

# The Conservatoire



## GROUP COURSES

in music, art, drama and culture  
for children and adults

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# Music Groups for adults

## Music Groups and Ensembles

Trial  
sessions  
available



These groups cover a wide range of genres. Classes take place in a sociable environment and there are plenty of performance opportunities.

### Blackheath Baroque

**Ensemble I:** Tuesdays • 7-8pm

**Ensemble II:** Mondays • 8-9pm

**Orchestra:** Tuesdays • 8.15-9.15pm

Starts Mon 9 & Tue 10 Jan

Grade 6+ • 8 sessions • £94

### En Bloc Recorder Ensemble

Wednesdays • 5.30-6.30pm

Grade 6+ • Starts 11 Jan

10 sessions • £88

### Singers Unlimited

Wednesdays • 12.45-1.45pm

Retired/mature solo singers

Starts 11 Jan • 10 sessions • £29

### Flute Choir

Saturdays • 12 noon-1pm

Grade 2+ • Starts 14 Jan

10 sessions • £88

### Jazz Sounds

Saturdays • 12 noon-2pm

By consultation • Starts 14 Jan

11 sessions • £175

### A-level Music

The very successful A-level Music course is open to adults. Please see page 8.

## Choirs

Trial  
sessions  
available

There are choirs at the Conservatoire for every singer, from those who have not sung before to those with more experience. All choirs enjoy the opportunity to perform in concerts throughout the year, where the chance to demonstrate skills learnt in rehearsals leads to exciting and memorable occasions.

### Find Your Voice (Daytime)

Mondays • 12 noon-1pm

Beginners • Starts 9 Jan

11 sessions • £68

### Find Your Voice (Evening)

Mondays • 7-8pm

Beginners • Starts 9 Jan

12 sessions • £80

### Sing for Pleasure

Mondays • 8-9.30pm

Some experience • Starts 9 Jan

12 sessions • £115

### Women's Choir

Wednesdays • 11am-12 noon

Some experience • Starts 11 Jan

11 sessions • £70

### Chamber Choir

Wednesdays • 7.30-9pm

Experienced singers • Starts 11 Jan

12 sessions • £115

Students taking One-to-One Instrumental and Vocal Lessons receive a 50% discount on choirs



# Art and Wine Appreciation for adults

## Art

We offer regular classes tutored by experienced practising artists. Students are encouraged and supported in developing their own style within the framework of the class. Our classes are suitable for all levels of experience as the small class sizes offer time and space for individual tutoring as required.

### Full term courses

#### Drawing, Painting & Sketching

Mondays • 7-10pm  
All levels • Starts 9 Jan  
11 sessions • £222 ○

#### Open Studio

Tuesdays • 10am-4pm  
All levels • Starts 17 Jan  
10: £280 • 5: £160 • 1: £35 ○

#### Sculpture

Tuesdays • 7-10pm  
All levels • Starts 10 Jan  
11 sessions • £255 ●

#### Watercolour, Gouache and Acrylic

Wednesdays • 7-9.30pm  
All levels • Starts 11 Jan  
11 sessions • £198 ○

#### Experiment with Colour

Thursdays • 9.30am-12.30pm  
All levels • Starts 12 Jan  
11 sessions • £232 ○

#### Drawing & Painting

Thursdays • 1.30-4.30pm  
All levels • Starts 12 Jan  
11 sessions • £232 ○

#### Painting Techniques

Sundays • 12 noon-3pm  
All levels • Starts 15 Jan  
11 sessions • £232 ○

### Short courses

#### Drop-in Life Drawing

Fridays • 10am-1pm  
All levels – untutored  
£20 per session ○

#### Screenprinting

Wednesdays • 7-9.30pm  
All levels • Starts 8 Feb  
6 sessions • £135 ●

#### Key to art classes:

- All materials provided
- Some materials provided
- No materials provided

## Wine Appreciation

Courses are offered with an experienced wine educator for different levels of experience. All classes include the tasting of a range of wines.

#### Introduction to Wine Appreciation

Mondays • 7.30-9.30pm  
Beginners • Starts 6 Feb  
6 sessions • £175

#### Intermediate Course: Australia & New Zealand

Wednesdays • 7.30-9.30pm  
Some experience • Starts 18 Jan  
5 sessions • £175

#### Intermediate Course: Central & Eastern Europe

Wednesdays • 7.30-9.30pm  
Some experience • Starts 29 Feb  
5 sessions • £175

#### Tuesday & Friday Wine Clubs

Wine Clubs are open to those who have completed our Introduction course, or a similar course elsewhere. Members pay £20 per year, and then a fee for each session.

#### Argentina

Tue 10 Jan or Fri 20 Jan • £30

#### Blind Tasting Skills

Tue 7 Nov or Fri 17 Feb • £30

#### Alsatian Wines

Tue 6 Mar or Fri 23 Mar • £35



#### One-day Introduction to Wine

Sunday 26 February, 10am-4pm  
All levels • £80 inc light lunch

# Languages, Literature and Drama for adults

Trial  
sessions  
available

## Languages

Our robust and diverse languages programme continues to flourish under the direction of our extremely experienced tutors. With popular classes in French, Italian and Spanish at a range of levels, it doesn't matter if you simply want to learn the basics of a language or take a more in-depth journey into other cultures. Emphasising discussion and interaction, these classes help you to build your language skills while having fun.

**Please note:** Classes are graded according to required student ability as rated on the Common European Framework. An easy-to-use grid to assess your level can be accessed through [www.conservatoire.org.uk/languagelevels](http://www.conservatoire.org.uk/languagelevels). Copies of the grid are also available from the Conservatoire office.

### French pre-A1

Required ability: pre-CEF A1  
Sundays • 1-2.30pm  
Starts 15 Jan • 10 sessions • £138

### French A2

Required ability: CEF level A2  
Sundays • 2.30-4pm  
Starts 15 Jan • 10 sessions • £138

### French B1

Required ability: CEF level B1  
Thursdays • 1.30-3.30pm  
Starts 12 Jan • 10 sessions • £184

### French B2

Required ability: CEF level B2  
Thursdays • 10am-12 noon  
Starts 12 Jan • 10 sessions • £184

### Italian A2/B1

Required ability: CEF A2/B1  
Tuesdays • 7.30-9.30pm  
Starts 10 Jan • 10 sessions • £184

### Spanish pre-A1

Required ability: pre-CEF A1  
Thursdays • 7.30-9pm  
Starts 12 Jan • 10 sessions • £138

## Literature

Our well-established and highly popular English Literature course presents the opportunity to enhance your enjoyment and exploration of literature under the guidance of an expert tutor, learning in a relaxed and friendly environment.

### English Literature

Tuesdays • 10am-12 noon  
All levels • Starts 10 Jan  
11 sessions • £148

## Drama

Bring out your theatrical side by joining the drama course. This course is for all levels of interest and ability – whether you're an experienced performer, want to develop your confidence or just want to try out your dramatic skills in a relaxed way.

Trial  
sessions  
available

### Adult Drama

Starting in the Summer Term

# Art and Drama for children

## Art

Our programme of art classes for children and young people is devised by practising artists and encourages the development of both practical and creative skills. There are classes for all ages, and students work in a wide range of media. All materials are included in the cost of the course.

### Make Art

Mondays • 9.30-10.30am  
Mondays • 1.45-2.45pm  
Age up to 4yrs • Starts 9 Jan  
11 sessions • £120

### Art Discovery

Mondays • 3.45-5pm  
4-6yrs • Starts 9 Jan  
11 sessions • £130

### Explore Art

Mondays • 5.15-6.45pm  
7-11yrs • Starts 9 Jan  
11 sessions • £140

### Drawing Skills

Mondays • 5.30-7pm  
9-14yrs • Starts 9 Jan  
11 sessions • £140

### GCSE Art & Design

Saturdays • 1-4pm  
13-18yrs • Start in January  
£396 per 10 session term  
For examination in May 2013



A monthly Direct Debit payment plan is available for GCSE Art & Design

## Drama

Designed by professional actors and directors, these courses offer the opportunity to develop creativity, improve confidence and enjoy being part of a team. They also encourage lifelong enjoyment and understanding of theatre and literature.

### Creative Dance & Drama

Saturdays • 11am-12 noon  
4-6yrs • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £91

### Junior Theatre Workshop

Saturdays • 9.30-11am  
7-10yrs • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £130

### Intermediate Theatre Workshop

Saturdays • 12 noon-1.30pm  
11-14yrs • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £130

### Senior Theatre Workshop

Saturdays • 9.30-11.30am  
14-18yrs • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £160

### Blackheath Youth Theatre

Saturdays • 1.30-3.30pm  
By consultation • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £160



# Music Groups for children

## SoundStart (ages 0-6)

The *SoundStart* Early Years Music programme at the Conservatoire has been running for over twenty years. The classes are taught by professionally qualified, experienced tutors who work regularly in this specialist field. As children progress through the programme, they develop musical awareness in a happy, sociable environment. Classes can involve singing, percussion and other instruments.



Trial sessions available

There is a 50% discount on a second child attending the same class

### SoundStart 0-3yrs

Tuesdays • 9.30-10.15am  
Tuesdays • 11-11.45am  
Wednesdays • 10.15-11am  
Fridays • 9.30-10.15am  
Fridays • 11-11.45am  
Starts from 10 Jan  
11 sessions • £87

### SoundStart 3-6yrs

Tuesdays • 12.30-1.15pm  
Wednesdays • 9.30-10.15am  
Fridays • 10.15-11am  
Saturdays • 10.15-11am  
Starts from 10 Jan  
11 sessions • £87

### SoundStart 0-6yrs

Tuesdays • 10.15-11am  
Tuesdays • 11.45am-12.30pm  
Wednesdays • 11-11.45am  
Saturdays • 9.30-10.15am  
Saturdays • 11-11.45am  
Starts from 10 Jan  
11 sessions • £87

## Choirs

There are two choirs for children and young people at the Conservatoire, where the emphasis is as much on fun as hard work. The age-graded choirs offer progression from children through to young people, developing technical competence alongside performing confidence. Both choirs are open to all levels of ability and offer members the chance to learn to sing in a friendly environment.



Trial sessions available

### Junior Choir

Saturdays • 10-11am  
6-10yrs • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £50

### Senior Choir

Saturdays • 2-3pm  
11-15yrs • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £50

## Roundabout (ages 5-9)

*Roundabout* is a unique one-year course that introduces children to six instruments over three terms in a friendly, structured environment with a specialist tutor for each subject. Ideal for those who are not sure which instrument they would like to learn, each child receives a profile at the end of the course to help them decide which instrument to take forward to one-to-one lessons.

*Roundabout covers cello, flute, guitar, piano, percussion and violin for five or six weeks per instrument*

### **Roundabout** (September start)

Thursdays • 5.15-6pm  
Fridays • 4.15-5pm  
Starts mid-September 2012  
Applications open May 2012  
3 terms (ends July 2013)

### **Roundabout** (January start)

Thursdays • 4.15-5pm  
Fridays • 5.15-6pm  
Starts early January 2013  
Applications open May 2012  
3 terms (ends December 2013)



A monthly Direct Debit payment plan is available for the Roundabout course

## Group Music Lessons

As a follow up to Roundabout, children can progress to group lessons on guitar or keyboard. Learning in a group has the built-in advantages of being sociable and creating the potential for ensemble work.

### **Keyboard**

Wednesdays • 4-4.30pm • 6-8yrs  
Wednesdays • 4.30-5pm • 9-11yrs  
Fridays • 5-5.30pm • 6-8yrs  
Fridays • 5.30-6pm • 9-11yrs  
Starts Wed 18 & Fri 20 Jan  
11 sessions • £115

### **Guitar**

Wednesdays • 4.30-5pm • 6-8yrs  
Wednesdays • 5-5.30pm • 9-11yrs  
Starts 11 Jan  
11 sessions • £115



## Ensembles

These groups develop all-round musical awareness, confidence and performing experience. As a prelude to any orchestral playing, learning the basic ensemble techniques is a vital accomplishment for any instrumentalist.

### **String Ensemble**

Saturdays • 9.30-10.30am  
9+yrs Grade 1+ • Starts 14 Jan  
11 sessions • £75

### **En Bloc Recorder Ensemble**

Wednesdays • 5.30-6.30pm  
Grade 6+ • Starts 11 Jan  
10 sessions • £88

### **Flute Choir**

Saturdays • 12 noon-1pm  
Grade 2+ • Starts 14 Jan  
10 sessions • £88

Trial sessions available

# Music Groups for children

## Academic Music

The GCSE course prepares students for the Edexcel syllabus for GCSE Music and covers Composition, Performance and Aural skills in classical, popular and world music styles. Students take part in ensemble groups playing a wide variety of music, including their own compositions. This gives them the opportunity to try ideas and receive feedback.

The two-year AS/A-level course offers the opportunity for young people to work towards the Edexcel A-level in Music. This could be for examination at the Conservatoire or as extra tuition to supplement work at school in this subject.

### GCSE Music

Saturday afternoons  
£396 per 10 session term  
3 terms: Sep 2011 to Jun 2012  
Grade 3+

### AS/A-level Music

Saturday late morning/afternoons  
£531 per 10 session term  
3 terms: Sep 2011 to Jun 2012  
Grade 5+ in practical and theory



A monthly Direct Debit payment plan is available for these courses

## Musicianship

**Saturday Music School** Aural, theory and musicianship Aural, theory and general musicianship are all vital elements of musical language and background. In order to make the most of instrumental and vocal lessons it is important to be fluent in these musical basics. In addition to these group classes we can also arrange one-to-one tuition at any level for any age.

### Grades 1-3

Saturdays • 9-9.45am  
Age up to 14 • Starts 14 Jan  
10 sessions • £96

### Grades 4-5

Saturdays • 10-11am  
Age up to 18 • Starts 14 Jan  
10 sessions • £120

### Aural Exam preparation

We also offer short courses of four lessons focussing on the aural test element of ABRSM exams.

**Grade 1:** Saturdays • 9-9.30am  
**Grade 2-3:** Saturdays • 9.30-10am  
**Grade 4:** Saturdays • 10-10.30am  
**Grade 5:** Saturdays • 10.30-11am  
Age up to 17 • Starts 3 Mar  
4 sessions • £45

## Holiday Courses

Taking place during each school holiday, our courses offer a variety of activities in art, movement and drama for children and young people aged 4 to 18. Please see the separate leaflet, available online or by request.

### February half-term courses:

Monday 13 – Friday 17 February

