

The Conservatoire

Course Guide Autumn 2022

EARLY YEARS | CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE | ADULT



THE HOME OF CREATIVITY



The
Conservatoire

Providing the highest quality, most welcoming and creative tuition in music, art and drama to the community of South East London for 140 years.

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Welcome to the Conservatoire's Autumn Term 2022 course brochure



For over 140 years, the Conservatoire has had at its core a mission to provide excellent creative learning in art, music and drama – through inspiring and nurturing people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We believe in the power of the arts to enrich and engage, and in its capacity to bring people together. Each journey into the arts is unique and we believe passionately in our personalised, tailored approach to life-long learning.

Thanks to a generous donation by a local supporter, the Conservatoire was delighted to be able to offer refugees places over the Summer term on our courses and opportunities for individual tuition. This meant that we were able to broaden access to our high-quality tuition in art, music and drama and all of the associated emotional and therapeutic value, allowing us to deliver one of our core charitable objectives. We were delighted to have the opportunity to provide help and support in this way. We aim to offer more extensive availability through the Autumn term – please do keep an eye on our website or pop in to speak with one of our Front of House team for updates on what we can offer.

As always, we continue to welcome and act on your feedback in the development of our offer and look forward to launching a series of new classes this Autumn term. For adults we introduce a number of new drama classes including 'Exploring Acting Techniques' and 'Musical Theatre', plus a series of masterclasses to support those preparing for Drama School auditions (16+). For Early years we launch the new 'Sing With Me' and are pleased to bring back 'Family Music'. To accommodate demand, we are delighted to increase our ukulele offer on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

We would like to thank all our dedicated learners and generous donors for their continued loyalty and support, but also to show appreciation to our team of staff and tutors for their ongoing hard work and commitment.

Finally, by the time you are attending Autumn term, our new cafe, Arts Kitchen, will be open. We're very excited and hope you are too!

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PROGRESSION CHART

Lifelong learning, adventure and discovery in the arts

Music

Art

DRAMA

EARLY YEARS

EARLY YEARS

↓ Tiny Tots (6-18 mths) ↔ ↓ Sing With Me (0-3 yrs) ↔ ↓ Family Music (6mths-5 yrs) ↴

↓ Little Art-venture Club (6-24 mths)

↓ Storytelling (18 mths-6 yrs)

↓ Toddler Tunes (18-36 mths)

↓ Little Art-venture Club (2-4 yrs)

↓ Little Maestros (3&4 yrs) ↔ ↓ Highly Strung Ukulele (3-6 yrs)

↓ Little Art-venture Club (4-6 yrs)

↓ BYT Kids (5-7 yrs)

↓ Roundabout (5-7 yrs) ↔ ↓ Junior Musicianship (5-6 yrs) ↴

↓ Junior Portfolio (8-11 yrs)

↓ (9-14 yrs) Mixed Media, Drawing Skills, Painting Skills, Home Education Creative Studio

↓ BYT Juniors (7-10 yrs)

↓ Play! (6-9 years) ↴

↓ Play! Cello, Violin, Flute

↓ Play! Piano, Brass Guitar, Percussion

↓ BYT Foundations (10-12 yrs)

↓ BYT Academy (13-15 yrs)

↓ Saturday Sinfonia (7-15 yrs) ↔ ↓ Junior Choir (6-8 yrs)

↓ Senior Portfolio (11-16 yrs)

↓ Blackheath Youth Theatre (BYT) (16-19 yrs)

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↓ Home Education Choir (8-15yrs)

↓ Training Choir (9-13 yrs)

↓ Illustration for Teens (13-18yrs)

↓ GCSE +A Level (13-18 yrs)

Adult Group Courses

Adult Group Courses

Adult Group Courses

↑ LAMDA Acting Examinations ↓

Individual Tuition: High-Quality Individual Lessons for Children and Adults

Unleash *your* INNER *creativity*

(re)discover the joy of music

“My lessons give me a space where I can leave the world and my worries at the door and feel the incredible freedom and joy of music take over my mind.”



At the Conservatoire you will be nurtured, inspired and supported as you enjoy the benefits of stimulating lifelong learning

Our fantastic teachers have trained at some of the best music schools in the world

Royal Academy of Music

Royal College of Music

Guildhall School

Trinity Laban

Conservatoire Paul Dukas, Paris

Shanghai Conservatory of Music

Conservatorio di Musica Luigi Cherubini

Vienna Conservatoire

This term we are offering lessons both remotely and on-site to suit your preferences.

Autumn 2022 Fees

Standard (Mon – Fri, 4 – 7.30pm, all day Sat and Sun)

30 minutes £27.50

45 minutes £41.25

60 minutes £55.00

Off-peak (Mon – Fri, 9am – 4pm and 7.30 – 9pm)

30 minutes £22.00

45 minutes £33.00

60 minutes £44.00



10 Reasons to take music lessons at the Conservatoire

- 1 Tutors are highly-qualified and experienced professional musicians continuing to perform at a high level
- 2 Supportive and creative environment
- 3 The widest range of lessons, instruments and styles offered locally – over 20 types available
- 4 Complete Beginners to Diploma Level
- 5 50% discount on our children's choirs and orchestra
- 6 Exciting performance opportunities
- 7 Exam preparation and support + ABRSM exams on-site
- 8 Regular feedback and annual reports
- 9 Flexible lesson formats – 30, 45 or 60 minutes and off-peak options available up until 9pm. Enrol at any time throughout the year.
- 10 We select tutors and tailor lessons to suit you and your reasons for learning. If you are interested in taking exams our students regularly achieve fantastic results, but many others prefer simply to come and enjoy the process of learning, playing and performing. Music is good for the mind and the soul, whichever path you choose!

Bursary Programme

We offer a bursary programme for those who would not otherwise be able to access our high-quality tuition. Please email bursary@conservatoire.org.uk for more details.

“We are grateful that our daughter is one of the bursary fund's beneficiaries. It helps her on many levels. We specially appreciated it during the first lockdown. She didn't have video calls set up with her school at that time, so she felt isolated and anxious, unfortunately, like many children during this pandemic. As parents, this period was difficult. It was hard to see you child usually quite bubbly, becoming quiet. Talking via Zoom to her guitar teacher and practice as usual was something we looked forward to every week. It was good to have some kind of normality and to have contact with someone other than family and friends. He would also talk to her about what he was up to and have his normal chitchat with her. For these precious thirty minutes, thank you.”

– Anonymous



Early Years Timetable

	9.00	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00	12.30	13.00	13.30	14.00	14.30	15.00	15.30	16.00	16.30	17.00	17.30	18.00	18.30	19.00
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S		Junior Musicianship (5&6 yrs)		Little Maestros (3&4 yrs)		Little Maestros (3 yrs)										Ukulele (3-5 yrs)	Ukulele (3-5 yrs)		Ukulele (3-5 yrs)		
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Early Years Music (6 mths – 5 yrs)

Programme Lead: Hilary Dolamore

- Small class sizes
- Unique and specialised curriculum devised to develop with your child from birth to adulthood
- Exceptional tutors who are both professional performers and early years specialists
- Child-centred approach, inspiring a love of music with solid musical foundations
- Helps develop imaginative, cognitive, speech and language, and fine motor skills
- Sociable and fun for children and parents alike



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The Conservatoire is passionate about providing high-quality arts education for children right from the start of their musical journey. Our child-centred, engaging and comprehensive Early Years Music Programme develops musical skills from first responses to group performances, and guides children's first steps towards improvisation and composition.

Our programme provides a clear structure for your child's musical journey from birth to adulthood. You may of course simply choose to drop-in for a term, but for many families, this experience begins a long relationship with the Conservatoire family!

You will receive fantastic, focused tuition in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Our class sizes are small and perfectly timed at 45 minutes and our unique and specialised curriculum is delivered by exceptional Tutors who are all both professional performers and early years' specialists.

Exploring music through movement and storytelling is a key feature of all our classes, placing imagination and creativity at the centre of children's learning. We aim to unlock children's potential, enabling them to express their individuality while building a solid foundation for future music making.

TUTORS: JO BARWICK, ASHLEIGH CHARLTON, HILARY DOLAMORE, JOANNA GIRDLESTONE, LUCY MURPHY AND GEORGIOS TSOLAKIS

Early Years Music: Tiny Tots (6 – 18 mths)

Monday	09.30 – 10.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£117
Monday	10.30 – 11.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Tuesday	09.30 – 10.15	6 Sept – 6 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Tuesday	13.00 – 13.45	6 Sept – 6 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Wednesday	09.30 – 10.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	Tutor: Amanda Douge	13	£117
Thursday	10.30 – 11.15	8 Sept – 8 Dec	Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£117
Friday	09.30 – 10.15	9 Sept – 9 Dec	Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£117

At this early stage of musical development, we focus on the interaction between child and carer. Musical concepts are introduced through play and through exploring different sound sources. This lays solid foundations in the brain for the development of speech and language: but above all, music-play helps babies feel happy and connected to the world!

Early Years Music: Toddler Tunes (18 – 36 mths)

Monday	09.30 – 10.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Monday	10.30 – 11.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£117
Monday	11.30 – 12.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Monday	13.00 – 13.45	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£117
Tuesday	09.30 – 10.15	6 Sept – 6 Dec	Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£117
Tuesday	10.30 – 11.15	6 Sept – 6 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Tuesday	11.30 – 12.15	6 Sept – 6 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Tuesday	14.00 – 14.45	6 Sept – 6 Dec	Tutor: Jo Girdlestone	13	£117
Wednesday	10.30 – 11.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	Tutor: Amanda Douge	13	£117
Wednesday	11.30 – 12.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	Tutor: Amanda Douge	13	£117
Thursday	11.30 – 12.15	8 Sept – 8 Dec	Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£117
Friday	10.30 – 11.15	9 Sept – 9 Dec	Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£117
Friday	11.30 – 12.15	9 Sept – 9 Dec	Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£117
Sunday	10.00 – 10.45	11 Sept – 11 Dec	Tutor: Georgios Tsolakis	13	£117
Sunday	11.00 – 11.45	11 Sept – 11 Dec	Tutor: Georgios Tsolakis	13	£117

At this stage, we begin to build solid foundations for our future musicians. Children start to engage with spontaneous music making, are encouraged to discover new instruments and explore all their different voices. With the help of puppets, musical concepts are gradually introduced and our repertoire of songs and rhymes constantly grows. Listening, imagination and fine motor skills are all enhanced, offering developmental benefits that go beyond music.

“The programme is clearly expertly considered. The wide range of props, musical instruments, and fantastic new arrangements of nursery rhymes is wonderful. Very playful, fun and great interaction between the teacher and the kids in a small group which allows the kids to get to know each other!”

Early Years Music: Little Maestros (3 & 4 yrs)

Monday	11.30 - 12.15	5 Sept - 5 Dec	3 yrs, Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£130
Tuesday	10.30 - 11.15	6 Sept - 6 Dec	3 yrs, Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£130
Tuesday	16.00 - 16.45	6 Sept - 6 Dec	4 yrs, Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£130
Thursday	09.30 - 10.15	8 Sept - 8 Dec	3 yrs, Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£130
Friday	10.30 - 11.15	9 Sept - 9 Dec	3 yrs, Tutor: Lucy Murphy	13	£130
Friday	13.00 - 13.45	9 Sept - 9 Dec	3&4 yrs, Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£130
Saturday	10.00 - 10.45	10 Sept - 10 Dec	3&4 yrs, Tutor: Ashleigh Charlton	13	£130
Saturday	11.00 - 11.45	10 Sept - 10 Dec	3 yrs, Tutor: Ashleigh Charlton	13	£130
Sunday	12.00 - 12.45	11 Sept - 11 Dec	3&4 yrs, Tutor: Georgios Tsolakis	13	£130
Sunday	13.15 - 14.00	11 Sept - 11 Dec	4 yrs, Tutor: Georgios Tsolakis	13	£130
Sunday	14.15 - 15.00	11 Sept - 11 Dec	4 yrs, Tutor: Georgios Tsolakis	13	£130

With their motor skills now developed, children continue to experiment with new instruments while musical concepts are consciously integrated. Music is now introduced in such a way as to support Phase One of the Letter and Sounds national teaching programme. Teaching is also designed to enhance and promote other areas of learning set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage national curriculum. Children will be able to copy and recognise rhythms, improvise their own musical patterns and create their first compositions. Our future musicians are now independent and confident enough to be Little Maestros... at least for 45 minutes!

This is a parent and child class with a phased drop off. In Little Maestros we like to encourage adults and children to continue learning and enjoying music together. However, if by half-term, or sooner, your tutor feels your little one is ready to learn independently they will have a conversation with you to confirm.

Family Music (6 months - 5 yrs)

Thursday	14.00 - 14.45	8 Sept - 8 Dec	Tutor: Jo Barwick	13	£130
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There is something for everyone in Family Music, a course which is designed to enable different ages to work together and be inspired by music-making of many different kinds. Come along to sing, play, and have fun! This class has been developed to support adults who wish to bring more than one child to the group, so there is fun for all the family.

TUTORS: JO BARWICK

Sing With Me (0 - 3 yrs)

Tuesday	11.30 - 12.15	6 Sept - 6 Dec	Tutor: Hilary Dolamore	13	£130
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Come along to a 45 minute chat-and-sing session for parents of pre-schoolers to enjoy music as a source of physical, spiritual and mental well-being. Together we will explore the uplifting experience of singing in a group, and enjoy the chance to meet other parents for a sing and chat in a relaxed and supportive environment. We learn a selection of songs in the term. The tunes are a mixture of folk, traditional songs, rounds, madrigal, simple harmonies, and unaccompanied.

TUTORS: HILARY DOLAMORE



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Highly Strung! Ukulele Group (3-5 years)

Wednesday	15.45 - 16.15	7 Sept - 7 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: Jay Hammond	13	£117
Wednesday	16.30 - 17.00	7 Sept - 7 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: Jay Hammond	13	£117
Wednesday	17.15 - 17.45	7 Sept - 7 Dec	Some Experience Tutor: Jay Hammond	13	£117
Thursday	15.45 - 16.15	8 Sept - 8 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: Jay Hammond	13	£117
Thursday	16.30 - 17.00	8 Sept - 8 Dec	Some Experience Tutor: Jay Hammond	13	£117
Thursday	17.15 - 17.45	8 Sept - 8 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: Jay Hammond	13	£117
Saturday	15.45 - 16.15	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: TBC	13	£117
Saturday	16.30 - 17.00	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: TBC	13	£117
Saturday	17.15 - 17.45	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: TBC	13	£117
Sunday	12.00 - 12.30	11 Sept - 11 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: Aram Bahmaie	13	£117
Sunday	12.45 - 13.15	11 Sept - 11 Dec	Absolute Beginner Tutor: Aram Bahmaie	13	£117
Sunday	13.30 - 14.00	11 Sept - 11 Dec	Some Experience Tutor: Aram Bahmaie	13	£117
Sunday	14.15 - 14.45	11 Sept - 11 Dec	Some Experience Tutor: Aram Bahmaie	13	£117

In this class, the children learn basic techniques on this little instrument in an engaging and fun way. Together as a group, we explore all the sounds a ukulele can make, as well as strumming open string pieces and plucking with simple chords. We even work together to write our own little pieces of music. Best of all: ukuleles always sound good! This class is the perfect introduction to playing a stringed instrument. Students will progress through classes and are then able to join one of our many **group string classes**.

TUTORS: JAY HAMMOND AND ARAM BAHMAIE

Junior Musicianship (5 - 6 yrs)

Wednesday	16.00 - 16.45	7 Sept - 7 Dec	All levels Tutor: Ashleigh Charlton	13	£130
Saturday	9.00 - 9.45	10 Sept - 10 Dec	All levels Tutor: Nicholas Sabisky	13	£130

This is an ideal class for any Junior Musician, whether they are already beginning to learn an instrument or are thinking of taking one up but do not feel ready just yet. Based on music theory and the KS1 national curriculum, the course continues to explore the concepts that have been set out in other Early Years classes. Children will copy and recognise more complex rhythms, improvise their own musical patterns and explore core skills in rhythm, pitch and musical expression through songs, games and stories.

This class is a perfect follow-on from our **Little Maestros** early years' classes, and also complements **Individual tuition** (page 5-6), **Junior Choir** (page 22) or **Roundabout** (page 20).

TUTORS: ASHLEIGH CHARLTON AND NICHOLAS SABISKY

Art for Early Years (6mths – 6 yrs)

- Imaginative and inspiring classes led by practising artists
- At least six activities per session chosen to develop different skills
- Exploratory child-led learning
- Improve co-ordination, independence, language and imagination skills
- Varied techniques, materials and textures
- No tidying up!
- Termly exhibition

Our termly exhibition will be on Sunday 27 November, 2 – 4pm



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The Little Art-Venture Club (6 months – 4 yrs)

Monday	09.30 – 10.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	6 mths – 2 yrs	13	£117
Monday	10.30 – 11.30	5 Sept – 5 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Monday	13.45 – 14.45	5 Sept – 5 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Tuesday	09.30 – 10.15	6 Sept – 6 Dec	6 mths – 2 yrs	13	£117
Tuesday	10.30 – 11.30	6 Sept – 6 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Wednesday	09.30 – 10.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	6 mths – 2 yrs	13	£117
Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30	7 Sept – 7 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Thursday	09.30 – 10.15	8 Sept – 8 Dec	6 mths – 2 yrs	13	£117
Thursday	10.30 – 11.30	8 Sept – 8 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Friday	10.00 – 10.45	9 Sept – 9 Dec	6 mths – 2 yrs	13	£117
Friday	11.00 – 12.00	9 Sept – 9 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Friday	12.15 – 13.15	9 Sept – 9 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Sunday	09.45 – 10.30	11 Sept – 11 Dec	6 mths – 2 yrs	13	£117
Sunday	10.45 – 11.45	11 Sept – 11 Dec	2 – 4 yrs	13	£130
Sunday	12.00 – 13.00	11 Sept – 20 Nov	2 – 4 yrs	10	£100

The Little Art-Venture Club is a great introduction to the world of art. These child-led, exploratory sessions will enable you and your child to discover different materials, textures and art forms in an engaging and stimulating environment. Children acquire new skills on a week-by-week basis and gain more confidence in the vocabulary they use to describe what they see and feel.

Activities are kept relevant and interesting by linking classes to seasonal activities and celebrations. You can purchase an 'Art-Venture sketchbook' in which all the work your child produces over the course is collected: this serves as a wonderful record of their progress and a real source of celebration. These are available from your Tutor for £5.

Please note, these are not drop off sessions, and parents and carers are expected to stay and join in.

TUTORS: SUE HARRIS, CLARE KENDALL AND SALLY-ANN PETTS

The Little Art-Venture Club (4 – 6 yrs)

Monday	16.00 – 17.15	5 Sept – 5 Dec	(4 – 6yrs)	13	£143
Wednesday	16.00 – 17.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	(4 – 6yrs)	13	£143
Friday	16.00 – 17.15	9 Sept – 18 Nov	(4 – 6yrs)	10	£110
Sunday	13.15 – 14.30	11 Sept – 20 Nov	(4 – 6yrs)	10	£110

The Little Art-Venture Club is a fantastic introduction to the world of art. Your child will learn new skills on a week-to-week basis in an interactive and hugely entertaining environment, whilst gaining more confidence in the vocabulary they use to describe what they see and feel.

You can purchase an 'Art-Venture sketchbook' in which all the work your child produces over the course is collected together: this serves as a wonderful record of their progress and a real source of celebration. These are available from your Tutor for £5.

TUTORS: SUE HARRIS, LILLY WALKER AND CLARE KENDALL

“My son just LOVES the art classes. They spark his imagination and he talks for hours about what he did. A real local gem.”

Drama for Early Years (18 mths – 7 yrs)

- Develop confidence
- Use your imagination
- Be creative
- Work as a team
- Opportunities to perform and share creatively

Whether you are an inspired little storyteller or a young thespian with ambitions of going to drama school, our programme has something for you! At each stage, children develop increasingly sophisticated skills, enabling them to move seamlessly through the programme. We start with **Storytelling**, then work our way through our progressive **Youth Theatre**, supported by enthusiastic and experienced directors and performers. Our older students regularly perform in working theatres, and many have moved right through our programme and have grown up coming to the Conservatoire!

Storytelling (18 months – 6 yrs)

Tuesday	14.00 – 14.45	6 Sept – 6 Dec	18 mnths – 3 years	13	£117
Wednesday	09.30 – 10.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	18 mnths – 3 years	13	£117
Thursday	15.30 – 16.15	8 Sept – 8 Dec	Reception	13	£130
Thursday	16.15 – 17.00	8 Sept – 8 Dec	Year 1 & 2	13	£130

If you love to make up characters then why not join us on a wonderful storytelling adventure every week, where we transform a small room into a world of imagination? We use a holistic, creative approach to tell a story each week, led by the children's creativity. From books, materials, drawings, sets, objects and toys, we visit new lands each week. Are you ready for the journey of a lifetime? We welcome pirates, animals, monsters and children!

TUTORS: JO BARWICK, JOANNA BROWN

Blackheath Youth Theatre Kids (5 – 7 yrs)

Wednesday	16.00 – 16.45	7 Sept – 7 Dec	5 – 7 years	13	£130
Wednesday	17.00 – 17.45	7 Sept – 7 Dec	5 – 7 years	13	£130

We will create and act out our own stories and scenes. Over the course of the term, students will get the chance to explore devising, voice, movement and simple script work. With lots of fun games thrown in, this class is perfect for developing confidence, teamwork and creativity.

TUTOR: MIA HAYNES-FRENCH

"Friendly, fun, confidence-boosting, encouraging."



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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TIMETABLE

9.00 9.30 10.00 10.30 11.00 11.30 12.00 12.30 13.00 13.30 14.00 14.30 15.00 15.30 16.00 16.30 17.00 17.30 18.00 18.30 19.00 19.30 20.00 20.30 21.00

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Roundabout
(5-7yrs)

The Art-venture Club
(6-11 yrs)

Roundabout
(5-7yrs)

Mixed Media (9-14yrs)

T

Play! Guitar

Illustration for Teens (13-18 yrs)

Play! Violin

Play! Cello

Play! Flute

W

Home Education Creative
Studio (8-15 yrs)

Home Education
Choir (8-15 yrs)

The Art-venture Club
(6-11 yrs)

Theory Plus!
(11-16 yrs)

Play! Piano

Junior Portfolio
Workshop (8-11yrs)

Senior Portfolio
Workshop (11-16yrs)

Drama School Audition Prep

T

The Art-venture Club
(6-11 yrs)

Drawing Skills (9-14yrs)

Blackheath Youth Theatre
Foundations (10-12yrs)

Blackheath Youth
Theatre Academy (13-15yrs)

F

The Art-venture Club
(6-11 yrs)

Painting Skills
(9-14yrs)

Roundabout
(5-7yrs)

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Theory Plus!
(6-8 yrs)

Junior Choir
(6-8 yrs)

Play! Guitar

Training Choir
(9 - 13 yrs)

Theory Plus!
(7-12 yrs)

Theory Plus!
(11-18 yrs)

Theory Plus!
(7-14yrs)

Play! Brass

Play! Percussion

The Art-venture Club
(6-11 yrs)

Saturday Sinfonia
(7 - 15 yrs)

Theory Plus!
(9-14 yrs)

Drawing Skills (9-14yrs)

Drawing Skills (9-14yrs)

GCSE and A-level Art (13-18yrs)

Blackheath Youth
Theatre (16-19yrs)

Blackheath Youth
Theatre Juniors (7-10yrs)

Blackheath Youth
Theatre Academy (13-15yrs)

Blackheath Youth Theatre
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Blackheath Youth
Theatre (16-19yrs)

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The Art-venture Club
(6-11 yrs)

Music for Children & Young People (5 – 18 yrs)

Group Learning

- High-quality progressive group lessons developing instrumental and musicianship skills
- Improve concentration, memory, imagination and fine motor skills
- Supportive small groups enhance social skills
- Taught by accomplished practising musicians
- Opportunities to perform and share creatively
- Structured learning, feedback and reports

Our high-quality group lessons allow children to develop increasingly sophisticated instrumental and musicianship skills in a fun and motivating environment. Our flagship **Roundabout** programme introduces children to six instruments over the course of a year. Our follow-on programme **Play!** is designed to help children progress further in group learning on their favoured instrument.

Learning music improves concentration, memory, imagination and the development of fine motor skills. The supportive environment of our small group lessons enables children to grow in self-confidence as well as enhance their listening, collaborative and non-verbal communication skills. Children show obvious pride in their own achievements, whilst celebrating their classmates' skills and progress. It is also an energising and uplifting experience and a great way to make new friends!

Courses can be combined with **Junior Musicianship** or **Theory Plus!** for a fully rounded musical education. As children develop independence and are able to control voice and instruments technically, they can move on to individual or shared lessons: these opportunities offer the most focused, personalised experience with one of our team of exceptional Tutors (see page 5-6).



"My daughter says her tutor is the best at teaching, explaining and giving advice. Also, she commented 'my tutor is extremely patient, caring and helps me progress'"



Rachel Rimell
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Roundabout (5 – 7 yrs)

Roundabout

Monday	16.15 – 17.00	September 2022	Beginners
Monday	17.15 – 18.00	September 2022	Beginners
Friday	17.15 – 18.00	September 2022	Beginners
Thursday	16.15 – 17.00	January 2023	Beginners
Sunday	10.00 – 10.45	January 2023	Beginners
Sunday	11.00 – 11.45	January 2023	Beginners

Roundabout is a unique and very popular one-year introduction to six instruments for those who would like to try out a series of options before deciding what they would like to learn. Children learn in small groups, spending half a term on each of the following: strings, brass, guitar, piano, flute and percussion. Classes include a mixture of songs, musical games, instrumental techniques and creative projects.

Over the course of the year, in 12-week terms, children develop skills in rhythm, pitch, notation, performance and composition, as well as learning the basic technique for playing each instrument. You receive a termly report on your child's progress to keep you informed of their achievements.

Each half term includes a 'Show & Share' class. This provides an opportunity for friends and family to share in the children's achievements and celebrate their progress and culminates in an end-of-year Celebration Concert.

Roundabout is very popular and places are often filled by those on the waiting list. Please do contact us to see if we do have spaces or to join the waiting list yourself.

Please note that this is a year-long course, with a cost of **£252 a term**.

Roundabout leads on to our fantastic music programme for 6-9 year olds – **Play!**

TUTORS: THIS COURSE IS TAUGHT BY A RANGE OF OUR OUTSTANDING TUTORS

The Conservatoire's Play! Programme (ages 6 - 9)

PROGRAMME LEAD: ELIZABETH MARR



5 Reasons to Play!

1. Small, focused groups learning your chosen instrument taught by nurturing, talented professional musicians
2. Structured, specially devised curriculum
3. Regular reports and end-of-year certificate
4. Play together in our weekly Play! orchestra for strings and flute
5. Develop listening, collaborative and non-verbal communication skills, be energised and make new friends!

Play! Violin, Cello, Flute & Play! Orchestra

This is a year-long course taught by a range of our outstanding tutors, all of whom are very experienced teachers and performers.

Play! is the perfect follow-on course from Roundabout or for beginners who would like to learn one instrument for a full year and graduate from the programme with their Play! Certificate. Children are taught in small groups and, by the end of this year-long programme will be able to:

- play a short piece from memory,
- read simple rhythms and notes,
- clap back rhythms,
- demonstrate a good knowledge of their chosen instrument.
- read and play back a melody,

One of the many joys of learning to play an instrument is getting to play alongside other people. To enable this to happen, we run the Play! Together String Orchestra which regularly joins cello and violin classes together, and the Play! Together Wind Orchestra for flute groups. Below please see the combined time of the orchestra and group tuition sessions.

Please note that this is a year-long course.



Tuesday	17.00 - 18.30	Play! Cello	6 Sept - 6 Dec	Beginners	13	£188.50
Tuesday	16.15 - 17.45	Play! Violin	6 Sept - 6 Dec	Beginners	13	£188.50
Tuesday	17.00 - 18.30	Play! Flute	6 Sept - 6 Dec	Beginners	13	£188.50

Play! Piano, Brass, Guitar, Percussion

Learn to play the guitar, piano, brass or percussion in the most fun way possible - together! Our motivational and very experienced tutors will guide you through the basics in a relaxed and stimulating environment. These courses are taught across three terms, building a solid foundation for students to move on to individual or shared tuition, or form a group of their own! Students will work towards the structured Play! curriculum but these particular instrumental sessions do not include the orchestral element.

Play! Piano will be taught using pianos and/or keyboards.

Play! Percussion includes drum kit, djembes, xylophone and other hand percussion.

Tuesday	17.00 - 17.45	Play! Guitar	6 Sept - 6 Dec	Beginners	13	£156
Wednesday	18.00 - 18.45	Play! Piano	7 Sept - 7 Dec	Beginners	13	£156
Saturday	10.00 - 11.45	Play! Guitar	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Beginners	13	£156
Saturday	13.00 - 13.45	Play! Percussion	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Beginners	13	£156
Saturday	14.30 - 15.15	Play! Brass	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Beginners	13	£156



Upon graduating from the **Play!** programme, we would recommend **Individual Tuition** (page 5 and 6) and **Training Choir** (page 23).

Orchestras and Choirs

Saturday Sinfonia (7 - 15 yrs)

Saturday	11.00 - 12.00	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Grade 1 +	13	£104
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Playing a mix of traditional orchestral repertoire and more modern music, the Saturday Sinfonia is a confidence-building group for those developing their playing from Grade 1 onwards. There's no audition for this group and there is a discount for students who have instrumental lessons at the Conservatoire.

TUTOR: ANA PÉREZ

Home Education Choir (8 - 15 yrs)

Wednesday	14.00 - 15.00	7 Sept - 7 Dec	All Levels	13	£104
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Come and join our Home Education Choir! Children educated at home can come along to the beautiful Music Building at the Conservatoire to learn a wide range of traditional, popular and classical music including singing in harmony, accompanied and a cappella. Parents and carers are welcome to join this class.

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY



"My son was learning elsewhere and his progression was very slow. He improved immediately at the Conservatoire, as well as having great fun!"

Junior Choir (6 - 8 yrs)

Saturday 10.00 - 11.00 10 Sept - 10 Dec All levels 13 £104

Our lively Junior Choir has a great time developing singing and musicianship skills and making new friends. We sing in unison and in harmony (with no sheet music-reading required), accompanied and a cappella. New members are always welcome!

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY

Training Choir (9 - 13 yrs)

Saturday 11.00 - 12.00 10 Sept - 10 Dec All Levels 13 £104

Come and join our Training Choir and develop your singing and musicianship skills whilst working towards performances. We learn a wide range of traditional, popular and classical music including singing in harmony, accompanied and a cappella.

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY



Musicianship & Theory

Creating and learning about music opens up imaginative and expressive possibilities and enhances your enjoyment of music. It also develops confidence and self-belief, which impacts on creativity and productivity in all other work and areas of life.

Theory Plus!

Create and notate music in our Theory Plus! classes, developing understanding and skills in aural, composition and general musicianship whilst working towards ABRSM music theory grades. The classes are taught with humour and are grounded in practical experience which really achieves results.

Theory Plus Working Towards Grade 1 & 2 (6 - 12 yrs)

Saturday	09.00 - 09.45	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Beginners to Grade 1 (6 - 8yrs)	13	£156
Saturday	12.15 - 13.00	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Grade 1 - Grade 2 (7 - 12yrs)	13	£156

This class is for those who attend instrumental or voice classes but are beginners in music theory. The course teaches the basics of reading music to support our youngest learners in their instrumental and vocal studies.

TUTORS: NOAH MOSLEY AND ANA PÉREZ

Theory Plus! Grades 2-3 (9 - 14 yrs)

Saturday	12.00 - 12.45	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Grade 2 to Grade 3	13	£156
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This class lays the foundations of all the important concepts for the higher grades, developing a greater understanding of the notation of western music. Key concepts in this class include major and minor keys and scales, rhythm writing and time signatures.

TUTOR: NATALIE MELLERS

Theory Plus! Grades 2-5 (7 - 14 yrs) ONLINE

Saturday	13.30 - 14.15	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Grade 2 to Grade 5	13	£156
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This class lays the foundations of all the important concepts for the higher grades, developing a greater understanding of the notation of western music. Key concepts in this class include major and minor keys and scales, rhythm writing and time signatures.

TUTOR: ANA PÉREZ

Theory Plus! Grades 4 & 5 (11 - 18 yrs)

Saturday	12.05 - 12.50	10 Sept - 10 Dec	Grades 4 and 5	13	£156
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This class builds on the topics covered in Grade 3 and is focused on enabling young musicians to develop a strong understanding of musical notation for the Grade 5 theory exam - a prerequisite for anyone taking higher instrumental grades. The course focuses on sight-reading, writing rhythms and composing melodies.

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY

Theory Plus! Grades 4 & 5 (11 - 16 yrs)

Wednesday	18.30 - 19.15	7 Sept - 7 Dec	Grade 4 and 5	13	£156
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Learn all you need to know to gain your theory Grades 4 and 5 with confidence.

TUTOR: NICHOLAS SABISKY

Art for Young People (6 – 18 yrs)

PROGRAMME LEAD: SUE HARRIS

- Explore and develop a wide range of artistic techniques and inspirations
- Learn with practising artists
- Stimulate artistic skills in both informal and formal courses



Our termly exhibition will be on Sunday 27 November, 2 – 4pm

The Art-Venture Club (6 – 11 yrs)

Monday	17.30 – 18.45	5 Sept – 5 Dec	13	£156
Wednesday	16.00 – 17.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	13	£156
Thursday	16.00 – 17.15	8 Sept – 8 Dec	13	£156
Friday	16.30 – 17.45	9 Sept – 18 Nov	10	£120
Saturday	16.00 – 17.15	10 Sept – 10 Dec	13	£156
Sunday	14.45 – 16.00	11 Sept – 20 Nov	10	£120

Art-Venture Club provides a fun-packed, stimulating yet informal setting for your child to really enjoy the process and results of creating art. Designed to give your child the chance to explore a wide range of materials and media, the class covers model making, printmaking, puppetry, painting and drawing. All activities are carefully planned to increase visual awareness and above all to stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment.

TUTORS: CLARE KENDALL, PAULA SANDERS, AND LILLY WALKER

Mixed Media (9 – 14 yrs)

Monday	18.00 – 19.30	5 Sept – 5 Dec	All levels	13	£195
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Under expert and friendly guidance, students will create a unique body of art that expresses their talent and artistic identity. Perfectly designed for children and teenagers who want to explore, develop and experiment with drawing, painting, and collage skills within the subject of printmaking. Students will be inspired by their own interests and tutor-led themes and use of their own photography is actively encouraged. An understanding of research and development and formal elements required for IB and GCSE Art and Design will also be covered and will inform all art produced on the course.

TUTOR: SEÁN MYERS

Illustration for Teens (13 – 18 yrs)

Tuesday	18.00 – 19.15	6 Sept – 6 Dec	All levels	13	£195
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Welcome to the world of illustration! In this exciting class, we will experiment with visual language and communicate with our pens, creating unique work with a message and purpose. Students will be introduced to the many strands of illustration, using real-life inspiration from a diverse range of illustrators. Get to understand more deeply what illustration is and how it is used. Learn new techniques, develop your own style, learn the power of the pen and create compelling impactful pieces you'll be proud of.

TUTOR: TBC

Home Education Creative Studio (9 – 15yrs)



Wednesday	11.45 – 13.15	7 Sept – 7 Dec	All levels	13	£195
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This art class will allow students to pursue their own individual projects. It will give space for self-lead learning, with the guidance and support of an expert tutor, learning under the ethos that people are naturally curious and learn best at their own pace. Each class will begin with a demonstration of a technique or an idea, allowing students to participate in the theme of that class, or develop their own project with available resources set out. They will be guided in the processes of art making, from the research and exploration of an idea, to the practice and development of a final piece for the end of term exhibition. Throughout the term, classes will include a discussion of work, projects and ideas. We will cover the main areas of art, including but not exclusively Drawing; Sculpture; Painting; Printmaking and Collage. Parents and carers are welcome to join this class.

TUTORS: SUE HARRIS

Junior Portfolio Workshop (8 – 11 yrs)

Wednesday	17.30 – 18.45	7 Sept – 7 Dec	All levels	13	£195
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TUTOR: SEÁN MYERS

Senior Portfolio Workshop (11 – 16 yrs)

Wednesday	17.30 – 18.45	7 Sept – 7 Dec	All levels	13	£195
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These courses are designed to take children through the stages of art making from the conception of an idea to the completion of a project – just like a professional artist. Students work with a broad range of media from printmaking to sculpture in order to broaden their skill base and understanding. Every stage of the design process is documented through drawings and photographs and students are responsible for editing and displaying their work in their portfolio – an all-important part of the artistic process. There is a strong focus on drawing, which sits at the core of visual language development for children. This is a wonderful opportunity to create a unique body of work that expresses creative identity, develops artistic talent, and generates a portfolio to be proud of.

TUTOR: LILLY WALKER

“The sources of inspiration that the teacher used were really interesting, unique for children yet totally appropriate – excellent”



Rachel Rimell
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Drawing Skills (9 – 14 yrs)

Thursday	17.30 – 19.00	8 Sept – 8 Dec	All levels	13	£195
Saturday	09.45 – 11.15	10 Sept – 10 Dec	All levels	13	£195
Saturday	11.15 – 12.45	10 Sept – 10 Dec	All levels	13	£195

Drawing Skills is one of the most popular and longest-running children's art courses at the Conservatoire. It is ideal for students who wish to explore and develop drawing techniques and take their skills to the next level. Students draw both from nature and reference materials as they gain a deeper understanding of representation and expression through mark-making. Students study the work of other artists to help deepen their understanding and expand their visual literacy.

TUTOR: PAULA SANDERS

Painting Skills (9 – 14 yrs)

Friday	18.00 – 19.30	9 Sept – 18 Nov	All levels	10	£150
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Our Painting Skills class is designed for students who wish to explore and develop painting techniques and take their skills to the next level. Students explore colour application and mixing using a variety of media which may include acrylics, watercolour, tempera, ink, oils etc. We also experiment with painting on different materials such as paper, wood, cardboard, glass and canvas. As with our long-running Drawing Skills class, students study the work of other artists to help deepen their understanding and expand their visual literacy of the painted world.

TUTOR: SUE HARRIS

GCSE and A-level Art (13 – 18 yrs)

Saturday	12.30 – 15.30	10 Sept – 26 Nov	By Application	10	£460
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This course is for anyone wishing to take GCSE, AS or A Level in Art and Design. The course is also suitable for students wishing to build a portfolio for application to an Art Foundation course. We work with a strong focus on drawing and the course is structured in such a way as to enable each student to pursue their own personal line of enquiry in their work. Students are encouraged to explore a range of materials and develop their skills in a supportive art studio environment under the supervision of an expert PGCE-qualified art and design Tutor.

The course runs for 10 weeks, with a 2 week half term in the middle (22 & 29 October).

TUTOR: NATALIA SITKO

Drama for Young People (7 – 21 yrs)

- Specially devised programme, which grows with you from 7 – 21
- Ensemble work, games, role play, physical and vocal development, script and devised work and performance
- Build confidence, collaborative and performance skills
- Opportunities to perform and share creatively

Blackheath Youth Theatre Juniors (7 – 10 yrs)

Saturday*	09.15 – 10.45	10 Sept – 10 Dec	All levels	13	£195
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During this course, we work as an ensemble using theatre games to build rapport and skills with special emphasis on movement, mime, confidence-building and, of course, creativity. We have great fun exploring well-known stories together, working towards a relaxed 'sharing' for parents at the end of each term.

TUTOR: HENRY BAUCKHAM

*This course will take place at **KINGSWOOD HALLS**, Kingswood Place, Dacre Park, London, SE13 5BU.

Blackheath Youth Theatre Foundations (10 – 12 yrs)

Thursday	17.00 – 18.30	8 Sept – 8 Dec	All levels	13	£234
Saturday	13.00 – 14.30	10 Sept – 10 Dec	All levels	13	£234

This is an introductory course for those who enjoy drama. Students are introduced to the core elements of theatre through storytelling, role play, physical and vocal development and simple script work. Each term we will explore a different style of theatre, so students grow and develop a wide range of skills in both performance and direction.

TUTOR: SIMON GEAL



"The teacher makes a lot of effort to interact with each child and engage with them."



Blackheath Youth Theatre Academy (13 - 15 yrs)

Thursday	18.45 - 20.15	8 Sept - 8 Dec	All levels	13	£234
Saturday*	11.30 - 13.00	10 Sept - 10 Dec	All levels	13	£234

This course is for those who want to discover more about theatre and acting and develop their drama skills. Students are actively encouraged to use their own ideas and given the opportunity to explore their creativity and performance skills whilst working as an ensemble. Employing a wide variety of acting techniques, devised work and scripted plays, the course culminates in a performance at the end of the term.

These performances will take place on Saturday 17 December for the Thursday group and Sunday 18 December for the Saturday group.

TUTORS: HENRY BAUCKHAM AND SIMON GEAL

* This session will take place at **KINGSWOOD HALLS**, Kingswood Place, Dacre Park, London, SE13 5BU.

Drama School Audition Prep (16+)

Wednesday	19.30 - 21.30	7 Sept - 7 Dec	All Levels	13	£195
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Are you thinking of applying to drama school? Come along to the Conservatoire for a weekly masterclass in everything you'll need for your audition with our expert tutor. As well as working on how to pick and prepare the right monologues, we'll look at how to warm up, calm your nerves, and be ready for any workshops or exercises. Previous students have gone on to study at RADA, LAMDA, Guildhall, East 15, RWCMD, Mountview and Rose Bruford.

TUTOR: HENRY BAUCKHAM

Blackheath Youth Theatre (16 - 19 yrs)

Saturday	14.30 - 16.30	10 Sept - 10 Dec	All levels	13	£292.50
Saturday	16.00 - 18.00	10 Sept - 10 Dec	All levels	13	£292.50

Blackheath Youth Theatre has been providing comprehensive training to young actors for over fifteen years; students learn about different acting techniques through varied projects, and gain an understanding of how to use their voices and bodies expressively and effectively, individually and as part of an ensemble. Alumni have gone on to train at major drama schools including RADA, LAMDA, Guildhall, Drama Centre and Rose Bruford, and many are now working as professional actors and directors.

The BYT end-of-term performances will take place on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December.

TUTOR: HENRY BAUCKHAM

LAMDA Acting Examinations

Our drama Tutors are available to give students one to one tuition to prepare for these accredited qualifications - for full information please visit www.lamda.org.uk/examinations. This tuition is by arrangement and is available to students of all ages and abilities. Please visit the individual Tuition section on pages 5 and 6 or e-mail tuition@conservatoire.org.uk for more information.





Adult Timetable

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Music for Adults

- Discover new skills or rejuvenate old ones
- Tailored for all levels
- Build confidence, communication, and expressive skills
- Learn with highly qualified professional musician-tutors
- Regular opportunities to perform

Going back to our original founding purpose, the Conservatoire continues to offer a diverse range of courses in the arts for the local adult community. Our core belief is that the arts can enhance and transform lives, and there is a wide range of opportunities open to adult learners.

Our **Individual tuition** (see pages 5 – 6) offers a focused, individualised learning experience in a wide range of instruments and skills, from harp to composition, theory to jazz saxophone. Our **group music courses** for adults develop skills at every level from beginners to degree level and beyond; those rediscovering music after a break; and those exploring a new area of music. Adults often comment on the warm, social atmosphere of our classes, the expertise of our outstanding Tutors, and the excitement and joy of discovering skills and of making music together.

Playing or singing together can be a fulfilling and exciting experience. As well as developing skills in listening, collaboration, non-verbal communication, and expressivity, our sociable rehearsals are a great way to relax and meet new people.

Group Violin

Tuesday 18.45 – 19.30 6 Sept – 6 Dec Grade 4+ 13 £195

Come and learn to play in a relaxed, friendly and supportive atmosphere. You will receive outstanding tuition in small groups in a supportive and relaxed environment – an opportunity to explore the violin and have fun at the same time. If you would like to learn Violin but are not yet Grade 4 level, please contact our tuition team to arrange individual tuition.

TUTOR: ELENA SÁNCHEZ

Flute Choir

Tuesday 20.00 – 21.00 6 Sept – 6 Dec Grade 2+ 13 £169

A group for flautists of all ages of Grade 2 or above. An opportunity to meet fellow flautists and play together as an ensemble in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

If you would like to refresh your flute playing and are not yet at Grade 2 level, please contact tuition@conservatoire.org.uk.

TUTOR: SARAH DESBRUSLAIS

Women's Choir

Wednesday 11.15 – 12.15 7 Sept – 7 Dec All Levels 13 £104

Did you know it has been scientifically proven that singing is good for your health? Come and test the theory and join our choir in singing a wide range of musical styles. All ages and all levels

of experience are welcome, as expert tutor Noah Mosley will guide you through classical and contemporary choir music. Our Women's Choir perform regularly at concerts at the Conservatoire and in the surrounding area. All you need to get involved is enthusiasm!

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY

Singers Unlimited

Wednesday 12.45 – 13.45 7 Sept – 7 Dec All Levels 13 £78

A masterclass for solo singers providing a wonderful opportunity to build confidence and improve your performance in front of a group. Anything goes repertoire-wise, just bring along your sheet music if you wish to be accompanied. This group is open to all but has a rich history of mature singers.

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY

Jazz Sounds

Saturday 12.15 – 14.15 10 Sept – 10 Dec Grade 5+ 13 £312

Jazz Sounds offers an opportunity for improvisation in a variety of jazz-influenced styles. These friendly and informal classes are ideal for those who want to develop their musical knowledge and technique, whilst also experiencing how a real jazz band comes together!

TUTORS: IAN EAST, AARON LIDDARD AND STEVE WATERMAN

Blackheath Baroque Ensemble (16+yrs)

Wednesday 20.00 – 21.00 7 Sept – 7 Dec Grade 6+ 13 £260

Directed by leading period instrumentalist Teresa Wrann, the Baroque ensembles are an exceptional training ground for music from the Middle Ages to early 19th century. Players of recorders, flutes, oboes, strings, piano/harpsichord, viola da gamba, theorbo, lute and archlute are welcome to join our thriving community of instrumentalists who share a love for making Early Music. The Conservatoire also has its own harpsichord, a French-style five-octave single manual.

These ensembles offer students of Grade 6 and above the opportunity to play with a wide range of instruments in a chamber setting. We explore the orchestral repertoire written before 1800 in a historically informed way with mostly one or two instruments per part. The classes are friendly and welcoming, and music is played and enjoyed in a relaxed atmosphere.

TUTOR: NOAH MOSLEY



"Playing in a group is so rewarding. The Tutors are all musically brilliant, and also dedicated and full of enthusiasm."

Rachel Rimell
PHOTOGRAPHY

Art for Adults

- Retreat to our beautiful purpose-built art studios
- Explore art through a variety of mediums and materials, guided by our team of professional artists
- Escape from the pressures of the world, take time out for yourself, meet new friends, and exercise your imagination
- Try something totally new or brush up on existing skills
- Wide range of courses and techniques



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Termly Adult Art Exhibition: Friday 2 December, 5 – 8pm

Drawing and Painting

Atelier Conservatoire: Developing Drawing and Painting Projects

Monday	10.00 – 14.00	5 Sept – 5 Dec	Not suitable for beginners	13	£351
Thursday	09.45 – 15.15	8 Sept – 8 Dec	Not suitable for beginners	13	£468

and guidance in order to further progress their work. Structured like a continental atelier, the course allows artists with self-initiated projects (at all stages of development) to explore the creative journey from initial ideas to finished pieces. You will develop your visual research methods, technical experimentation, and critical awareness whilst working towards the completion of your own projects in drawing, painting and mixed media.

Some experience of painting and drawing and a good level of self-motivation is essential as projects are self-initiated (with tutor advice).

TUTOR: DAVID WEBB

Life Drawing

Monday	19.30 – 22.00	5 Sept – 5 Dec	All levels	13	£286 (£28 drop in)
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Set in our stunning Victorian art building this course is designed for both beginners, as well as those for whom life drawing is already established in their artistic practice.

We draw from both male and female models and each evening have poses varying from one minute to two hours.

This course is a wonderful opportunity to explore drawing in a variety of mediums from the live model with tuition and guidance tailored to suit each individual according to their needs. All of this comes together to help you build confidence in line, tone and proportion.

Basic materials provided.

TUTOR: VICTORIA RANCE

Life Painting

Tuesday	10.00 – 13.00	6 Sept – 6 Dec	All levels	13	£312 (£28 drop in)
Tuesday	13.30 – 16.30	6 Sept – 6 Dec	All levels	13	£312 (£28 drop in)

Join us for one of the few opportunities to experience Life Painting in South London. Develop confidence and skills in painting directly from the model and explore a range of techniques including colour mixing to capture the effects of light and shadow, spatial qualities and the exquisite forms of the body.

TUTOR: FERGUS MCHARDY

Landscape Painting

Tuesday	13.15 – 15.45	6 Sept – 6 Dec	All levels	13	£273
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Join this new course to develop drawing and painting skills whilst working outside, directly from the local landscape. We will be based outside in the local area, which holds an amazing variety of landscape subjects. The first sessions will concentrate on drawing and techniques useful for landscape, with a theme addressed each week, such as composition, perspective, proportion, light. Later this will lead into painting techniques and use of colour such as colour mixing, brushwork and washes.

Some sessions will take place in the studio to consolidate and extend these projects, and all sessions in November and December will take place inside. We will look at work by painters of landscape and a range of methods will be demonstrated.

Please note that in September and October this course will be largely based outside in venues around Blackheath and Greenwich.

TUTOR: ALEX PEMBERTON

How to Draw

Tuesday	19.00 – 21.00	6 Sept – 6 Dec	All levels	13	£221
Wednesday	09.00 – 11.00	7 Sept – 7 Dec	All levels	13	£221

The course will cover: different drawing materials and their qualities; using charcoal and rubber; drawing with pencil, line and measuring techniques; hatching with a pencil and other ways to shade and create tone; ways to create a feeling of space in landscape and cityscape using perspective, angles and ellipses; drawing the figure: drawing a self-portrait in pencil; using different types of pen and inks and drawing in colour with soft pastels.

Suitable for all levels, including beginners.

By the end of this course, you will feel confident about working at home to develop your own style.

TUTOR: VICTORIA RANCE

Painting Materials and Techniques

Wednesday	12.30 – 15.30	7 Sept – 7 Dec	All Levels	13	£299
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This course explores a variety of painting techniques and materials in depth over a twelve-week period. Working with a range of media including acrylic, watercolour, gouache and inks, students will develop their skills through a series of short projects.

TUTOR: KIRSTEN LYLE

The Evening Studio

Wednesday 19.15 – 21.30 7 Sept – 7 Dec All Levels 13 £273 (£28 drop in)

Discover your creative potential and come to our evening painting and drawing sessions in the beautiful Art Studio at The Conservatoire.

The Evening Studio provides the perfect setting to explore and develop drawing and painting techniques and build a portfolio of your own unique work. Suitable for those drawing or painting for the first time or if you are returning to improve and develop your practice. You will be encouraged to use a variety of media including pencil, graphite, inks, charcoal and pastel, oil pastel, watercolour and acrylic paints.

TUTOR: SALLY MCKAY

Drawing Materials and Techniques

Friday 10.00 – 13.00 9 Sept – 9 Dec All Levels 13 £312

This course explores a range of drawing and mixed media techniques and materials in depth over a twelve-week period. Considering the key elements of tone, line, texture and colour, it covers techniques in the use of pencil, charcoal and pastels through a series of short projects. Suitable for all levels, including beginners.

TUTOR: KIRSTEN LYLE

Improve your Photography

Friday 13.45 – 15.45 9 Sept – 18 Nov All Levels 10 £200

This ten-week photography course will give you a good grounding in the basics of using your digital camera. In the first session, you will be taken through how your camera works; including shutter speed, metering and exposure, aperture and depth of field, and getting better results from your flash.

During the course, you will go on to cover formal elements such as composition, the basics of perspective, colour, and tone. The course will also touch upon giving you an overview of aesthetics and the history of photography.

Within each session, there will be a practical assignment to be completed within the class, and there will be a simple homework assignment each week. The previous week's homework will be reviewed within the classes, to help you to analyse the images and develop your practical photography skills and techniques.

*You will need your own digital SLR camera to take part in this course

TUTOR: MICHAEL HARDING

Portrait Drawing and Painting

Friday 18.30 – 20.30 9 Sept – 18 Nov All Levels 10 £200 (£28 drop in)

In this course, we explore a number of approaches to the portrait by working primarily from the model in a variety of mediums from charcoal to oils. Key techniques will be covered with the aim of developing personal expression and skills under the guidance of a professional portrait painter.

TUTOR: NICK CUTHELL

Design

Printmaking

Wednesday 19.00 – 21.00 7 Sept – 7 Dec All levels 13 £273

This course covers a full introduction to lino, mono and collagraph printmaking techniques working with full instruction from a professional printmaker. This course can be taken as a standalone course but studying for more than one term allows students to specialise in one or two techniques, to fully explore the process and develop their artwork further. Suitable for complete beginners or those with some knowledge of printmaking.

TUTOR: SEAN MYERS

Advance your Printmaking

Thursday 19.30 – 21.30 8 Sept – 8 Dec Some experience 13 £273

Have you enjoyed our Printmaking course? Then this class is the perfect way to continue to build your practice and focus in on techniques and styles that you enjoy the most with support from a skilled professional printmaker. Suitable for those with experience of printmaking.

TUTOR: SEAN MYERS

Interior Design – Ideas From an Architect

Thursday 12.30 – 15.30 10 Nov – 8 Dec All Levels 5 £160

Have you ever dreamed of owning a home that would sit comfortably on the pages of a glossy magazine? Newcomers are invited to come join us and learn the tricks of the trade to make your interior design scheme crackle and pop. We will consider user requirements, design and different ways to communicate your ideas. We will also explore how a fresh look at space planning, ergonomics, colour, light, construction and soft furnishings can revitalise your home.

TUTOR: KEITH CLARKE

Adult Art Short Courses

Machine Sewing for Beginners (16+yrs)

NEW CLASS

Tuesday 18.45 – 20.45 6 Sept – 27 Sept Beginners and Improvers 4 £80

If you have recently purchased a sewing machine or want to refresh your skills, join us to make a simple tote bag, a zippered pouch suitable as a pencil or make-up case, or a simple cushion cover. You will need to bring your sewing machine, a basic sewing kit and sufficient fabric for each project. More information about material requirements and equipment will be sent to you after booking.

TUTOR: PENNY FELLOWS

Dressmaking for Improvers (16+yrs)

NEW CLASS

Tuesday 18.45 – 20.45 4 Oct – 1 Nov All levels 4 £80

A perfect course for those who have tried dressmaking before and want a little more guidance or to refresh your skills. You will need to bring your sewing machine, a basic sewing kit and sufficient fabric for each project. More information about material requirements and equipment will be sent to you after booking. Patterns will be provided.

TUTOR: PENNY FELLOWS

Christmas Textile Decorations (16+yrs)NEW
CLASS

Tuesday | 18.45 – 20.45 | 8 Nov – 6 Dec | All levels | 5 | £100

Make some beautiful handmade decorations for this festive season - perfect for presents or to adorn your house. Our work will include a patchwork project, an embroidery project and even some Christmas bunting. Some of these will be hand sewn and some machine sewn. You will need to bring your sewing machine, a basic sewing kit and sufficient fabric for each project. More information about material requirements and equipment will be sent to you after booking.

TUTOR: PENNY FELLOWS**Visual Journalling & Scrapbooking (16+yrs)**NEW
CLASS

Wednesday | 13.30 – 15.30 | 7 Sept – 28 Sept | All levels | 4 | £80

Some of the greatest artists, writers and public figures, including Andy Warhol, Lewis Carroll, Walt Disney and Queen Victoria kept lifelong journals and scrapbooks. Learn to create and keep a visual journal/sketchbook of your life and ideas, especially meaningful in these times of change. Use drawing, writing, collage, painting and memorable found items. Learn sketching and illustration techniques to use in your journals, which you can create by upcycling or redesigning an old or new diary or notebook. Learn some creative writing skills to develop a memory writing journal. Create memories for the future.

TUTOR: NICOLA CORRIGAN**Textile Design (16+yrs)**NEW
CLASS

Wednesday | 13.30 – 15.30 | 5 Oct – 2 Nov | All levels | 4 | £80

Learn to design and produce beautiful original textile designs by painting directly onto fabric. Design a unique textile pattern using drawing, visual prompts and mood sheets. Learn to paint all over patterns using acrylic or textile paints and how to apply your drawings and paintings onto fabric. Design all over and placement patterns to suit many items including bags, cushions, clothes, accessories and furnishings.

TUTOR: NICOLA CORRIGAN**Upcycling (16+yrs)**NEW
CLASS

Wednesday | 13.30 – 15.30 | 9 Nov – 7 Dec | All levels | 5 | £100

Save the environment and help your bank balance by learning techniques to create beautiful original pieces from upcycled materials. Learn to design, collage, and upcycle and reinvent items such as boxes, household objects and furniture. Create original pieces using pictures, found words, or maybe your own drawings and paintings. Learn techniques including all over, abstract, placement and paper patchwork collages to upcycle and make new and unique designs.

Re-work and up-cycle existing garments and textile items. Build upon simple sewing, applique, and design skills. Make beautiful corsages, accessories and bags using scrap fabrics, buttons and beads. Design, remake and embellish items such as clothes, cushions and tote bags using sewing techniques and skills including using simple patterns, cutting, measuring and hand stitching.

TUTOR: NICOLA CORRIGAN

"I have loved doing these art classes and we have formed a bond as a group, which is great."

Drama for Adults

- Become more confident and expressive
- Work as a team
- Learn new skills
- Perform on stage

Our Adult Drama department has a fascinating range of courses designed to intrigue, excite and develop life and career skills.

Voice and Verse

Monday | 19.00 – 20.30 | 5 Sept – 5 Dec | All Levels | 13 | £195

Discover your true voice with these ground-breaking classes at the Conservatoire.

We'll examine how we breathe and how we speak, establish the basics of articulation and vocal resonance, utilise classical verse as a gateway into expressing structured thought, and explore dynamics of spatial awareness leading to a greater sense of physical presence.

Tidal breath, signature voice, vowels, consonants, plosives and continuants: from everyday conversation to weekly work presentations, speaking will never be the same again.

TUTOR: STEPHANIE OSZTREICHER**Adult Drama**

Monday | 19.45 – 21.45 | 5 Sept – 5 Dec | All Levels | 13 | £195

Tuesday | 19.30 – 21.30 | 6 Sept – 6 Dec | All Levels | 13 | £195

Improve your confidence, self-expression and performance, culminating in an end of term production, which this term will take place in The Conservatoire's beautiful Victorian Studio. Open to adult students of all ages and levels, the course allows you to get back into theatre as we use great play texts to train together in different acting techniques, from comedy and melodrama to naturalism and epic theatre.

Adult Drama performances will take place on Sunday 11th December for the Monday group, and Sunday 17th December for the Tuesday group.

TUTOR: SIMON GEAL**Drama School Audition Prep (16+)**NEW
CLASS

Wednesday | 19.30 – 21.30 | 7 Sept – 7 Dec | All Levels | 13 | £195

Are you thinking of applying to drama school? Come along to the Conservatoire for a weekly masterclass in everything you'll need for your audition with our expert tutor. As well as working on how to pick and prepare the right monologues, we'll look at how to warm up, calm your nerves, and be ready for any workshops or exercises. Previous students have gone on to study at RADA, LAMDA, Guildhall, East 15, RWCMD, Mountview and Rose Bruford.

TUTOR: HENRY BAUCKHAM



English Speaking

Thursday 19.00 – 20.00 8 Sept – 8 Dec All Levels 13 £130

A class where we explore accent softening and modification for non-native and native speakers. Our specialist voice tutor can provide advice and specific vocal exercises.

TUTOR: DAVID BAUCKHAM

Exploring Acting Techniques (18+)

NEW CLASS

Sunday 12.00 – 14.00 11 Sept – 20 Nov All Levels 10 £150

From Ancient Greek and Classical Theatre to modern Film and Radio drama, this practical course will look at scenes by the great writers through the years and explore the appropriate acting styles and techniques to bring them to life. All levels and experience are welcome.

TUTOR: SIMON GEAL

Musical Theatre (18+)

NEW CLASS

Sunday 14.30 – 16.30 11 Sept – 20 Nov All Levels 10 £150

Fancy a trip round the world? Well, that's what we are doing for our beginner's musical theatre class. In this class we will introduce you to a world trip of musical fun, from as far away as Australia to our home turf of the U.K. Along the way you will be introduced to the basics of how to sing, act and dance while traveling around the musical globe. This is a great way to start your journey into what it takes to be a musical star!

We will:

- Develop the fundamental techniques needed for vocals and movement
- Gain understanding of your voice and vocal health
- Gain general knowledge of Musical Theatre and story breakdown
- Develop Acting through Song skills to create believable and engaging characters
- Learn dance/movement material to accompany your vocals
- Have a mock audition to know what it's like to sing your favourite song to a panel

This is a great way to put your toe in the water of musical theatre land and walk away singing your way down the street after every class.

TUTOR: DEBBIE BRIDGE

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Monday – Friday	9am – 9pm	9am – 5pm
Saturday	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm
Sunday	9am – 5pm	10am – 5pm

AUTUMN TERM DATES




Monday 5th September – Sunday 11th December

(no group classes at half-term Monday 24th – Sunday 30th October)



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