

## Welcome New Students!

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Forte Music School!

We look forward to a great new semester. At Forte Music School, we constantly strive to create an unparalleled learning environment, intentionally motivating and continuously challenging students to achieve their full potential.

The **ideal Forte education** combines a weekly private lesson with ensemble classes. Ensemble classes are a great opportunity to make music with other students and broaden their musical experiences. Frankly, most musicians would agree that it's far more fun to play music with other people. What better way than to start introducing them to this opportunity at an early age! These group classes are also a fantastic way to apply the skills they are learning in private lessons. We currently offer classes in the areas of Musical Theater, Rock Band and Computer Composition on GarageBand; with more being added every year.

Private lessons are 30, 45, or 60 minutes in length and occur at a designated time each week. Highly educated instructors integrate solid pedagogy with Forte's innovative process for teaching music literacy (reading, writing and improvising). In addition to the traditional recital venues we offer, by far the most exciting element of our approach is the process of **recording, arranging, and producing their own CD**. It is our goal to not only develop student musicianship, but to nurture their creativity and musical inventiveness.

At Forte, we take seriously the investment that our parents make in giving their children a music education. In addition to quarterly progress reports, instructors document all learning and present it in a **portfolio** at the end of the semester.

If you have any further questions regarding registration or our programs, do not hesitate to contact us: 503.690.3505.

Warmly,

Eric Nordin  
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