

The TOP 10 REASONS

Why Yamaha Group Lessons Are the Best Way to Start Your Child in Music

10. **It's fun.** Children enjoy the interaction with other children and learn from each other. They also love sharing this time with their parents...what a wonderful learning environment!
9. **It's an hour a week.** Because of the varied activities, children are able to learn for an entire hour rather than just 30 minutes.
8. **Ear training is possible on a sophisticated level.** Children become excellent listeners, performers, and creators of music because of group singing, solfege training, music appreciation and keyboard playing.
7. **Group learning helps to establish a strong sense of pulse** within each child through rhythmic body movement and group singing and keyboard playing. A good sense of rhythm is essential to musical success.
6. **Confidence increases.** Children perform with and for the group and learn the joy of accomplishment. The poise they gain goes with them into other settings.
5. **Children receive the tools necessary to create their own music.** They hear and reproduce melodies and learn to listen for harmonies. Soon they are able to choose the chords that fit with the melody. This is the basis for improvisation and composition. In addition, the aural skills they develop will allow them to imitate the music they hear on the radio, CDs and TV!
4. **Accountability.** The group pace requires that students develop good practice routines. Progress is usually more consistent in a group setting.
3. **Teachers are trained in group teaching techniques.** Activities that may seem boring in a private setting can be fun in a group. Skills necessary for future success in choir, band, or orchestra are easily taught in group lessons.
2. **Ensemble performance is the activity of choice for most students.** Children love the combination of orchestral sounds and rhythms. It is a challenge for them to play their own parts correctly while listening to the musical whole.
1. **Yamaha methods and materials are age appropriate,** capitalizing on the strongest skills and learning style of each age. Children experience success because the curriculum is based on their developmental stage and interests.

Congratulations on the wise choice you have made for your child!