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Spectacular Spring 2010 Session Class Descriptions

Beautiful Babies (2-20 Months with Adult) Giddy-Up Horsey! Time to saddle up and blaze new trails! Together, we will explore various movements through different types of musical riding adventures. Let's take a trip in a stroller, bus, train, horse and other fun ways to stimulate your baby's growth through vocal and emotional support. In addition to classical and jazz music, you and your baby will be exposed to foreign language music for a multi-cultural experience. Instruments and props used in class are safe, clean and age appropriate. As your baby develops his or her speech articulators, you will learn simplified American Sign Language to aid in your hearing baby's ability to communicate. The class will be limited to ten lap babies, crawlers and walkers plus adults.

Terrific Toddlers (1½ - 3½ years with Adult) Leaping Lily Pads! We are going to the pond where the frogs are a croaking, the fish are a jumping and the ducks are a waddling. Come with us as we explore the wonderful world outdoors while having a leaping, fishing and quacking good time. Grandpa's rowboat is waiting and your toddler is ready to go! Although frustrations are a natural part of the development of this age, we can continue to build skills through listening, observing and movement. Included in this special theme will be our popular sound of the day, story blanket time, cuddle with me, clean toddler friendly instruments and props with lots of opportunities to move, move, move! The maximum number of toddlers is ten along with their adult music partners.

Phenomenal Preschoolers (3 years to Pre-K with Adult last 15-20 minutes or entire class) Under the Big Tent! Oh the imaginary trips we will take to the circus, county fair and camping. As we use pretend play, you can be the ringmaster, an acrobat and an animal caregiver. Hold on to your hat at the county fair with lots of games to play and rides to experience. Get your backpack ready as we are going camping with food to cook and fun to explore. Developmental skills such as sound discrimination, following directions, movement choices, counting and name recognition are introduced as well as the exploration of more complex instruments with mallets. Adult and child can participate together for the entire class or the adult can join their child for the last half of the class. Class size will be limited to eight preschoolers and their accompanying adults.

Exuberant Early Elementary (K – 2nd Grade with Adult last 10 minutes) Turn the Beat

Around! Become a music detective as we explore musical concepts of the three beat and four beat meter, tempo and dynamics. By the use of assorted drums, woodblocks, triangles, cymbals and other percussion instruments, we will create ensemble play with various patterns. Through the use of positive reinforcement, improvement in coordination, focused listening, partner cooperation, team participation and creativity are anticipated. In addition, we will enjoy multiple opportunities for movement with scarves or ribbon streamers to aid in learning and building long term memory. Students start class with the teacher only and adults join for the last ten minutes. The maximum number of school age students for this class is eight.

Fabulous Families (Multi-age young children with Adult) Move Over Rover! In the book with the same name by Karen Beaumont, Rover has to move over to share space in his house for more animals. In family life, older sisters and brothers move over, but can shine in class as they model for their younger siblings. Let's celebrate family through this musical environment by using unique instruments and encourage singing, dancing, finger play, exploration and movement. Literacy is offered through story time and we grow together through activities offered to build skills from lap babies to early elementary students. Puppy dogs will aid in practicing sharing, taking turns, helping, loving each other and making new friends. The maximum number of families is based on the total number and stages of the children enrolled.