



WHERE MUSIC MATTERS

ABOUT THE MUSIC

The Music Conservatory of Westchester (MCW) is a not-for-profit community music school dedicated to creating a musical landscape for the next generation of musicians and music lovers.

Located in White Plains, MCW provides music education for students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. From pre-kindergarten through adulthood, our robust curriculum and exceptional faculty help students realize their potential and become lifelong music lovers!

One of only 16 non-degree granting schools accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the Conservatory has inspired generations of students to become active and joyful music learners, and contributed to a vibrant musical life in our community.

HISTORY

- Founded in 1929 with an enrollment of just six students
- One of the original founders was legendary cellist Pablo Casals and a past Board Member was jazz legend Cab Calloway
- In 1937 the Conservatory reorganized as a not-for-profit organization
- That same year, Michael Pollon joined the teaching staff, and in 1963 he became Director.
- His vision took the school to new heights, and in 1977 the Conservatory earned accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Music. This impressive credential along with its stellar reputation attracted wonderful teachers and still does to this day.
- In 1999, under the leadership of Executive Director Laura Calzolari, MCW acquired and renovated its current 36,000 sq. ft. building, creating a unique center for music and arts instruction available to everyone in the community.
- Today, MCW serves 3,000 students of whom 800 attend programs in our building and 2,200 participate in outreach programs.

1929

FOUNDED

3,000

STUDENTS SERVED

80+

FACULTY

\$175K

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

25+

INSTRUMENTS TAUGHT

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THE MCW PHILOSOPHY

MCW's mission is to provide the extraordinary benefits to all in our community. We believe in the power of music to provide personal enrichment, creative expression, cultural appreciation, and joy for everyone. Our philosophy is rooted in three core values:

EXCELLENCE

We strive to provide leadership and innovation in music education, encompassing high standards, best teaching practices and respect for individual differences.

ACCESS

Guided by our commitment to inclusiveness, we believe that financial limitations should never be a barrier to learning. We offer scholarship opportunities for youth and adult students.

COMMUNITY

We bring people together through musical collaboration, bridging differences, forging connections, and celebrating musical and cultural diversity.



PROGRAMS

MCW offers world-class music education through one-on-one instruction, performing ensembles, theory, composition, early childhood classes, lifelong learning for adults, and free community performances.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MCW's early childhood programs introduce the youngest learners to the basics using musical games and creative expression to teach melody, rhythm, and movement. From *Musical Munchkins* for babies and preschoolers to early-elementary classes like *Music Skills and Suzuki*, the Conservatory will give your child the best possible start in music!



YOUTH & TEENS

We encourage students to choose an instrument they love and stick with it over time. We work with aspiring classical virtuosos, rock stars, and musical theatre performers... helping students navigate the road to musical success! For those interested in the technical side of music, we are the only school in Westchester County that offers training in Recording Engineering and Music Production, preparing high school students for college programs and future career paths.

MCW PREP

Advanced high school instrumentalists and singers have a unique opportunity to study with renowned faculty from the *Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center*, *NY Philharmonic*, and *Metropolitan Opera*. Students are accepted by audition for violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, and voice (classical & musical theatre).

ADULTS

Celebrate your love of music at any age! Whether you're trying something new or dusting off an instrument you haven't touched in decades, the Conservatory will help you find joy and opportunity in music. Private lessons, group classes, music theory, and performing ensemble options from chamber music to rock or jazz band are available.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

MCW's summer programs are fun, engaging, and provide opportunities for kindergarten through high school. In addition to our traditional Music & Arts Program, we offer Concert Band and Jazz Band programs, and for the first time in 2022 we will offer Recording Engineering and Music Production classes in our new, state-of-the-art Recording Studio! Programs are offered in two-week sessions that you can mix and match to fit your family's summer plans.

MUSIC THERAPY INSTITUTE

MCW offers music therapy and adapted instruction for children and adults with disabilities. Using the innate qualities of music, our board-certified therapists design an individualized program to meet the needs of each student. Our program is the largest professional provider in the Westchester region. In addition to our onsite program, our *Outreach Program* also provides music therapy in partnership with 31 school districts, special education schools, medical facilities, and social service agencies. and



HEALING OUR HEROES

Serving military veterans with combat-related injuries, *Healing our Heroes* provides music therapy services to assist in coping with physical pain, stress, and anxiety. Since 2013, our life-changing program has served more than 50 veterans, providing services at no charge to them or their families.

HOW TO ENROLL



PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lesson enrollment is processed by the Office of Student Services.

GROUP CLASSES AND ENSEMBLES

You may sign up directly for selected group classes and ensembles by visiting mcw.asapconnected.com. Placement may be required for some classes. Group classes and ensembles are offered free or discounted for students taking private lessons. On your Inquiry Form, please let us know if you would also like to sign up for group classes.

SCHOLARSHIPS

MCW believes that all students should have the same opportunity to study at the Conservatory.

For details and applications, please visit www.musicconservatory.org/scholarships

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

When MCW was founded in 1929, our mission was simple: To provide the extraordinary benefits of music to all in our community. Today, as we look forward to the years ahead, our commitment to that mission has never been greater.

We are pleased to announce the construction of five important new teaching studios, scheduled for completion in spring 2022:

- PROFESSIONAL RECORDING STUDIO
- DIGITAL PIANO LAB
- UPGRADED PERCUSSION STUDIO
- MULTI-PURPOSE REHEARSAL STUDIO
- ADDITIONAL MUSIC THERAPY STUDIO



MCW will become the **FIRST ORGANIZATION IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY** to provide pre-college training in Recording Engineering and Music Production. More than 50% of today's jobs require technology skills, from live-streamed concerts to corporate events. Our goal is to prepare students for 21st century careers!

A
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FIRST IN
WESTCHESTER**



JOIN THE MCW FAMILY AND
EXPERIENCE THE TRANSFORMATIVE
POWER OF MUSIC!



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