



STEVENS STREET
HOMESCHOOL BAND

Information Packet
2024

INTRODUCTION

The School of Performing Arts is an entity of **Stevens Street Baptist Church**, which is an incorporated, non-profit religious organization that exists:

- To love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind; to exalt His Son Jesus Christ and to live in the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit.
- To make disciples of all nations.
- To develop obedient servants of the Lord Jesus Christ and equip them for ministry.

As a ministry of Stevens Street, the School of Performing Arts exists to further the overall mission of the church and, like all other ministries of the church, is led by the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the local authority of the congregation, and the shepherding of the pastoral staff.

More information about Stevens Street can be found at **stevensstreet.org**.

MISSION STATEMENT

The School of Performing Arts fully supports and identifies with the overall mission of Stevens Street Baptist Church, and is committed to providing a Christ-centered learning environment.

Our goal is to develop Christian artists who love to serve the church.

1 CHRISTIAN

The most fundamental need of every human being is forgiveness of sin from God and reconciliation through faith in Jesus Christ. Sharing and modeling the Gospel is the best, most loving way we can serve the world and bring glory to God.

2 ARTISTS

We want to help develop well-rounded musicians who understand the language of music, exhibit excellence in performance, express creativity through composition and improvisation, and demonstrate professionalism in all conduct.

3 WHO LOVE TO SERVE THE CHURCH

The gifts we receive from God are never meant solely for our good and enjoyment; they are meant to be shared and used to serve others. We aim to point the hearts of students to sacrificial service in a local church through music and worship leadership.

Guiding Principles

- We desire to attract instructors with the highest qualities of musicianship, character, and spiritual maturity.
- We believe that music has intrinsic value because it allows for the creation of art that is true, beautiful, and good; characteristics that reflect the nature of the Creator God who has designed music to bring Him glory.
- We believe in a holistic approach to learning an instrument, which includes note reading, music listening, playing characteristically in a variety of styles, and adhering to accepted standards of concert etiquette.
- We seek to encourage our students to make music in community through the development of various ensembles and classes.

ENROLLMENT

The Stevens Street Homeschool Band is open to students in 6th through 12th grade who are homeschooled or attend hybrid school. Prior musical experience is not required. Enrollment is open on the School of Performing Arts website April 15th through August 15th.

Fee Schedule

A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 *per family* will be required upon enrollment in the homeschool band program. Tuition is due in full by **August 15th** for the fall semester and **January 15th** for the spring semester.

Tuition Rates:

- First student - \$125 per semester
- Additional students (same family) - \$115 per semester

Tuition covers costs for instruction and necessary purchases for the program, such as equipment and sheet music. This fee *does not* include the cost of instrument rental, maintenance, or method books. The chart below outlines other costs for which you may account when enrolling in the Stevens Street Homeschool Band.

Method Book (required)	\$12
Music Stand	\$18
Instrument Rental	\$35 - \$70 / month (additional \$5 maintenance plan encouraged)
Instrument Care Kit	\$15
Reeds (for woodwind instruments)	\$10 - \$35 every 2-4 months

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time Commitment

The Homeschool Band will rehearse on **Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30a** at Stevens Street Baptist Church. Students will also be expected to maintain a daily practice routine at home.

The Homeschool Band will perform a concert at the end of each semester. Concert attendance is required, and the dates for these performances will be announced at the beginning of each semester.

Instrument Selection

The School of Performing Arts will host an Instrument Try-Out Night on **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00**. At this event, students will have the opportunity to learn how to make a sound on various woodwind and brass instruments. Each student's strengths will be assessed by our qualified staff, and recommendations will be made for the instruments we feel the student will have the most success in playing.

If a student/family already owns a band instrument, they may notify our staff upon enrollment in the Homeschool Band.

Instrument Rentals

The School of Performing Arts has made arrangements with Bandwagon Music and Repair to provide all instrument rental and equipment needs for our students. This is a trusted company that services many band programs in Cookeville. Families are also welcome to rent/purchase equipment from other vendors, if desired. We highly encourage families to consult with our staff before purchasing an instrument.

Questions?

We'd love to answer any questions you may have!

Email us at spa@stevensstreet.org.

Call us at (931) 525-3799.