

Renaissance Music Academy

Theory Class Schedule and Information

2023-2024

All RMA Piano Students are required to enroll in theory class. RMA theory classes for young beginners are taught by RMA faculty member, Marci Craig. Children typically begin theory when they are in first grade (age 6). Intermediate and advanced RMA theory classes are taught by RMA faculty member, Dr. Carl Derfler.

RMA theory faculty use the Music Mind Games curriculum and a program based on the syllabus associated with the Royal Conservatory of Music, an internationally recognized examining board. Theory class Levels are Music Mind Games 1, 2, Rudiments Level 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and Harmony 1A, 1B. When a student has successfully completed Harmony 1B, they have finished the RMA theory requirement.

In the same manner that students are diligent in their instrument practice, it is important they attend theory class and complete the homework assignments on a weekly basis. This will lead to good, solid understanding of theory concepts. Weekly theory reports are shared with RMA faculty, who are always ready to help students with further explanation, if needed. Additionally, the theory program incorporates music listening, music appreciation, music history, sight singing and ear training into the weekly lessons.

In past years, theory homework could be turned in at any time during the semester. However, starting this year, in order to receive credit, theory assignments must be turned in no later than one week after the due date for each class.

Parents are required to attend class with their child in Music Mind Games Level 1 and Music Rudiments 1A. Parents are always welcome to sit in on any class level.

MMG and THEORY CLASS DATES (13 weeks of classes)

Music Mind Games and Theory classes for Semester 1 begin on Friday, Sept. 1st and end on Friday, December 1st.

(There are NO theory classes during Thanksgiving break week]) If weather is bad, the RMA theory classes follow the MCPS school cancellation schedule. If MCPS is closed due to bad weather, RMA theory classes are canceled as well. Makeups are not guaranteed, but faculty will do their best to make-up classes missed due to bad weather.

MATERIALS

***Please bring a check made out to “Carl Derfler” for the Rudiments Level 1A, 2A, and Harmony 1A books on the first day of class. (see below)**

***Please bring a check made out to “RMA” for Music Mind Games Level 1 & 2. (see below)**

***If you do not have any fee listed below for your class level, be sure to bring your book from last year!**

Music Mind Games Level 1	\$46 Music Mind Games materials
Music Mind Games Level 2	\$10 Theory Time Level 3
Rudiments Level 1A	\$16 Rudiments: A Foundation
Rudiments Level 1B	Bring book from last year
Rudiments Level 2A	\$16
Rudiments Level 2B	Bring book from last year
Harmony 1A	\$45
Harmony 1B	Bring book from last year

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