



# Youth Arts Academy

Created in June 2010, the Pleasant Valley School District Youth Arts Academy is dedicated to providing PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Ventura County with positive, creative and educational experiences in the arts. The fall session, taught by qualified instructors and supported by PVSD, SOKM and CICA focuses on visual and performing arts.

## General Information

- Classes are open to PreK—8th Grade students in Ventura County. See class descriptions for details. PVSD students have course priority.
- All classes will begin in Distance Learning
- Classes are after school one or two days a week.
- Classes begin the week of September 28 and end the week of May 24.
- PVSD has a limited number of instruments available for loan based on financial need.
- Our program only exists due to the generosity of families and individuals who donate. Below are the amounts that are needed in order for the program to be self-sustaining.

\* **\$330** Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Beginning & Intermediate Guitar, Beginning Ukulele, Beginning Piano, Introduction to Music, Music & Movement, Beginning & Intermediate Recorder

\* **\$250** String Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble

\* **\$200** PVSD Chorus

You may donate using NeonPay during registration, by making a check payable to SOKM (Save Our Kids' Music) P.O. Box 2244, Camarillo CA 93011 or securely online using a PayPal account or credit card at [www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net).

**IMPORTANT:** Students NOT enrolled in PVSD will need to have a release of liability form on file prior to beginning class.

# YOUTH ARTS ACADEMY REGISTRATION

**Online Registration**  
Starts September 9th at 8am  
at [www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net)

## DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES

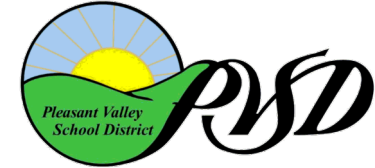
**Location When In-Person Classes Can Resume**  
Pleasant Valley School of  
Engineering and Arts  
700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010

Registration Forms and Brochures available  
at  
[www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net)  
[www.pleasantvalleysd.org](http://www.pleasantvalleysd.org)

For YAA questions, please call  
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(805) 207-6608 or  
Email Betty Weyek at  
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CLASSES BEGIN  
THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 28TH



2020-2021  
Youth  
Arts  
Academy



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Classes will begin in distance learning. The possibility of in-person classes will be dependent upon California Public Health guidelines.

Class size must follow health guidelines which may limit the number of spaces available.

### **Strings — Grades 4-8**

#### Beginning Strings

Wednesday & Friday 4:15-5:15 p.m.

No prior music experience needed! Instruction is available for violin, viola, cello or bass. Students will need an instrument and "String Basics" Book 1 (method book).

#### Intermediate Strings

Monday & Thursday 4:15-5:15 p.m.

This is for students with at least one year of instruction on violin, viola, cello or bass. Students will use "String Basics" Book 1 and work on different styles of music from a variety of composers.

#### String Orchestra

Tuesday 4:15-5:45 p.m.

Students with at least two years experience on a string instrument may audition to join the Orchestra. This class focuses on Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern periods of music. Students must be able to read music proficiently.

### **Guitar - Grades 4-8**

#### Beginning Guitar - Grades 5-8

Monday & Wednesday 4:15-5:15 p.m.

The history of rock music is filled with artists who made musical fireworks through their guitars. You can too! Learn the basics and discover your inner rock star.

#### Intermediate Guitar - Grades 4-8

Tuesday & Thursday 4:15-5:15 p.m.

This class is for students with at least one year of instruction on guitar and can read music. Students will learn how to play solos, duets, and ensembles in a variety of styles of music.

#### Guitar Ensemble - Grades 5-8

Friday 4:15-5:45 p.m.

This Class is for students who can read music and have an understanding of the fretboard. Students will be placed in duets, trios, quartets and other various ensembles.

Audition is required and open to performing on various types of guitars such as ukulele, classical guitar, electric guitar, and bass.

### **Ukulele - Grades 4-8**

#### Beginning Ukulele - Grades 4-8

Monday & Wednesday 5:30-6:30p.m.

No experienced required. Learn how to play the basics on a versatile instrument that has been used in many different ensembles from Rock, Jazz, Country, and of course Hawaiian.

## **Distance Learning for 2020-21 Entire Year through Distance Learning**

### **Beginning Piano — 4-8**

Wednesday & Friday 4:15-5:15pm

Beginning Piano students will use Piano Quest which is an online piano class catering to the beginning piano students. No prior piano playing experience is needed. Students will utilize not only sheet music to learn from, but also video demonstrations to reinforce the material. A keyboard Instrument is recommended, however not required since there are several "Chromebook" alternatives. The fully custom "level-up" system will encourage students to keep up with their daily practice, or "quests", and reward students for participation in the virtual classroom.

\*Only 20 seats available

### **Introduction to Music — Grades 3-5**

Monday & Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm

In this class we will explore music and its connections to science, math, art, and more. Students will be learning how to read and write their own music using Chrome Music Lab. What is Chrome Music Lab? Chrome Music Lab is a website that makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. Students will need access to a phone, tablet, or laptop. No prior music experience is needed.

\*Only 25 seats available.

### **PVSD Chorus — Grades 1-8**

Friday 5:00-5:45p.m.

PVSD Chorus goes virtual! We are excited to announce our Virtual Choir Room (VCR) designed especially to keep everyone safe and singing in the months ahead. Innovative and creative virtual choral rehearsals will take the PVSD Chorus on a journey of adventure exploring vocal technique and choral appreciation all in a fun and interactive virtual environment. All levels of singers, grades 1-8, are welcomed to participate with virtual breakout sessions designed specifically for grades 1-5 and 6-8. Our fall season will culminate in a joy-filled virtual performance in December in partnership with CSU Channel Island's University Chorus celebrating the work of female choral composers. \*Only 60 seats available



## **Distance Learning for 2020-21 Entire Year through Distance Learning**

### **Beginning Recorder — Grades 2-4**

Tuesday & Thursday 4:15-5:00 pm

The recorder will be the vehicle for teaching beginners to read music. The recorder is a great instrument for beginners because it's simple and inexpensive. This class will give students the basic fundamentals of music and allow them to see if playing a more complicated instrument might be a source of joy in their lives. Access to a printer is recommended for printing music, but not required. Students will need a recorder which can be purchased at local music stores or online. \*Only 50 seats available

### **Intermediate Recorder — Grades 3-5**

Tuesday & Thursday 5:15-6:00pm

This class is for students who have a basic foundation in reading music, rhythm, tempo and dynamics and are ready for a new challenge. If students have had recorder classes before and know the notes B, A, and G they are ready for this class. Students will have the opportunity to play duets and explore harmony as well as compose their own songs for the recorder. Access to a printer is recommended for printing music, but not required. Students will need a recorder which can be purchased at local music stores or online. \*Only 50 seats available

### **Music and Movement — Grades PreK-2**

Monday and Wednesday 4:15-5:00pm

Musical concepts such as dynamics, tempo, and rhythm will be taught in live online sessions through singing and dancing. We will explore different musical genres using props from home such as stuffed animals, scarves or even a small towel or washcloth, and wooden spoons or something that can be used as rhythm sticks. This class is designed to get children up and moving while they learn and have fun.

\*Only 50 seats available

### **Music and Movement — Grades 3-5**

Monday and Wednesday 5:15-6:00pm

Similar to the classes for the younger students, with the addition of Fortnite dances, choreography, creating class dances. We will also learn Spanish words and phrases through music. This class will move at a faster pace to challenge older students.

\*Only 50 seats available