

"Sing to the Lord a new song, play skillfully
and shout for joy!" Psalm 33:3

Our Purpose

The Valley Baptist Academy of Performing Arts (VAPA) exists to provide quality music education in a Christian environment. Our goal is to prepare our students for service, ministry and personal enjoyment through individual development of the performing arts.

Faculty

Our instructors are carefully selected, based on their proven ability to teach, their competence as a musician, and a personal, vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. Each one teaches in an environment of affirmation, encouragement, patience and a motivation toward excellence.

Location

Lessons are taught on the campus of Valley Baptist Church, 4800 Fruitvale Ave, Bakersfield, 93308 (the corner of Fruitvale and Hageman).

Lesson Times

Lessons are scheduled BY THE TEACHER at a time convenient to both the instructor and the student. The teacher will contact the student within 48 hours of registration to set up the most convenient time slot.

Tuition / Costs

Each student pays an annual registration fee to help cover administrative costs, recital facility costs and other related costs. This fee is: \$25 (from August 1-Dec. 31) \$20 (if registering after Jan. 1)

Teachers set their OWN tuition fees, and lesson payments are made directly to the teacher. Tuition costs are comparable with other private music lesson rates in the Bakersfield area.

Group Lessons

Group instruction is available for strings at a reduced cost. These classes are open to anyone between the ages of 6 to adult. To register, call the Academy office at 387-6314.

Calendar

The Academy follows the school holiday schedule for major holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. Normally lessons are offered on Monday holidays such as President's Day, Martin Luther King's birthday or public school teacher work days unless the individual music teacher chooses to cancel them. Lessons continue through the summer, but allowances are given for family vacation, summer camp and other summer activities.

Make-up Lessons

Are at the discretion of the teacher, but the student is reminded that they are paying for a time slot, which could be filled by another student. Make up lessons are NOT offered in the event that a lesson is missed due to homework, school athletic events or other extracurricular activities. Contact Ruth Gage at 387-6314 or by email at rg.age@valleybaptist.org

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TO REGISTER: Complete the following registration form and submit it to the Valley Baptist Music Office, 4800 Fruitvale Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93308 along with the appropriate registration fee (made payable to VAPA).

Student's Name _____
Parent's Name _____
Address _____

Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____

Approx age: _____
Elem school, _____ Jr high
high school, _____ adult
Name of school _____

Today's date ____ / ____ / ____

Instrument _____

I am registering for: _____ private lessons,
_____ group classes, _____ both

Do you have an instrument? _____ yes _____ no
Have you had previous instruction or experience on this instrument? _____ yes _____ no If so, for how long? _____
Have you had experience on any other instrument or been in choir? _____ yes _____ no



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