

WKSA Youth Piano Program

Pilot Program: 2009/2010

For students ages 6, 7, 8 and 9 years old.

The WKSA Youth Piano Program uses the Russian School of Piano playing, a comprehensive approach based on both mastering the instrument in an artistically qualified way and developing the personality of each student through creative listening. Based on technical studies and original music of great composers, students will develop various technical and artistic skills and build their repertoire.

The program consists of three parts:

- **Weekly 45 minute group classes**—students will learn basics of music appreciation, music history, and music concepts through musical games and active interaction with a teacher and each other. Students will be grouped by ages: 6/7 and 8/9
- **Weekly half-hour Private lessons**--students will acquire the appropriate posture, hand position, and fingerings with a private teacher. A parent is required to attend private lessons.
- **Weekly elective classes**—students have the option of participating in various music appreciation and enrichment classes offered on Saturday mornings for students of all instruments.

Staffing

Dr. Irena Ravitskaya will teach both group classes and private lessons for the Youth Piano Program. Dr. Ravitskaya, who began playing the piano at age six, enjoys a dynamic performing and teaching career that has taken her across Europe and the United States. She has her Doctor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Indiana University and her Master of Music degree from Boise State University. Dr. Ravitskaya taught on the faculties at Indiana University and Boise State University. Currently, she is Assistant Professor of Music at Fort Hays State University.

Admission

Admission to the Youth Piano Program requires a parent and child interview with Dr. Ravitskaya. Interviews may be scheduled at WKSA's Orientation/Information and Registration Day on Saturday, August 29th, 2009, 9:30am in Malloy Hall.

Weekly Schedule

Group Classes begin Saturday, September 19th.
6/7 year olds—1:00-2:00pm
8/9 year olds—11:00am-12noon

Private lessons are scheduled directly with Dr. Ravitskaya for mutually convenient times.

Cost

Cost for WKSA's Beginning String Program is \$600 per year (\$330/semester) and includes the following:

20 private half-hour lessons
20 group classes
Participation in weekly WKSA elective classes (optional)
Written skills mastery/progress report provided by instructor
Semester-end student recitals
Musical field trips/Social Activities
WKSA t-shirt

Enrollment for the Youth Piano Program only occurs in the fall. Fees may be paid in installments. Family discounts for multiple students are also available.