# Estrellita Academy Course

# September-December Term: Now accepting students



#### Our wish to establish the Academy Course

In practical lessons of 30-60 minutes once a week, teachers are so busy teaching how to play the instrument, how to practice, and tips on how to play the piece, that it is difficult to find time to focus on learning music theory and solfège. When students try to play difficult pieces, they often lack the knowledge to support their practice, and they can't make as much progress as they would like. The main reason for establishing the Academy Course is our wish to watch over the growth of our students while maintaining a balance between practical skills and knowledge of music theory. We have always hoped that, but by making twice-weekly lessons mandatory as the "Academy Course," our goal is to build an even firmer musical foundation and nurture students who can play music based on their understanding.

#### What is Academy Course?

**Instrumental lesson** (45 min $\sim$ ) + **music theory/solfege lesson** (30 min $\sim$ ): once a week for each Different teachers may be in charge of the lessons, but they will be conducted in cooperation with each other as needed. If you perform in a concert organized by Estrellita during the course period, you will receive a **20% discount** on the participation fee.

(Exception: If you take the Academy Course from January to April, you will receive a 20% discount on the participation fee for the Students' Concert in May.)

We hope that students will have opportunities to perform and learn through trial and error each time they perform.

#### **Prospects for Academy Course Students**

Regardless of age or experience, our primary desire is to nurture good musicians.

#### Entrance exams for music high schools and music colleges

We will develop the student's ability to prepare for examinations in music theory and solfège as well as performance skills. If you are considering taking entrance exams for music colleges, our teachers can provide you with advice.

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# ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music)

To take the practical exam Grade 6 or higher, it is necessary to have passed the music theory Grade 5. By studying practical skills and theory simultaneously in the Academy Course, students can aim to pass higher grades.

#### Competitions

There are various types of competitions. Please consult with your teacher for details.

#### **Lesson Fees**

Each instructor's lesson fees and policies apply. Please check the following link for details.

https://www.estrellitamusic.com/teachers/

Academy course students are required to take weekly lessons. Please pay the lesson fee at the end of each month.

#### **Period of attendance**

The Academy Course is offered in three terms: **September to December, January to April, and May to August.** Continued enrollment is also possible.

We will accept new course students at the start of the Academy Course.

#### How to apply

# 1. If you are a current Estrellita student taking lessons

Please contact your instructor or contact <u>uchidamusicoffice@gmail.com</u>

# 2. New students

Please contact <u>uchidamusicoffice@gmail.com</u> Or please visit <u>https://www.estrellitamusic.com/trial-lesson/</u> Please fill out the trial lesson request form. We will contact you shortly.

# Procedure to start the lessons

When you start the Academy Course, we will have a Zoom meeting with Yoko Katoh, the lesson coordinator. Yoko will inform you of the content of the meeting when you apply for the course. Based on the meeting with the student, the current progress, and the schedule, teachers will be assigned, and the lessons will begin.

For more information, please contact uchidamusicoffice@gmail.com

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