

Bonita Valley Arts Academy (BVAA)
Registration Packet
Fall/Winter Semester
September 22, 2008–December 9, 2008

Welcome to Bonita Valley Arts Academy (BVAA)
Music and Creative Arts Instruction for Youth and Adults

Class offerings each semester may vary based upon student demand and instructor availability, and includes instruction in musical instruments and vocal lessons. We look forward to adding new and exciting classes.

Our instructors are professionals in the subject matter they teach, and provide an encouraging and fun learning environment for students of all ages and performance levels.

All group classes are held on BVAA campus on
Mondays & Tuesdays
Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

REGISTER EARLY FOR GROUP CLASSES!

We must have a minimum number of student enrolled the week before the semester begins!

The earlier we receive registrations, the sooner we can confirm the class!

Register early!

Group Class Tuition Price: \$100 for a 10 week session, plus a \$15 non-refundable registration fee

This packet contains everything you need to register; it includes the following:

Please Keep These!

Program Guidelines & Information
Class Catalogue
Semester Calendar

Please Complete, Sign & Return with Payment

Emergency Release Form & Behavior Covenant
Group Class Registration (if registering for group)
Private Lesson Registration (if registering for private)

Tuition is listed on both the Class Catalogue & Registration Forms. Private Lesson Guidelines and Registration are separate from those for Group. ***We ask tuition payments be made when registering, and all required registration forms & payment are received before student begin their classes.***

Please make checks payable to "BVCC".

Please make sure and write the student name on the check's memo line.

Completed registration forms with payment can be dropped off at the receptionist's desk in the BVCC Church office or mailed to the following address:

BVCC
Attention: Arts Academy
4744 Bonita Road
Bonita, CA 91902

If you have any questions, or if we can help in any way, please contact **Elizabeth Berry** @ (619) 475-8000 x312 or **elizabethf@bonitavalley.com**

Forms and information are also available @ www.bonitavalley.com

BVAA PROGRAM INFORMATION: Please take a moment to read through the following items. Each requirement has been established to enhance the quality and continuity of study in the BVAA program.

Cancellations & Refunds: Group classes must meet minimum enrollment. Classes without a minimum number of students may be cancelled. You will receive a full refund in the event your class is cancelled.

Withdrawals & Refunds: A Student request to withdraw from a class must be made in writing to the BVAA office. The date BVAA receives written notification will be considered the official date of withdrawal. Written notification should be sent by mail or e-mail and must contain the student's name and contact information, class and reason for withdrawing from the program. Refunds will be issued according to the following schedule:

- Withdrawal prior to the first lesson - a full refund, less a \$15 administrative fee
- Withdrawal by the end of the second week (Friday @ 5:00pm) - a refund for the remaining classes will be issued, less a \$15 administrative fee.
- Withdrawal after the second week of classes - **NO refunds will be made**

In the event of a prolonged illness or other serious family situation, students may request a temporary class withdrawal. The reason for the withdrawal should be discussed with the BVAA staff and the formal request must be submitted in writing. The remaining balance of classes will be held in the student's name for future use.

Instructor absences & School Closings: If an instructor is absent from a regularly scheduled class and a substitute instructor is not provided, or if there is a school closing due to unavoidable circumstances, BVAA will schedule a make-up date for the cancelled class.

Student Attendance & Conduct: To help all students have the best possible experience, we ask that all students be on time and stay for the entire class. To limit class disruptions, we ask students to refrain from using cell phones or other personal electronic devices during class. Students are permitted to bring a water bottle to class. **Students are not permitted to bring any other food or beverages to class.**

Payments: Payment must be paid in full at the time of registration. If you cannot make a full payment, special arrangements will be considered.

Student Safety: Elementary school age students must be accompanied both to and from classrooms. Curb-side drop-off and pick-up is not allowed for elementary students. Prompt pick-up is required.

Practice & Instructional Materials: Students are encouraged to spend time practicing between classes. Both students and parents should feel free to speak with instructors regarding the method of instruction, practice schedule, and material. Students should bring their practice materials to every class. The goal is to teach music and performance techniques, and students should enjoy the material they are studying.

THANK YOU – Thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching your student!

BVCCA Semester Calendar—Fall/Winter 2008

Week	Monday	Note	Week	Tuesday	Note
	September 15	OPEN HOUSE - Instrument rental	1	September 23	
1	September 22	Classes start Fall/Winter Session	2	October 30	
2	October 29		3	October 7	
3	October 6		4	October 14	
4	October 13		5	October 21	
5	October 20		6	October 28	
6	October 27		7	November 4 Election Day	Learning Center Classes will be held in Auditorium
7	November 3		8	November 11	No Classes
8	November 10	No Classes	9	November 18	
9	November 17		10	November 25	No Classes
10	November 24	No Classes	11	December 2	
11	December 1		12	December 9	Last Day Fall/Winter Classes
12	December 8				

Bonita Valley Arts Academy (BVAA)
CLASS CATALOGUE
Fall/Winter 2008 Semester
September 22nd through December 9th (10 weeks)

*All classes are held on **Monday** or **Tuesday** on the BVCC Campus

VOCAL INSTRUCTION

Vocal 101, Ages 7–16

In this class where students will learn the basics of recognizing music notes, stage presence, simple vocal exercises. Our goal is to improve confidence all while having fun.

Monday, 4:30 - 5:15pm

Vocal 101, Age 16–Adult

Do you love to sing along with the radio? Do you wish you could sing like your favorite pop artist? Do you tune in to “American Idol” on a weekly basis? If so, this is the class for you. Students will practice vocal exercises, increasing vocal agility, range, and breath support. In addition, they will learn how to read music, and develop stage presence skills. With the ease of learning in a group, students become more comfortable using their voice and build confidence, while learning at his/her own pace.

Monday, 6:30 - 7:15pm

Vocal 201, Ages 7–16 (Pre-requisite Vocal 101)

If you have taken class 101 and still run short of breath? Have trouble reaching those high notes? Does your voice tire? Strengthen and develop your voice in this class! Students will practice vocal exercises increasing vocal agility, range and breath support. In addition, students will develop basic note reading skills all with the ease of learning in a group. If you have not taken Voice 101 you may audition for the instructor.

Monday 5:30 - 6:15pm

Vocal 201, Ages 16–Adult

If you have taken class 101 and still run short of breath? Have trouble reaching those high notes? Does your voice tire? Strengthen and develop your voice in this class! Students will practice vocal exercises increasing vocal agility, range and breath support. In addition, students will develop basic note reading skills all with the ease of learning in a group. If you have not taken Voice 101 you may audition for the instructor.

Monday 7:30 - 8:15pm

PIANO

Piano classes are available only by private lesson. Private Lessons are 1/2 hour. Please call for class availability.

GUITAR (Youth and Adult)

Guitar 101,

This class is designed for students new to the guitar. They will learn basic strumming patterns, chords and basic techniques in a fun small classroom setting. They will be strumming along to some favorite tunes in no time! Bring a guitar and a pick to class.

Monday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm,

Guitar 201, (Pre-requisite Guitar 101)

This class is designed for students who have learned basic open chords, are fairly comfortable with some strumming styles and patterns. They will be introduced to new chords and additional strumming patterns. Bring a guitar and a pick to class.

Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

PERCUSSION

Percussion 101

In this class you will learn modern & traditional percussion patterns and how to incorporate them into today's music. This is a fun class involving good fellowship and music.

Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:15pm

Percussion 201, (Pre-requisite, Percussion 101)

This class is a continuation of class 101 you will continue to learn modern & traditional percussion patterns and how to incorporate them into today's music. This is a fun class involving good fellowship and music.

Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:15pm

BASS GUITAR

Bass Guitar 101

Are you a beginner with no experience? Have you played guitar and thought about giving bass a try? This would be the class for you to take. You will learn to play simplified bass lines, and play and identify basic rhythms. Bring your bass guitar to class (amp is not necessary)

Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

PAINTING/DRAWING

Through a variety of approaches, painting will be explored as a vital means of personal expression. Students will study composition and color organization. Develop skills of observation, rendering and paint handling. Materials will include pencil, charcoal, and acrylics on paper and canvas. Skills will be reinforced through projects and exercises. (Please note materials are not included in the cost of this class)

Tuesday, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

STRING ORCHESTRA

String Orchestra 101

The String Orchestra class provides a way to start learning the techniques of the string instruments (Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass) in a group setting. The student learn the techniques of classical music, reading music, rhythms and music theory.

Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

String Orchestra 201 (Pre-requisite, String Orchestra 101)

This class provides a way to continue learning the techniques of the string instruments (Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass) in a group setting. The student continues to learn the techniques of classical music, reading music, rhythms and music theory.

Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

String Orchestra 301 (Pre-requisite, String Orchestra 201)

This class provides a way to continue learning the techniques of the string instruments (Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass) in a group setting. The student continues to learn the techniques of classical music, reading music, rhythms and music theory.

Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

BAND

Band 101

The Band class provides a way to start learning the techniques of wind instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium and Trombone) in a group setting. The student will learn the techniques of classical music, reading, rhythms and music theory.

Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:15pm

Band 201 (Pre-requisite, Band 101)

This class provides a way to start learning the techniques of wind instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium and Trombone) in a group setting. The student will learn the techniques of classical music, reading, rhythms and music theory.

Tuesday, 5:30 - 6:15pm

*HARP

Harp classes are available only by private lesson. Private Lessons are 1/2 hour. Please call for class availability. Due to the size and availability of the instrument these lessons will be given at the instructors residence.

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Private Lessons

Bonita Valley Arts Academy strives to cater to the needs of all of our students, and to provide them with a comprehensive and rewarding music education, that is not only productive, but is also fun!

While our group classes provide a comfortable setting and a fun and challenging atmosphere, our school also offers private music instruction. Private lessons can offer a more personalized program, where the curriculum can be tailored to the individual student's pace.

Whether you are a novice or are looking to improve your skills, or to take your performance to the next level, private musical instruction can play a key role in your musical development.

The following classes are available for private lessons: *Piano, Voice, String Orchestra, Harp, and Electric Bass*

Fees & Guidelines

Private lessons are 30 minutes in length, unless special arrangements have been made with the school and the instructor. Early arrivals are asked to wait in the church's foyer so as not to disturb any on-going lesson.

The tuition for private lessons is \$25 per 1/2 hour lesson. Lessons are once a week.

Private lesson tuition must be paid in advance of the lessons.

Attendance & Cancellation Policy

When you sign up for private instruction, your instructor reserves that time just for you, for the entire semester. It's important to understand that if you cancel or cannot make a lesson, we still need to pay your instructor for the time they're holding only for you. Therefore, we are not able to issue a credit or refund for any lessons you cancel or miss during the semester.

If given enough notice (a minimum of 48 hours), the instructor may be able to schedule a make-up. Please know that is not a guarantee or promise, as instructors already run a very full schedule. However, private students are welcome to attend any of our group classes on the schedule as a make-up for a missed private lesson. The instructor can suggest a class that would be the closest to the student's ability level.

Substitutes

BVAA reserves the right to provide a substitute instructor at any time. We cannot issue credits or refunds for classes where a substitute is provided.