

FALL 2026

THE JAZZ SCHOOL

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL
BERKELEY, CA



ALL LEVELS WELCOME • YOUTH & ADULTS

MAKE MUSIC A PART OF YOUR LIFE THIS FALL!

Miss playing in a band? Looking for a deeper connection to your instrument?

Ready to meet new people who share your love of playing music?

The Jazzschool welcomes music students of all ages and abilities—from shy singers building confidence to lead a band for the first time, to lifelong jammers and experienced instrumentalists ready to play side-by-side with world-class instructors in our ensembles.

It's not just jazz—explore classes, workshops, and ensembles this fall on songwriting, Brazilian and Afro-Cuban styles, funk, blues, and video game music.

Registration is open now! Fall classes begin September 21. Find your place at jazzschool.org.



ADULT MUSIC PROGRAM

KEY  classes that welcome **vocalists**

B classes that are great for **beginners**

ENSEMBLES *Better Together*

There's only so much you can learn alone.

In a Jazzschool ensemble, you'll listen, respond, connect, and flow—coached by the Jazzschool's world-class instructors. Small groups are matched by experience level, so beginner, intermediate, and advanced musicians play and grow together at the same pace in a supportive environment. A brief audition helps us place you in the ensemble that's the best fit for your experience and goals.

Every ensemble session concludes with a live performance in our Student Performance Series. Learn more at jazzschool.org/ensembles.

Ensemble tuition starts at \$375.

JAZZ ENSEMBLES

Jazz Ensemble 1

Section 1: Mon. 6:30–8pm

Section 2: Mon. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Kasey Knudsen

Section 3: Wed. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Eli Maliwan

Jazz Ensemble 2

Section 1: Tues. 6:30–8pm

Section 2: Tues. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Dillon Vado

Piano Trio

Section 1: Mon. 6:30–8pm

Section 2: Mon. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Peter Horvath

Section 3: Wed. 4:30–6pm

Instructor: Ben Stolorow

Guitar Trio

Mon. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Derek Barber

Jazz Standards for Gigs

Section 1: Tues. 6:30–8pm

Section 2: Wed. 6:30–8pm

Section 3: Sat. 11:45am–1:15pm

Instructor: Glenn Richman

Music of the Masters

Section 1: Tues. 8:15–9:45pm

Section 2: Wed. 8:15–9:45pm

Section 3: Sat. 10–11:30am

Instructor: Glenn Richman

Intermediate Jazz Ensemble

Section 1: Thurs. 11:45am–1:15pm

Section 2: Thurs. 1:30–3pm

Instructor: Susan Muscarella

Contemporary Jazz Ensemble

Tues. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Daniel Parenti

Fusion Ensemble

Wed. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Kai Eckhardt

Hard Bop Ensemble

Thurs. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Ian Carey

Music of Wayne Shorter

Mon. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: James Mahone

Conducted Improvisation Ensemble

Mon. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Jordan Glenn

Free Jazz Standards Ensemble

Mon. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Jordan Glenn

NEW Video Game / Anime Ensemble

Wed. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Simon Keyser Petty

Adult Big Band

Thurs. 8:15–10:15pm

Instructor: Jeff Brown

JAZZ ENSEMBLES (CONTINUED)

Ensemble Coaching Program

Create your own ensemble, and choose your instructor! Visit jazzschool.org/coaching for information.

LATIN ENSEMBLES

Latin Big Band 🎧

Mon. 8:15–10:15pm

Instructor: Josh Jones

NEW Charanga Orquesta 🎧

Thurs. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Anthony Blea

Toca y Canta Latin Jazz and Salsa Ensemble 🎧

Tues. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Edgardo Cambón

WORLD ENSEMBLES

World Groove Ensemble: Caribbean and Latin American Music 🎧

Thurs. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Jennifer Jolly

BLUES ENSEMBLES

Blues and Groove Ensemble 🎧

Section 1: Mon. 8:15–9:45pm

Section 2: Sat. 11:45am–1:15pm

Instructor: Danny Caron

BRAZILIAN ENSEMBLES

Brazilian Ensemble 🎧

Section 1: Tues. 6–7:30pm

Section 2: Tues. 8–9:30pm

Section 3: Wed. 6–7:30pm

Section 4: Wed. 8–9:30pm

Section 5: Thurs. 6–7:30pm

Instructor: Marcos Silva

Choro Ensemble 🎧

Sun. 12–1:30pm

Instructor: Ricardo Peixoto

FUNK ENSEMBLES

Funk Ensemble 🎧

Tues. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Daniel Parenti

JAZZ CURIOUS?

New to jazz? Learn how the music works through guided listening, demonstrations, discussion, and history. No musical experience required.

NEW Welcome to Jazz **B**

HYBRID: ONLINE & IN-PERSON Sat. 2–3:30pm

Instructor: Erika Oba

*Drop-in \$20/session or
\$140 for full 8 week series*

ADULT INSTRUMENTAL CLASSES *Go Deeper on Your Instrument*

Develop your technique, learn to communicate your ideas more clearly, and refresh your practice routine under the guidance of Jazzschool faculty.

Our instrumental classes offer hands-on instruction in a relaxed group setting. You'll practice useful skills, learn from your classmates, and leave each week with something new to work on.

All levels are welcome! *Instrumental class tuition starts at \$340.*

PIANO & KEYBOARDS

Piano 1 **B**

Sat. 10–11:30am

Instructor: Jeanne Walpole

Piano 2

Sat. 11:45am–1:15pm

Instructor: Jeanne Walpole

Applied Keyboard Harmony

Sat. 1:30–3pm

Instructor: Jeanne Walpole

NEW **ONLINE** Piano Hand Independence

Tues. 6–7:30pm

Instructor: Jennifer Jolly

NEW **ONLINE** R&B, Soul & Funk Keyboard Chops

Tues. 7:45–9:15pm

Instructor: Jennifer Jolly

ONLINE Jazz Piano 1

Mon. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Bob Karty

ONLINE Jazz Piano 2

Mon. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Bob Karty

GUITAR

Jazz Guitar 1

Wed. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Mimi Fox

Jazz Guitar 2

Wed. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Mimi Fox

DRUMS & PERCUSSION

Drum Set for Beginners **B**

Wed. 8:15–9:45pm

Instructor: Jason Levis

NEW Drum Set 2

Wed. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Jason Levis

Conga Logic **B**

Tues. 4:30–6pm

Instructor: Edgardo Cambón

THEORY, IMPROVISATION & MUSICIANSHIP

Drop-In Improvisation Workshop

Thurs. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Ian Carey

NEW Hear It, Play It: Jazz Musicianship and Improvisation

Wed. 6:30–8pm

Instructor: Eli Maliwan

ADULT VOCAL CLASSES *Sing. Explore. Connect.*

The Jazzschool's vibrant vocal program invites singers of all interests and abilities to grow and learn as artists and performers. Sing harmony, explore improvisation, work on stage presence, write songs, and build confidence in a supportive environment. Whether you're new to singing or looking to further develop your skills, the Jazzschool's stellar instructors will guide you on your journey. Visit jazzschool.org/sing.



Sing Your Heart Out **B**

Thurs. 4:45–6:15pm
Instructor: Sami Stevens

Songwriting and Bandleading for Singers

Thurs. 6:30–8pm
Instructor: Sami Stevens

NEW Discover Jazz Singing **B**

Thurs. 11am–12:30pm
Instructor: Tiffany Austin

NEW Hearing the Changes: Vocal Improvisation

Thurs. 1–2:30pm
Instructor: Tiffany Austin

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Thurs. 6:30–8pm
Instructor: Angie Doctor

Sing Your Songs and Take the Stage

Tues. 5:30–7pm
Instructor:
Azure McCall

On the Bandstand

Wed. 6:30–8pm
Instructor:
Andrea Claburn

Vocal Technique **B**

Wed. 4:45–6:15pm
Instructor:
Andrea Claburn

LEARN MORE! FALL OPEN HOUSE

Sat. Sept. 12, 1–6:30pm FREE

- Student ensemble showcases
- Community jam session
- Faculty presentations
- “Speed lessons” with Jazzschool instructors
- Fall quarter class and workshop previews

Drop by to meet our faculty, hear our student ensembles, and learn more about fall quarter at the school! Bring your instrument for a 10-minute “speed-lesson” with a Jazzschool instructor, get a sneak preview of our new **Welcome to Jazz** class, or sample a **Brown Bag Jazz Hang** talk. For full schedule visit jazzschool.org/open-house.

YOUNG MUSICIANS PROGRAM



Learn new skills and make lifelong friends by playing in a band

In the Young Musicians Program, middle and high school students build a musical foundation by playing with peers in a supportive environment. Our youth ensembles are coached by experienced musician-educators who guide students through the fundamentals of jazz improvisation. Students learn to listen, interact, and express themselves while developing discipline and communication skills.

All Young Musicians Program ensembles require a placement audition before enrollment—visit jazzschool.org/jymp to learn more. *Youth ensemble tuition starts at \$375. Scholarships are available—*visit jazzschool.org/financial-aid.

ENSEMBLES

Studio Band

Mon. 6:30–8pm
Instructor:
Dave Eshelman

Advanced High School Jazz Workshop

Section 1:
Mon. 4:45–6:15pm
Instructor:
Peter Horvath

Section 2:
Mon. 4:45–6:15pm
Instructor: Colin Hogan

Middle & High School Jazz Ensembles (Combos)

Offered throughout the week

Future Jazz: Incorporating Electronics into a Jazz Combo

Tues. 4:45–6:15pm
Instructor:
Michael Aaberg

High School Funk Ensemble

Section 1:
Sat. 10–11:30am
Section 2:
Sat. 11:45am–1:15pm

Instructor:
Simon Keyser Petty

High School New Orleans Brass Band

Sat. 10–11:30am
Instructor: Alli Torf

NEW Video Game / Anime Ensemble

Wed. 4:45–6:15pm
Instructor:
Simon Keyser Petty



WORKSHOPS

*A Few Hours
Can Make a
Difference!*

Looking for a spark of inspiration? A new perspective from a virtuoso performer? Jazzschool workshops, usually two or three hours long, are focused, practical sessions on a specific topic. Try a new style, strengthen a skill, or explore a familiar idea from a new angle. You'll leave with useful tools, new ideas, and plenty to bring back to your next practice session.

Workshop fees start at \$45.

SUN. SEPT. 20

Oz's Jazz Warm-Ups: A Practice Method for Jazz Harmony and Odd Meters

Oz Ezzeldin • 2–4pm

SAT. SEPT. 26

The Art of Interactive Improvisation

Devin Gray • 2–4pm

SUN. SEPT. 27

Django Reinhardt-Style Jazz Guitar

Paul Mehling • 11:30am–1:30pm

The Metronome Is Your Friend

Paul Mehling • 2–4pm

SUN. OCT. 4

The Singer's Essential Guide to Jam Sessions

Pamela Rose • Noon–3pm

Play Jazz, Blues & Rock Piano by Ear

Andy Ostwald • 2–4pm

SATURDAYS, OCT. 10 & 17

ONLINE How to Win at Scatting!

(2-session series) Michele Weir • 11am–1pm

SUNDAYS, OCT. 11 & 18

Making the Most of Your Maturing Voice

(2-session series) Sandy Cressman • 2–4pm

SUNDAYS, OCT. 18 & 25

Basic Music Theory for Vocalists

(2-session series) Danny Caron • Noon–3pm

SUN. NOV. 1

Baroque Improvisation for Jazz Musicians

Ben Stolorow & Bryan Bowman • 1–4pm

R&B, Pop & Soul for Jazz Singers

Kalil Wilson • 2–4pm

Mind Your Business: How to Book a Gig

Lilan Kane • 11:30am–1:30pm

SUN. NOV. 8

From Lead Sheet to Performance: Creative Arranging for Vocalists & Instrumentalists

Tamir Hendelman • 11:30am–1:30pm

Tell Stories with Your Guitar Solos

Lisa Liu • 2–4pm

SUN. NOV. 15

ONLINE Great Women Pianists of Pop & Jazz: Christine McVie of Fleetwood Mac

Jennifer Jolly • 11am–1:30pm

Ins & Outs: Intros and Endings for Singers

Pamela Rose • Noon–3pm

SUN. NOV. 22

Vocal Improvisation: Circlesinging

Bryan Dyer • Noon–3pm

SUN. DEC. 6

Basic Piano for Vocalists

Kalil Wilson • 2–4pm