2016 HPMC Mini Courses and Descriptions

MINI COURSES

High School Mini Courses (HS)
For campers entering 9th grade through those that have just graduated high school:

Rhythm Fundamentals
Improve your counting and rhythmic skills as applied to any and all styles of music.

Sight Reading
Learn sight reading skills to make learning new music easier for solos and ensembles.

Theory and Ear Training
Train your ear to hear and identify melodies, intervals, and chords. Learn the basics of how music is structured and organized.

Advanced Music Theory
For those serious music students who have already had the first session of theory at camp or in school. Become even more acquainted with chord structures and key and time signatures.

Camp Chorus
For ALL high school campers. Rehearsal begins early, before all other daily activities, but well worth it. One of the most popular classes of camp! (With Camp Chorus being before anything at camp, you can sing in the chorus AND be in another mini course!)

Musical Theatre
Any high school student can participate in learning scenes/choruses from a major Broadway musical. A performance on Friday evening will be presented for family and friends. Come have a blast with an energetic staff!
Celtic Strings
With all of the Celtic music available, come learn Celtic fiddle styles and techniques for this fun Irish music! The Celtic Strings ensembles will perform Friday night. Strings only.

Double Reed Making
Learn the different styles of making oboe or bassoon reeds. Bring $10 cash to cover materials. Oboe and bassoon students only.

Flute Techniques
Transform your playing with tips that create better tone, intonation, vibrato, and faster fingers. Includes introduction to piccolo technique. Flutists only.

Guitar Techniques
Develop your guitar skills with professional guitar specialists on either acoustic or electric guitars. Campers must provide their own guitar and amp. Guitarists only.

Explore World Percussion
Experience a wide variety of percussion instruments from around the world.

Jazz Bass
Improve your electric or upright bass skills to accommodate the many jazz idioms. Camper must provide the bass instrument and amp. Bass players only.

Jazz Improvisation
Experiment with outrageous ideas and gain comfort performing on your own instrument in jazz combos. Sections open to clarinet/sax, trumpet, and trombone.

Jazz Piano
Learn to read chord symbols, chord changes, and voicing to play with lively jazz combos!
Jazzy Drumline
This class is the former “Drumline Fundamentals” for high school students WITH the addition of learning jazz drumming techniques as well as getting tips on preparing for and auditioning for KMEA. A must for drummers! Percussionists only.

Conducting Fundamentals
Learn the basic beat patterns, style elements, score reading, and rehearsal techniques for conductors. This is for those who have never enrolled in Conducting before.

Advanced Conducting
The next step for conducting students, this is an invaluable class for band conductors and drum majors. Leadership qualities included.

Instrument Maintenance
An experienced instrument repair specialist will help you learn easy instrument repairs and how to avoid damage to your instrument. Only for brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments.

String Instrument Repair
String players can learn how to care for their instrument including how to change strings, rehair a bow, and general care for your string instrument. Strings only.

Middle School Mini Courses (MS)
For students entering 6th through 8th grades:

Rhythm Fundamentals
(All first-year 6th & 7th grade campers must enroll in Rhythm Fundamentals!) Improve your counting and rhythmic skills as applied to any and all styles of music.

Sight Reading
Learn sight reading skills to make learning new music easier for solos and ensembles.
Beginning Celtic Strings
With all of the Celtic music available, come learn the basic Celtic fiddle styles and techniques for this fun Irish music! Strings only.

Double Reed Making
Learn the different styles of making oboe or bassoon reeds. Bring $10 cash to cover materials. Oboe and bassoon students only.

Flute Techniques
Transform your playing with tips that create better tone, intonation, vibrato, and faster fingers. Includes introduction to piccolo technique. Flutists only.

Drumline Fundamentals
Explore a variety of drumming techniques that apply to traditional drumline preparation. Percussionists only.

Explore World Percussion
Experience a wide variety of percussion instruments from around the world.

Guitar Techniques
Develop your guitar skills with professional guitar specialists on either acoustic or electric guitars. Campers must provide their own guitar and amp. Guitarists only.

Beginning Jazz Improvisation
For Middle School campers who would like to begin understanding improv styles on your instrument. Separate sections for clarinet/sax, trumpet, and trombone.

Jazz Bass
Improve your electric or upright bass skills to accommodate the many jazz idioms. Camper must provide the bass instrument and amp.
Jazz Piano
Learn to read chord symbols, chord changes, and voicing to play with lively jazz combos!

Instrument Maintenance
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String Instrument Repair
String players can learn how to care for their instrument including how to change strings, rehair a bow, and general care for your string instrument. Strings only.