



Senior Program

For musicians who are finishing grade 9, 10, 11 or 12+

The KISSM Senior Program is designed to challenge and inspire. Whether students have years of experience on their instruments or are trying something new, they will be surrounded by excellent staff and peers that have worked hard to achieve the level they are at. Students have the opportunity to play, to sing, to act, to develop confidence and show their leadership skills. Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives in the afternoon. The KISSM Senior Program connects talented musicians and performers in a stimulating environment.

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KISSM Senior Programs - Morning

Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives in the afternoon.

Choir Program

Young musicians in the **Choir** morning program will focus on choral repertoire where students will be singing in three and/or four-part voicing. It is designed to build strong musicianship and develop mastery of the skills and concepts required to sing beautiful choral music including rhythmic and melodic independence of parts. Additionally, musicians will work on the fundamentals of singing and voice technique. Explorations will focus on breathing, intonation, line, and developing healthy singing habits. Students will explore a variety of styles and are sure to gain confidence as singers while having fun with others.

Band Program

Young musicians in the **Band Program** will be placed in one of our fantastic band classes. On the first morning of KISSM, all instrumental students (except for complete beginners) will meet with a KISSM faculty member in order to determine which ensemble will best fit their skill level. **Students will be asked to play during this meeting, but don't need to practice or prepare anything special. Any students who feel anxious or uncomfortable about this placement audition will be given special assistance.**

All students registered for the **Band Program** must bring their own band instrument on the first day of KISSM. If you don't own an instrument one can be rented from Long and McQuade.

Traditional Concert Band instrumentation includes woodwind, brass and percussion instruments ([click here for a comprehensive list of Concert Band instruments](#)). Please note that electric bass guitar can not be supported in



Concert Band. Young musicians who play electric bass should consider upright bass if they wish to be a part of the KISSM Concert Band Program.

3 Levels of Band

Intro-To-Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who want to learn how to play a concert band instrument, but haven't had the opportunity yet. Learn to play an instrument and get a great head start to band next year. Students must bring their own instruments (instruments can be rented from Long and McQuade for the duration of KISSM). Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play with other KISSM musicians.

Intermediate Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who already play a concert band instrument. Students will refine their technique, experience music in different styles and work to strengthen their overall musicianship. Strengthen their playing muscles, be exposed to music in different styles and get a great head start to band next year. Large group performance is the emphasis in this course, which is great for students wishing to gain experience and become key players in their school ensembles. Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play in Mass Band with other KISSM musicians.

Senior Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who have performed in a concert band and loved it! KISSM provides approachable but exciting music intended for students who already have a few years of experience on their instruments. Students will strengthen their rhythmic and music literacy skills and have expert guidance to take their playing ability to the next level in a short time.

AFTERNOON ELECTIVES

Elective group A - choose one:

Jazz Band

This course is designed for students with previous ensemble experience. The mix of experienced players and novice jazz players provide a supportive and rewarding class for anyone who wants to explore the world of jazz. We focus on interpretation of jazz rhythms, phrasing, and the history of jazz music as it applies to the pieces being performed. KISSM students will also be given the opportunity to explore the



art of jazz improvisation while soloing. If you really love it you can show it off during our amazing KISSM Showcase Concert.

Prerequisite: 1 year of experience. Instrumentation based on standard jazz ensemble instrumentation.

Song Writing

This class is aimed at amateur songwriters hoping to express their ideas better through songs. We will look at song structure, and the melodic, harmonic, and lyric choices that can be made while putting the song together. This course explores the music and lyrics of your life and how to create songs you can share with others. Experience what it is like to be a lyricist!

Prerequisite: None, this class is for everyone!

The Addams Family: CAST for the Sr. Musical

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY School Edition has been adapted from the original Off-Broadway Production. The School Edition has been carefully edited, with additional director's notes throughout, to make the show more producible for high school groups.

Students who register for "The Addams Family" must register for this class in both Elective A and B.

The Addams Family: CREW for the Sr. Musical

Interested in taking part in the Senior Musical with your friends, but you'd prefer to support the production behind the scenes? Sign up to assist with stage management, lights, sound, costumes and props. This course offers KISSM students the opportunity to build props, learn to design and fit costumes, and experience all of stage management including operating sound and lighting boards. This course is limited to 8 registrants.

Prerequisite: Everyone Welcome

Students who register for "The Addams Family" crew must register for this class in both Elective A and B.



Elective Group B - Choose One:

Chamber Music

Duets, trios, quartets and quintets! This is an intermediate/senior level course for concert band musicians who are interested in experiencing the intimate, small group musical setting of chamber music. Be prepared to work hard, take a leading role within the ensemble, play without a conductor, experience new styles of music, and have a lot of fun.

Prerequisite: Minimum of two years' experience on their instrument.

Guitar

Whether you are a beginner guitar player or have some skills already, this course will take you to the next level in your guitar playing. Learn to read music including tab, pick and strum while learning those pieces you love and can play at home, around the campfire or with your friends. Guitars are provided but bring your own if you have one!

Prerequisite: Everyone Welcome

Intermediate Piano

Students in this class will have the opportunity to review fundamental piano skills through activities designed to promote an enjoyment of music. This class is designed to help improve note reading, concepts of rhythm and the application of basic harmonies. Mini masterclasses will be held every week to give students an opportunity to perform as well as to listen to their peers.

Prerequisite: One year of piano experience

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