About TMS

Inspired by music's remarkable ability to bring people together, The Music Settlement (TMS) is a community music school in Cleveland, Ohio.

TMS was founded in 1912 by Alemda Adams as part of the Settlement Movement. She set out to connect immigrants new to our city with people from all walks of life to celebrate and share experiences through the universal language of music.

Every day, our talented and dedicated faculty continues to build on this honorable foundation through our Center for Music, Center for Early Childhood, Center for Music Therapy, and the BOP STOP performance venue.

Delighted to be a part of Cleveland's robust arts and culture community, we take great pride in inspiring the promise and potential within each of the individuals we serve.





Customizable Programs

Don't see what you are looking for? We can customize a program to meet the individual needs of your organization!

Our programs are perfect for schools, community centers, libraries, assisted living facilities, and more.

Get Started Today

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We look forward to partnering with you!

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Center for Music

Outreach Programming for Musicians of All Ages and Skill Levels



Available Programs

Orchestra Starts Here

- Grades 3 8
- Beginning string instruction in a group setting
- Learn the fundamentals of proper string technique
- Develop ensemble skills
- Gain knowledge of music appreciation, history, and notation
- Instrument loaner program available, free of charge
- Recommendation: 30 34 weeks of instruction,
 2 3 sessions per week, 60 minutes each

Blues & African American Songwriting

- Grades 3 12
- Discover America's true original art form -- blues
- Create original songs and music
- Culminating final performance with students performing original songs alongside professional musicians
- Recommendation: minimum of 10 weeks but customizable up to 36 weeks

Band, Orchestra & Choral Ensembles

- Grades 3 12 (string instruments)
- Grades 4 12 (woodwinds, brass, voice)
- Custom create a band, orchestra, or ensemble experience to fit the interests of your students
- Rehearse before, during, or after school
- Musical genres may include classical, jazz, and popular music.
- Recommendation: 36 weeks of instruction



Dalcroze Eurhythmics

- Grades PreK 12
- Explore rhythms and expression through movement
- · Gain physical awareness and group communication skills
- · Open to any skill level, including beginners
- Recommendation: minimum of 10 weeks but customizable up to 36 weeks

Hand Drumming & Rhythm

- Grades K 8.
- Learn hand drumming on a middle eastern Doumbek or
 African drum
- Gain experience feeling rhythms and learning to read them on the written page
- Develop performance skills and self-confidence
- May culminate in a live performance and/or presentation
- Recommendation: minimum of 15 weeks, but customizable up to 30 weeks. I - 2 visits per week.

Improvisation Workshop

- Grades 3 12
- Learn how to play without written music
- Ideal for students with some experience and knowledge on their instruments
- Open to any instrumental or vocal musician.
- Recommendation: 45 60 minute workshop

Music Assembly Programs

- Grades PreK 12
- Professional musicians perform, discuss the history and background of their music, and demonstrate various instruments
- Solos, duos, trios, and quartets available
- Genres may include classical, jazz, folk, popular, or more as requested.
- Available for medium to large groups
- Recommendation: 45 60 minute assembly