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MUSIC TOGETHER® *Bringing Harmony Home*®

Music & movement curriculum for
babies and very young children

WHAT IS MUSIC TOGETHER?

Music Together® from Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC is a fun family music and movement approach to early childhood music development program for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children and their parents, teachers and other primary caregivers. It is a high quality, developmentally appropriate research-based curriculum from Princeton with playful activities. Music Together was the first national music and movement program for babies and very young children.

Although Music Together's goals are for children to achieve tonal and rhythm competence, the Music Together program models support other development such as language, cognitive, emotional, social, and physical skills.

Music Together involves parent participation regardless of the parent's own music ability and provides parent education classes; Siblings attend **Music Together** classes together. Psychologists recommend mixed ages for maximum learning.

Children participate at their own level and when they are ready. There is no performance pressure. Children are encouraged to respond spontaneously to the musical environment

Basic class activities includes singing rhythmic chants like nursery rhymes, creative movement from finger plays to large motor movement activities, and instrumental play. The music itself is rich and varied. The curriculum supports Head Start Performance and NAEYC Program Standards. Children of all capabilities (typical & challenged) are welcome to participate in the classes.

Music together teachers from Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC receive quality classroom and interpersonal training leading to increasingly advanced levels of certification. Ongoing mentoring and training includes music curriculum parent education and early childhood music developmental observation skills. Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC are "licensed" to operate programs within a specific geographical location and its teachers hold current PA Act 33 / 34 Child Safety and Criminal Background Clearances. Since 1994, Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC has been a leading local provider of private & group music classes for youth, adults, and students with special needs. In addition to Music Together, the studios offer lessons in piano, voice, violin, cello, flute, saxophone, clarinet, trombone, and oboe.

The Music Together program embraces four main principles:

- All children are musical
- Therefore, all children can achieve basic music competence: that is, they can learn to sing in tune and move with accurate rhythm
- The participation and modeling of parents and other primary caregivers is essential to a child's musical growth
- This growth is best achieved in a playful, musically rich, and non-performance oriented learning environment.

WHAT TYPES OF CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE?

Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC licensed centers offer several Music Together “formats”

- **Family Classes** (adults and mixed age children for 45-minutes weekly)
- **Preschool Programs** (onsite at preschool with assistance from preschool teachers, 45-minutes weekly)
- **Family Favorites** (a one-semester, 6-week intro to Music Together serving an “outreach” defined population e.g. high-risk, low-income, and transient families)
- **Coming FEB 2010! Babies Classes** (a one-semester intro to Music Together with music activities and materials specifically designed for parents who want to learn as much as possible about music development in babies)
- **Big Kids Family Music** (like Family Classes but geared to the interests and social nature of children ages 5 thru 7, 60-minutes weekly)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST FOR MATERIALS & SERVICES?

- A comprehensive, research-based, music and movement curriculum
- A registered Music Together teacher trained in both developmentally appropriate practice and skilled in leading participatory music activities. All LRMS instructors have Act 33 / 34 (Child Safety & Criminal Background) Clearances
- A weekly 45-minute music / movement session in your facility for every participating class. Multiple classes can be scheduled “back-to-back”. Like an academic year, Music Together has three ten-week semesters (Fall, Winter, Spring) and one six-week semester (summer)
- A songbook and 2 CDs (one for home & one for the car) for each family in the Music Together program. These materials will help deliver the parent involvement component of the Music Together program by duplicating the classroom experience in the home.
- A Parent Guide DVD and booklet for each family.
- Up to two substantial family music / parent education events (per 10-week semesters) or one substantial family music / parent education event (per 6-week semesters). This event(s) would be coordinated with you and the staff at your school and could include: an Open House, Parent Education Night, Demonstration Classes open to the public, etc; between 4 and 20 children participants welcome

FOR PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE CENTERS:

- On-going musical mentoring and support for your classroom teachers throughout the program by the Music Together Specialist so that your teachers can easily interweave music throughout their weekly lessons and activities.
- Teacher materials for each classroom (per collection/per semester) – Music Together Preschool Guide, Teacher Mix CD, Up to 3 family sets of materials

These services and materials are important but the benefits for the child are invaluable as the power of music and how much it impacts a child’s ability to learn, many times is quite misunderstood and underestimated.

By including Music Together in a preschool, you are making the choice for music to be an essential part of your core curriculum, with all the pleasure and learning it provides for young children. Additionally, through Music Together’s unique parent-involvement element and through a shared repertoire of songs and activities, you will be adding a sense of community among the children, teachers, and parents in your school.

WHAT DO MUSIC TOGETHER CLASSES COST?

Pricing varies nationally by geographical location and is set locally by the licensed center director. However, all US programs are within a close range to each other. For all Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC locations west of Pittsburgh (Moon, Robinson, Coraopolis, and Sewickley) the pricing is:

10-Week Classes:

- a) \$ 185 for one child or two children (with one < 8 months old)
- b) \$ 320 for two children > 8 months or three children (with one < 8 months old)
- c) \$ 415 for three children > 8 months old

6 – Week Classes:

- a) \$ 130 For first child
- b) \$ 80 for 2nd child

Ask about discounts available for families already enrolled in other Lisa Rae Music Studios classes (private music lessons, group vocal & string ensembles, etc) or who are members of the hosting facility

WHERE DOES LISA RAE MUSIC STUDIOS, LLC OFFER MUSIC TOGETHER CLASSES?

Lisa Rae Music Studios, LLC was the first to bring Music Together to locations in and around the Pittsburgh Airport Corridor. For directions to the centers, please visit www.LisaRaeMusic.Com and click on “Studio Locations”

Family Classes (adults and mixed age children for 45-minutes weekly)

- Ascension Lutheran Church (Silver Lane, Robinson Township, PA)
- The Early Learning Institute (Off Herbst Rd., Coraopolis, PA)
- The Play Academy (near old Airport, Moon Township, PA)
- Sweetwater Center for the Arts (Sewickley, PA)

Preschool Programs (onsite at preschool with assistance from preschool teachers, 45-minutes weekly)

- The Early Learning Institute (Off Herbst Rd., Coraopolis, PA)
- The Play Academy (near old Airport, Moon Township, PA)

Family Favorites (a one-semester, 6-week intro to Music Together serving an “outreach” defined population e.g. high-risk, low-income, and transient families)

- Father Ryan Cultural Arts Center (McKees Rocks)

Babies Classes (a one-semester intro to Music Together with music activities and materials specifically designed for parents who want to learn as much as possible about music development in babies)

- The Play Academy (near old Airport, Moon Township, PA)