. **The deadline for receipt of applications is Sept 3, 2008.** Scholarships are awarded in September for the entire school year.

Refund Policy

A full-tuition refund is given for withdrawals from a course 10 days before the course begins.

A partial-tuition refund (one-half of the full tuition) will be returned if a withdrawal request is received prior to the second class meeting.

No tuition refunds are given after the second class has met, and families are responsible to make full payment of tuition.

If Hope Academy cancels a course, you will receive a full-tuition refund for that course.

The \$10 registration fee per student is non-refundable except in the event that Hope Academy cancels a course and it is the only course for which the student is registered.

No partial refunds are given for missed private lessons. Only one makeup lesson will be given per term. All lessons must be completed by the end of the term.