

Hello Musical Families!

Since Music Together's inception over 30 years ago, the utmost value has been placed on in-person, community-oriented music classes. We believe that the best way to experience music is *together!*

We find ourselves in an unprecedented time where we are being asked to stay home for our own safety and the safety of others around us. Well, Music Together Worldwide (our "Mothership") has granted us permission to move Music Together online! They are working with directors and teachers all around the world to ensure that families can continue to enjoy high-quality, educational music-making experiences in a creative new format.

### **Now Introducing: NORTH SHORE MUSIC TOGETHER... ONLINE!**

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#### **Your Enrollment for Spring Includes:**

- One 25-minute interactive virtual class via Zoom, every week. (Zoom is an online video platform, and is interactive and easy to use)
- Weekly Facebook LIVE events via our private Facebook Group, "NSMT Families" - you can watch (and rewatch) the videos later, too!
- Access to individual songs and activities, as well as additional pre-recorded classes from our teachers. So you can have music with us every day if you like!
- Downloadable & printable activity sheets
- Music Together semester Music and Songbook (MARACAS collection)!

Our online classes will be offered at a discounted rate of **\$150 PER FAMILY**. Because siblings no longer take up a seat, a single registration will cover tuition for your whole family.

#### **What if I've already paid?**

We will credit your account for the difference in fees.

We know that some families may be facing job loss and financial insecurity at this time. If you are able, consider donating your credit amount to our scholarship fund, which goes towards families experiencing financial barriers to taking our classes.

#### **Wait, more screen time?**

We know screen time isn't generally recommended for this age group, but here's the difference: YOU! When children stare at a screen and passively receive information, they don't take it in in the same way, nor do they learn in the same way as when they have the active participation of a caregiver or parent. SO, just like in our classes, you're still the most important part. Your teacher will be on the screen, they might see their classmates on the screen, but it is truly the interaction of the parent/caregiver with the child that is going to continue their music development! Essentially, it is like the teacher coming right into your home to guide you in making music with your child. We will also give you lots of fun activities and ideas to do at home on your own.

#### **Do we get materials to take home?**

Yes! Families enrolled in Spring have the option of having the materials delivered directly to their home. If you don't want your materials delivered (or if we are not able to ship or deliver them), you will receive digital access to all of the songs, songbook and at-

home activities for the MARACAS COLLECTION! Let us know which method you'd prefer!

### **About the Schedule**

Classes will be at the regularly scheduled time with your chosen teacher. You may also attend other classes throughout the week, depending on availability. Please be patient as we make adjustments to the schedule over the next week to accommodate teachers' changed schedules and family needs.

### **What if we can resume in-person classes partway through Spring Term?**

We look forward to resuming in-person classes as soon as we are able. If it becomes possible later in spring, we will work out a small drop-in fee to cover rent.

Think of this as a way to connect with your child, your teacher and with our community. We need each other during this time. We need music. We need something *on the schedule!* And even though we can't be together in person, we can still be silly, interactive and playful "together" online. We hope you'll join us!

**If you'd like to join us for Music Together Online, enroll in classes today!**

**If you've already enrolled, please confirm what you'd like to do by April 8th** so that we can process credits and deliver materials before classes begin!

With love and kindness,

Sabrielle

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