



HOW NMA GROUP CLASSES WORK

- Your child or you will be a part of the **unique group class program** focused on high quality small classes, demanding programs, fun environment, and affordability. These are the only classes in our area that train students to perform, compete, improve their audition skills for the school programs, or participate in AIM Program - IL State Exam program for piano.
- Our group music classes are designed to provide **individualized instruction** in a group class setting. Each student is taught individually, and encouraged to progress at their own speed.
- **We offer** piano, guitar, violin, drums, and voice classes. We also offer group classes for IL State Exams in Piano for levels 1-2.
- **Here is how a class works:** the teacher works with one student for a few minutes, then the student needs to practice what they just learned while the teacher works with the other students for the same amount of time. Often times, theory, technique, and music history work is done as a group, however instrument training is completely individualized in order to allow for learning differences in each individual student.
- The students are engaged with their instrument for the full duration of the class. They are either working with the instructor, or practicing by themselves.
- Each class has students of **different ages and levels.** The level of student's skill is defined differently by different method books. In order to avoid the confusion, and to have the ability to use as many methods as we see appropriate for our students, we combine students of different levels together. Different levels encourage students to strive for higher achievements in a fun and enjoyable setting.
- **NMA group classes have a maximum of 2 students** in the 30-min class. If there is only 1 student starting the class, they will receive 20 min of individual instruction until we add the second student.



- Our teachers are independent contractors and they use different teaching methods, and also follow NMA Annual Exam syllabus. Each method leads to the same goal of enabling a student to read music, count, play their favourite songs, pass the NMA Annual Exam, and participate in the various NMA and other programs.
- Please click on a specific class in our drop menu to see the schedule of the classes.
- Group class students are encouraged to sign up for **NMA Annual Exam** which helps the students and the parents to measure students' progress and build confidence in their overall music skills.