



About the Program

MadFiddle is a youth violin ensemble that explores and performs folk music from around the world. With an emphasis on aural tradition and intergenerational performance, MadFiddle dials in the social experience that keeps kids playing with their peers and having fun.

MadFiddle uses an original curriculum that connects the instrument with the ear and the voice. This curriculum visits an array of folk traditions - from bluegrass and the blues to old-time and ragtime to Scottish, swing, South American, Scandinavian and beyond.

In 2020, MadFiddle was named “Youth Ensemble of the Year” and in 2016 it’s director Shauncey Ali received “Teacher of the Year” by the Madison Area Music Association.

Performances

Each season is highlighted by amazing performances with our backing band, Highway 151. Together, we’ve performed at venues such as the Stoughton Opera House, Overture Center, Barrymore Theater, Old Music Hall, Sugar Maple Music Festival and High Noon Saloon.

Learning Resources

- VIDEO TUTORIALS: Students receive access to interactive video tutorials that reinforce live group instruction.
- AUDIO LESSONS: Students receive access to interactive audio mp3s that reinforce live group instruction.
- SHEET MUSIC is offered as a supplemental resource for some experience levels.
- PRACTICE TRACKS: Students receive access to practice tracks to help them play with a rhythm section.
- Visit the [GOOGLE DRIVE](#) to find all of your class materials in one place.

Group Placement

Effective group placement sets our program up for long-term success, and the functionality of each group depends on it. We recognize that everyone is on his or her own musical path, independent of his or her age.

Group placement is based on the needs of each class and the developmental needs of the student. Students are placed into one of the groups below.

The Groups & Rehearsal Schedule

Class Waltz: Thursdays 4:45-5:30 pm

Class Reel: Thursdays 5:45-6:45 pm

Class Shred: Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm

Class Stomp: Fridays 4:45-5:45 pm

Class Breakdown: Fridays 6:00-7:00 pm

Private Instruction

MadFiddle is designed to supplement private instruction. If you are unable to receive private instruction but would like to participate in MadFiddle, please contact us.

Tuition

Tuition may be handled in full, halves or thirds. The cost breakdown is \$30/hour. For more specific tuition information, please contact us.

How To Register

Auditions for the 2022 season begin **April 11**. This includes a complimentary meeting with parent(s), student and director. Space is limited, so schedule yours today!

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