

CMAC | COMMUNITY MUSIC AND ARTS CENTER

Lessons, Classes, Certificate Programs and Ensembles for All Ages



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Enriching lives through the practice of music and the arts.

YOU'RE INVITED.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to take advantage of the many benefits of the new Community Music and Arts Center (CMAC) at Harper College. Whether you join us to play an instrument you know or explore something new, to sing, to write or create, to have fun or to master a complete musical curriculum, we want to welcome you.

As part of Harper's Continuing Education Division, our non-degree programs further the College's mission by offering high quality instruction and facilities to community members of all ages, from children to seniors. Since our center was founded in 1981, our programs have evolved to serve the needs of that community. Today, we renew our commitment to address the increasingly diverse goals of our students by offering a variety of individual classes as well as two distinct programs of study. While our ASPIRE program offers budding and advancing musicians a well-developed traditional music curriculum, our MUSIC FOR ALL program lets those who simply want to play or make music improve their skills and engage with others. Our art and writing programs allow absolute beginners to explore artistic expression while more experienced students will find opportunities to master their skills.

When I arrived at Harper in July of 2014, I was thrilled to join such a stunningly accomplished music faculty and become a part of the CMAC. Before coming here, I spent four years as the Head of Music at the Qatar Music Academy in Doha, Qatar. Prior to that I was a lecturer at the University of Chicago, where I conducted the Middle East Music Ensemble. I've also been an adjunct faculty member at Columbia College and a member of the faculty at the Old Town School of Folk Music. My own education culminated in a Master of Music Composition from Columbia College. I've since had the pleasure of having my compositions performed internationally and the privilege to record and release five albums.

Whatever your artistic dreams may be, I am dedicated to making your educational experience as fulfilling as mine was, and I hope that you will thrive in the creative learning environment of CMAC. We welcome your support and involvement in making the CMAC a leading and cherished community arts program.

Kind regards,



Issa Boulos

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Harper College Continuing Education

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OUR MISSION

The Community Music and Arts Center (CMAC) is an educational organization dedicated to enriching life through engagement in the arts. In pursuit of this mission, the Center provides diverse approaches to teaching and creates hospitable environments for learning. It facilitates the creation of new educational ventures and partnerships with community organizations.

OUR VISION

The CMAC encompasses a multicultural community, bringing together people from the many nationalities and cultures found in the Harper College District. Classes and lessons are held on the Harper campus as well as at sites provided by our partners throughout the district. Our community is sensitive and respectful to each other, to methods of teaching and learning, and to all musical and artistic genres. We are committed to cultivating diverse traditions and introducing them to new generations while actively promoting cultural exchanges. We understand that every student is a unique individual and learns in his or her own way. To help us achieve our vision, we will reach out to you with a variety of communications, and we encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Our music program is unique among the College's Continuing Education offerings because, except for aquatics, it is the only program with classes for both children and adults. Because we recognize that needs vary in teaching different ages, we establish classes for age groups within the program. While our art program does not accept students under the age of 16, our summer youth program, InZone (which includes music and arts classes), caters to ages 8-14 with some occasional programs for older children. To learn more, visit harpercollege.edu/inzone.



QUICK START OVERVIEW

...for those who want to get started now. Find our complete course schedule at harpercollege.edu/ce.

MUSIC FOR ALL CLASSES

For Adults:

- Introduction to Banjo
- Group Guitar for Beginners
- Build Your Beatles List on Guitar
- Build Your Beatles List on Ukulele
- Ukulele Pleasure for Beginners
- Easy Guitar!
- Group Violin
- Piano Pleasure for Beginners
- Make Music on Your Computer
- String Orchestra

For Children:

- Pop Music Singers
- Music and Drama (Ages 8-14)
- Group Guitar
- Group Ukelele
- Group Voice
- Preparatory Piano (combination of group and private lessons)
- Music for Me! (Ages 4-5)
- Music for Us! (Ages 1-3)
- Bundles: private + musicianship + ensemble

MUSIC HISTORY AND ETHNOMUSICOLOGY CLASSES

Where does music come from? Explore music from a cultural perspective. Sharpen your listening skills, gain an appreciation for music from around the world and the role it plays in cultures, communities and your own life.

- African-American Music
- Persian Music in the Contemporary World
- Music of the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the Grateful Dead
- Global Musical Traditions

BEGINNING ART CLASSES

- Art-Making For Beginners
- Point and Shoot Photography
- Beginning Photography
- Oil and Acrylic Painting
- Artistic Welding
- Pottery For Beginners
- Painting Like the Masters
- Drawing 101

WRITING CLASSES

- Creative Nonfiction Workshop
- Fiction Writer's Workshop
- Technical Writing Workshop
- Preserve Your Family in Words
- Short Story Writing Workshop
- Blogging: An Introduction

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED ENSEMBLES

Contact Issa Boulos at iboulos@harpercollege.edu for details on how to join these no-fee groups.

- World Music Ensemble
- Latin Jazz Ensemble
- Ensembles: chamber, percussion, choir, folk, world, piano, rock and jazz

LESSONS

Private and group lessons are offered for a variety of ages and instruments, and may be taken as electives or as part of the Music for All or Aspire programs.

- **Ages 5-8:** piano, Suzuki piano, orchestral percussion, violin, Suzuki violin, cello, double bass*, guitar (including electric*), jazz guitar, ukulele, banjo*, jazz piano, mandolin, drums, fiddle, voice* and hand drum
- **Ages 9-10:** All of the above plus flute, clarinet, trumpet, double bass, Indian tabla, harmonica, accordion and oud*
- **Ages 11-17:** All of the above plus viola, oboe, saxophone, trombone, French horn, voice, euphonium and tuba
- **Ages 17+:** All of the above

**These instruments require that we meet with younger children for assessment. Smaller-sized instruments are generally required for younger children on these specific instruments.*

INSTRUMENT RENTALS

We recognize that there are times when a student may want to rent an instrument prior to making a purchase. As long as you are a CMAC student, JC's Guitars and Music Lessons in Algonquin or St. Charles, Illinois, will rent you a quality instrument at a fair price. Instruments available to rent include guitar, bass, snare drum, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, violin, viola and cello. Monthly rental (or rent-to-own) fees are paid directly to JC's. To learn more or reserve an instrument, call Christina at JC's Algonquin store at 847-658-9932.

RECITALS AND CONCERTS

Student performances will be scheduled throughout the year. Visit Music and Arts at harpercollege.edu and view our calendar of events or sign up for the CMAC e-news.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

If cost is a concern, some tuition assistance is available for students in grades 1-12, based on financial need. For more information or to apply, please call 847.925.6659

QUESTIONS?

Contact CMAC by email at cmac@harpercollege.edu or call 847.925.6659.



MUSIC PROGRAMS

Beyond taking individual classes or lessons, students may enroll in one of our more in-depth music programs.

MUSIC FOR ALL PROGRAM

Open to everyone and every age, Music for All is exactly what it sounds like: it's all about sharing the musical experience! The program covers a wide variety of musical genres, including various classical and folk genres, so whether your interest is in rock, pop, folk, jazz, blues or some other music from around the world, you can explore it with Music for All.

Music for All instructors provide the same quality instruction as our Aspire instructors, but with a slightly different focus: Get comfortable singing or playing your instrument with others. No learning to read music or mastering theory here – just a series of beginner and intermediate level classes that help students build basic skills on an instrument.

Private lessons are also available, and students enrolled in private lessons are able to participate in their choice of ensemble:

- Jazz Ensemble
- Rock Ensemble
- Folk Ensemble
- World Music Ensemble
- Mixed Ensemble
- Classical (Strings, Wind, Brass)
- Percussion Choir
- Group Piano

All Music for All students have access to jam sessions, drum circles and performances.



ASPIRE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Primarily for school-aged children (ages 5-18) with a serious interest in music, Aspire is for students who are willing to devote a significant amount of practice and study time per week, in preparation for periodic, rigorous exams that document their progress and allow them to earn certificates. The Aspire program is based on renowned and time-tested curricula from some of the world's most respected music education bodies, including the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM), Achievement in Music (AIM)—piano only, Suzuki and the Music Development Program.

Students enter Aspire at a level that matches their ability, select a curriculum and enroll in the corresponding lessons and ensembles. As they progress through levels and exams, students earn certificates, validating their learning and positioning them for further studies.

Aspire instructors are highly experienced musicians, artists and educators who focus on providing a quality, structured music education that draws heavily on practice and theory through three integrated components:

- **Private Lessons: Instrumental or Voice**
Lessons provide the individual attention necessary for technical development as well as interpretive and expressive insights.
- **Classes/Group Lessons: Musicianship**
In assigned group settings, students master the required theory for their program level, including sight-reading, dictation, listening, performance practices and history.
- **Ensembles: Group Performance Experience**
Playing and performing in a group offers peer reinforcement and social interaction, stimulates creative activities and develops teamwork skills. Students are assigned to an appropriate ensemble: strings, woodwinds, bands, jazz, percussion, mixed, or one of the Music For All ensembles (previous page).

This three-pronged approach ensures that students develop the necessary proficiency for the high-level musicianship they seek. Students are encouraged to achieve their full potential and, if desired, pursue a range of career options in the music industry.

Aspire Music Performance Badge Program

In addition to earning certificates for the Aspire levels passed within a curriculum, students can earn CMAC Music Performance Badges for other achievements:

- Grade of Pass for all eight ABRSM theory levels
- Grade of Pass for all instrumental practical exams in ANY of the curricula we offer
- Grade of Pass in six of the CMAC elective courses listed below
- Grade of Pass in at least eight ensemble classes
- Grade of Pass in at least eight recitals

Elective Courses include:

- Ethnomusicological topics (I, II, III)
- Musical notation using software (Finale)
- Harmony (I, II)
- Figured Bass (I, II)
- Analysis (I, II)
- Music technology and recording using software
- Music composition using software (I, II, III, IV)
- Orchestration (I, II, III, IV)
- History of Western Music (I, II)
- World Music
- Piano For non-pianists (I, II, III)
- Introduction to Jazz
- Choir (I, II)
- Composing for Film (I, II)
(pre-requisite: composition I, II and orchestration I, II)
- Musical Theater (I, II)
- Pop Music (I, II)

SOUND RECORDING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Through our partnership with Maxim Entertainment/Solid Sound Recording Studio in Hoffman Estates, CMAC offers audio recording and production classes in a professional studio. Students interested in launching a career in the audio industry or who want to improve their own studio can gain the necessary knowledge and skills.

Through a sequence of three courses led by instructor and recording engineer John Towner, students learn the fundamentals of sound recording, acoustics, and recording technologies and techniques. They also gain invaluable hands-on experience in a professional environment while learning how to select the right microphones, set up equipment for recording sessions and practice recording techniques. Participants work on post-production audio for video and finish with a certificate and their own mix from a studio session.

- Sound Recording I: Introduction
- Sound Recording II: Recording Techniques
- Sound Recording III: Mixing and Editing Techniques







ARTS PROGRAMS

PAINTING AND DRAWING

For centuries, painters have been creating artistic masterpieces of all kinds. CMAC's painting and drawing classes allow you to start as a beginner and build the skills you need to create your very own masterpieces. Our instructors are accomplished artists who are passionate about teaching and helping others develop their painting techniques in water color, acrylic and/or oil painting. Workshop classes provide time to create while interacting with peers and gaining new artistic perspectives.





THREE-DIMENSIONAL (3-D) ARTS

With facilities for 3-D arts that are among the best in the state, Harper's CMAC offers a range of popular classes in pottery, ceramics, and unique arts such as bronze casting, artistic welding, blacksmithing and jewelry-making. Our partnership with Suevel Stained Glass Studios even allows us to teach stained glass and hot glass slumping classes.





PHOTOGRAPHY

Go from beginning to advanced with our photography classes as you learn to capture the natural or man-made world and the people around you in photos. Start with a Point and Shoot, DSLR or Introductory class or fine tune your skills with portraits and developing an artistic eye. You can also master the use of software like Photoshop and Lightroom to perfect the quality of your work and impress.





A PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR THE CREATIVE WRITER

Whether you write purely for self-expression or to develop a new career, the Harper Continuing Education Writing Studio offers instruction, practice and peer review to help you meet your goals. Here are some of the courses we offer to help writers become more. (Note that not all these courses are offered each term.)

- Creative Fiction Workshop
- Fiction Writer's Workshop
- Fiction Writer's Workshop: Novels and Short Story Anthologies
- Finish Your Novel Workshop
- Legacy: Reading and Writing Your Life Story
- Memoir Writing
- Poetry Workshop
- Preserving Your Family in Words: Writing History, Herstory, and Yourstory
- Publish It Yourself Workshop
- Screenwriting Workshop
- Short Story Writing Workshop
- Start Blogging: An Introduction to WordPress Blogs
- Writing a Ten-Minute Play

Successful writers know that they benefit from interaction with other writers to get feedback and perspective on their work. All of our instructors are published authors who can help you get your words on paper (or screen) and published. Beginning in the fall of 2016, you can earn a Harper Digital Badge in Writing to show potential employers and clients what you have accomplished. Find out more at harpercollege.edu/ce (choose Music and Arts.)



HOW TO REGISTER

Search for the course(s) you want online at harpercollege.edu/ce. Note each five-digit Course Registration Number (CRN), and be ready to pay with a credit card or check.

Register one of three ways:

Online: harpercollege.edu/ce

By Phone: 847.925.6300

In-Person Continuing Education Registration Desk
Wojcik Conference Center (Building W)
Harper College Main Campus
1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and college holidays

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Come explore the new CMAC.



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