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ABOUT HOPE ACADEMY

East Liberty Presbyterian Church founded Hope Academy of Music and the Arts in 1999 to provide arts education to children and youth in Pittsburgh. We offer a safe place where young people of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds can further their personal and artistic growth through the study and performance of music and the arts.

Hope Academy of Music and the Arts impacts the lives of over 350 children and their families a year through music and performing arts instruction, giving students the opportunity to discover hidden skills and talents, and build self-esteem in a supportive, caring environment. The community problem that we address is the lack of opportunity for underserved youth to participate in the arts due to limited resources in the family and cutbacks in arts programming in the schools. The strength and uniqueness of our programming is derived from the partnerships we have developed with some of the city's finest artists and cultural organizations.

Support and Partnerships

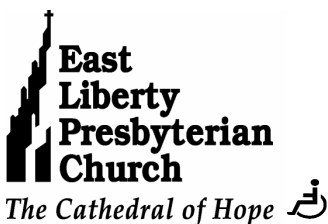
Hope Academy's program costs are covered by a combination of tuition, financial and logistical support by East Liberty Presbyterian Church, substantial grants from local foundations including The Heinz Endowments, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, individual donors from The Pittsburgh Foundation, Hope Academy families and friends; as well as local businesses

The following arts organizations have contributed in significant ways to Hope Academy:

- ◆ Alia Musica
- ◆ Carnegie Mellon University Drama Dept.
- ◆ Guitar Society of Fine Art
- ◆ Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre
- ◆ Pittsburgh Public Theater
- ◆ Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Renaissance City Choirs

Questions?

**Call Hope Academy
412/441-3800 x11**



COURSES AND PRIVATE LESSONS

Courses are offered in music and the performing arts for children and youth from ages 4 to 18. Course sizes are small to ensure a low student-to-staff ratio.

Private music instruction is also available.

Days and Times

Most courses and private lessons meet weekly during three 12-week terms during the school year - Tuesday through Friday between 3:00 and 8:00 pm; Saturday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm; and some Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Location

Courses and private lessons are held at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, corner of Penn and Highland. Directions and parking information are available on our website.

Attendance

It is the student's responsibility to attend all scheduled classes. There are no make-up classes or refunds for missed classes.

If an instructor is ill or otherwise unable to teach a class, every effort will be made to find a substitute. Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel or reschedule a class. Cancellations due to weather will be announced on the local television stations.

Students taking private lessons will be given a maximum of one makeup lesson per term.

HAT Co and Discover the Talent Scholarship students are held to a higher standard — there will be NO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from HAT Co and/or the Discover the Talent Scholarship program.

REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form inside this catalogue, sign it, and return with your check or money order (**made payable to "ELPC"**) for total tuition and registration fee to:

Hope Academy
c/o East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 South Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Payments by cash must be submitted in person. **Onsite registration will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010 from 2 to 4 pm at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.**

Course enrollments are limited. Students will be accepted into a course in the order that their paid registrations are received. If minimum enrollment for a course is not met by the

registration deadline, that course will be cancelled (see Refund Policy). Courses fill quickly. A spot will not be reserved for any student without payment. Call-in registrations will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT: A separate registration form and \$10 registration fee must be submitted for each student registering. This includes registration for FREE courses.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tax-deductible Donations

Tuition covers only a portion of the total cost of operating Hope Academy of Music and the Arts. Families, who are able, are asked to make tax-deductible donations to cover the difference for their children.

Payment

The full-tuition amount plus the \$10 registration fee is due at the time of registration.

Scholarships

Applications for the *Discover the Talent Scholarship* fund are available online at www.HopeAcademyArts.com. **The deadline for receipt of applications is August 16, 2010.** A limited number of scholarships are awarded in September for the entire school year. Application to the *Discover the Talent Scholarship* fund does not guarantee acceptance. You will be notified if you are awarded this scholarship.

Refund Policy

A full-tuition refund is given for withdrawals from a course 10 days before the course begins.

A partial-tuition refund (one-half of the full tuition) will be returned if a withdrawal request is received prior to the second class meeting.

No tuition refunds are given after the second class has met, and families are responsible to make full payment of tuition.

If Hope Academy cancels a course, you will receive a full-tuition refund for that course.

The \$10 registration fee per student is non-refundable except in the event that Hope Academy cancels a course and it is the only course for which the student is registered.

No partial refunds are given for missed classes or private lessons. Private music students receive one make-up lesson per 10-week term.

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to keep tuition costs down, we do NOT mail registration confirmation notices. You may call the office to inquire about receipt of your payment.