

# Colorado Mesa University Middle School Music Camp 2021

## Descriptions for Music Enrichment Courses

On-line Registration begins May 28th @ 9:00 a.m.

**Beginning Conducting** – Learn the basics of conducting in different time signatures. Learn how to get the most out of an ensemble. Understanding how to conduct will also help you be a better ensemble member. Be your own Maestro!

**Beginning Guitar** (*Limited to the first 24 students who register per offering*) – This class is for students who have no or very little experience playing guitar. Students will learn basic note reading, basic chords, basic strumming patterns and apply them to simple songs. Guitars are provided, but if you have your own, bring it!

**Body Mapping Workshop** – Do you get sore after practicing? Do your shoulder/back/wrists when you play for a long time? Do you hunch over when you play? Does the word posture make no sense to you? This class will give you the tools you need to help you play with less discomfort. OPEN TO ALL INSTRUMENTS.

**Boomwhackers** (*Limited to the first 16 students who register*) – Let's whack tune tubes! Learn different songs and chord structures using boomwhackers!

**Camp Choir** – This class is for anyone who enjoys singing, or wishes to experience singing in a choir for the first time. No singing experience required!

**Comprovisation** – Have you always wanted to compose music? This generally starts with improvisation. Join us and learn how to write your own piece of music through basic non-jazz improvisation and music notation.

**Dance Class** (*Limited to the first 32 students who register*) – If you love to tap your toe, nod your head, or simply move while listening and/or playing music, this class is for you! Dance class is a high-energy enrichment course that focuses on rhythm, style, and personal expression through choreographed dance and individual improvisation.

**Music Technology** (*Limited to the first 16 students who register per offering*) – You may already play an instrument, but can you play a computer? Not video games; but turning the computer into a musical instrument. Come and join us in the Tech Lab for some music creation with Garage Band. We will combine pre-recorded loops with your own synthesized creations to produce a CD that you can take home. (If you already have Garage Band experience or have taken this class before at music camp, please choose something else.)

**Music Theory** – Do you want to learn how to enhance your creativity and musical awareness? Learn the fundamentals of music and how to break down and interpret compositions in this class!

**Jazz Improvisation** – Students will learn the skills to play a jazz improvisation solo. No prior jazz experience necessary.

**The Singing Actor** – Learn how to be an expressive singer! Through improvisation games, character analysis and group choreography, singers will learn how to bring song texts to life and create interesting characters. This is your chance to take some risks, be silly, and have lots of fun on stage!

**School of Rock** (*Limited to the first 16 who register per offering*) – Are you ready to rock? Have you ever wanted to be in a rock band? Students will learn the basics of playing in a Modern Band. Students will have the opportunity to learn basic guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, or vocal skills necessary to play in a Modern Band setting. Instruments are provided.

**Vocal Improvisation for Instrumentalists and Singers** – We will learn how to scat sing the Blues! It's fun to create spontaneous melodies. Come find out how fun it is. All levels welcome!

**Ukulele Band** (*Limited to the first 16 who register per offering*) – Want to learn how to play the ukulele? Using songs from all genres and oldies to current hits, we will learn how to pick and strum at least five different chords corresponding to dozens of fun songs to sing along.