



Adonai Arts Academy 2023-2024 Student & Parent Handbook

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Welcome to the Family

Adonai Arts Academy is the weekly home for hundreds of active students during the school year in Davidson and Wilson Counties. In each location, we see faces and hearts longing to express themselves. It is our goal and calling to provide quality arts instruction to students of all backgrounds as a means for them to express themselves in good, healthy, and God-honoring ways.

We are a Christian organization, and we teach from the viewpoint that God is our Creator. He made us in His image. We are also creators. When we create, we bring honor to Him.

We welcome you all to the 2023-2024 school year! In these pages, you'll find information, guidelines, and policies we hope will provide you with a structure for success. Join us in praying for direction and guidance from the Lord as we teach and learn.

Adonai Arts Academy is a program under the umbrella of the 510 Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization operating out of Nashville First Church of the Nazarene (at 510 Woodland St., Nashville, 37206). 510 Foundation seeks to make the world a better place by helping those in greatest need and ensuring the next generation has opportunities to thrive. 510 Foundation accomplishes its purpose through programming that provides physical, mental, and spiritual nourishment to all people in our community, including human services, athletics, arts education, and scholarship programs.

Blessings,
Amy F. Mitchell
Executive Director, Adonai Arts Academy



COVID-19 POLICIES:

It is our desire to maintain a safe, in-person teaching environment.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place to satisfy any state and local guidelines. However, if a student is not feeling well, and especially if they have a fever, we ask you to keep the student at home.

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Registration, Enrollment, and Waivers

Registration

ONLINE - Go to [The Studio Director](#) and create a Family Profile. ([Click this secure link to visit our database.](#))

You must pay the \$25/ 1st child (\$5 each add'l) registration fee online. This fee is non-refundable.

Contact info.adonaiarts@gmail.com for additional assistance.

****For Dance and Private lessons-** Registration is \$40/year, (\$10 each additional child.) Registration is on a yearly basis. See the section on Dance Class Policies or Private Lesson Policies for more information.

Enrollment

ONLINE - After creating a Family Profile and paying the \$25/ 1st child (\$5 each add'l) registration fee, click on “Classes” at the top of The Studio Director page and choose the desired class(es), based on location/day/time. This enrolls your student in class(es) online.

All fees and ½ the class tuition for dance classes and music classes are due by the first class. The remainder of tuition is due at the beginning of the second month of classes.

CHANGE IN PAYMENT PROCEDURE: For private music lessons, registration fee is due by the first lesson. \$900/year tuition can be paid in 3 ways:

1. Yearly tuition paid all at once by the first lesson.
2. Yearly tuition paid in 2 payments; the first half at August's first lesson and the second half at January's first lesson.
3. Yearly tuition paid in 8 equal payments, September through April.

You can pay online or by check. Make all checks out to “510 Foundation”, which is our umbrella nonprofit.

Email info.adonaiarts@gmail.com as some classes may fill quickly and your spot may need to be reserved.

Waivers

A **Photo Release**, a **Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement**, and an **Acknowledgement of the Handbook** are available in paper form, or online. These are included with the registration/enrollment form (at the back) and are available freestanding on the 1st day of class for those who have registered/enrolled online. **A waiver must be signed before a student can participate in any class.** If the guardian or parent is not able to attend the first day of classes, please have the student bring a signed and dated waiver.

If you would like us to email you a blank waiver, please request one by emailing info.adonaiarts@gmail.com

Tuition/Supplies/Dance Costumes

Dance Class Tuition/Semester	\$190-55 minute class, \$250-90 minute class
Costume Rental/Recital Fee	Varies by class level (\$45-75 per recital)
Art Class Tuition	\$200/ semester
Art Class Supply Fee	\$30, due at the beginning of the semester
Music Class Tuition	\$180/ semester
Music Class Supply Fee	\$25, due at the beginning of the semester
Private Music Lessons	\$900 tuition for the year, based on 30 30-minute lessons
Theatre Involvement	\$90/semester

*Please read under Enrollment to see ways to pay your private lesson tuition.

Family discounts and partial scholarships are available upon request. Please contact us at info.adonaiarts@gmail.com for more info on scholarships and questions regarding payments. Tuition for classes is **non-refundable** and **due at registration**. Students cannot withdraw from classes after 1 month.

Please note, classes canceled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances will not be made up.

Music

We offer private one-on-one music lessons, as well as group music classes.

Private lessons are available in piano, guitar, drums, vocal, strings, and woodwinds.

Group music classes include: Piano, Guitar, and Percussion.

Private Lesson Policies

- To schedule private music lessons, email us at music.adonaiarts@gmail.com.
- Food, candy, gum, or drink should be enjoyed before or after the lesson, not during.
- Students should use the restroom before the lesson.
- Children not in lessons must be supervised at all times.
- **Registration fee is only \$40** per student per school year (due every Fall). This is non-refundable. Cancellations require 24-hour notice to music.adonaiarts@gmail.com. With 24-hour notice, you do not pay for the lesson. Without 24 hour notice, you must pay the full cost of the lesson. This is because we still need to pay our instructors for their time. However, we do afford the option to reschedule at the instructor's availability.
- **A credit card will be kept on file for payment to be charged on the 10th of each month.**
- If you have a summer-related or permanent change in your family schedule and need to reschedule ongoing lessons, email us at music.adonaiarts@gmail.com. Working through our Music Director, Amy Mitchell, ensures rooms are open and instructors are available.
- Private music lessons are currently available at our Nashville location (piano, guitar, drums, woodwinds, brass, strings, voice, and theory & composition).

Music Class Policies

- Food, candy, gum, or drink should be enjoyed before or after the class, not during.
- Students should use the restroom before class.
- Children not in classes must be supervised by their family at all times.
- Registration fee is \$25-1st child (\$5 each add'l) per semester, and semesters begin in August and January. This fee is non-refundable.
- Classes are required to have 3 students enrolled by the first day of class. Music classes are currently available at our Nashville location (piano, percussion, guitar).
- Class tuition is \$180 per semester. **Fees plus ½ tuition is due at registration. The remainder will be due at the beginning of the 2nd month of classes.** For any questions, feel free to contact us at info.adonaiarts@gmail.com.
- **A credit card will be kept on file for the second tuition payment.**
- A \$25 Music Supply fee is due on the first day of class for each student.

Art

Art classes are currently available at our Nashville location. Visit adonaiartsacademy.org and go to Class Schedule to see days and times. Our art classes use several media in the course of a semester to give a broad range of art styles and techniques. Classes have a wide age range from kindergarten to middle school. All students go at their own pace and serve as peer mentors for each other as they create.

Their work will be displayed at the end of the year showcase at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene. Following this weekend, their work will be on display at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene as well as entered into local community art fairs. Our students' art projects have won several blue ribbons at local art contests.

Art Class Policies

- Students may be asked to step out of class if disruptive.
- Food, candy, gum, or drink should be enjoyed before or after the class, not during.
- Students should use the bathroom/wash hands before class.
- Children not in classes must be supervised by their family at all times.
- Registration fee is \$25- 1st child (\$5 each add'l) per family per semester. This fee is non-refundable.
- Class tuition is \$200 per semester. **Fees plus ½ tuition is due at registration. The remainder will be due at the beginning of the 2nd month of classes.** For any questions, feel free to contact us at info.adonaiarts@gmail.com.
- **A credit card will be kept on file for the second tuition payment.**
- A \$30 art supply fee is due on the first day of class, for each student, every semester.

Dance

Nashville dance classes are held at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene. Mount Juliet classes are held at a private studio off of HWY 109.

Our dance classes incorporate a time of prayer and biblical discussion throughout the semester as our goal is to not only teach dance, but to instill a joy of creating and worshiping God through movement and dance. Each year has a specific spiritual formation theme that we work through together as a program and includes devotional thoughts in class and in emails to families.

Dance Class Policies

- Class placement is at the discretion of the Dance Director and the Instructor.
- Students must adhere to the **dress code** listed below.
- Students may be asked to step out of class if disruptive.
- Food, candy, gum, or drink is not allowed in the studio. Water only.
- Students should use the bathroom before class.
- Students under the age of 7 not in classes must be supervised by their family at all times.
- Dance students must have hair secured out of their face. No jewelry aside from stud earrings.
- **Tuition is non-refundable and is due in full at registration or in 2 increments.** The 1st half is due at registration, the 2nd half is due the second month of the semester.
- **A credit card will be kept on file for the second tuition payment.**
- Registration for dance classes is on a yearly schedule instead of semester. A yearly registration fee of \$40 (first student) for the year and \$10 for each additional student is due at the time of enrollment. This fee is non-refundable.
- Class schedule is subject to change or close, based on enrollment.

Dress Code

In the tradition of classical dance, we encourage a clean, uniformed appearance for students. Appropriate attire is listed under class descriptions below. Jewelry may not be worn in the studio. All students should wear clothing over their dance attire when coming to and from their classes. Extra layers in the cold months help muscles to warm up and cool down properly. Street shoes should be removed before walking on the dance floor, but students should always have on the appropriate class shoes while in the studio.

Dance shoes cannot be worn outdoors as this tracks dirt into the studio, can compromise the safety of other dancers, and is detrimental to the studio floors. Hair must be securely pulled away from the face for all classes. For upper level ballet classes (Ballet III and up), ballet buns are required. If hair is

too short to make a bun, please pull hair away from the face with a headband or into a ponytail, secure with clips and hair spray.

Tights: All tights should be worn without underwear to prevent it from showing. Tights function as underwear. It is recommended to order 1-2 extra pairs of tights for use throughout the year for when runs and holes happen. Additionally, all students have the option of flesh tone tights and shoes. Tights and shoes should match and either both be ballet pink, or both be flesh tone. Please make sure that you are selecting ballet tights, and not panty hose. Recommended dress code can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.discountdance.com/search/teacherid:132807?tp=132807> (Look for class notes in the top right corner, or teacher notes under the red order button for each individual item item to know which color to choose.)

- **Pre-Ballet Attire:** Pink leotard w/optional pink skirt, pink ballet tights, pink leather ballet shoes with a full sole. Hair pulled back or in a bun.
- **Ballet I/II:** White leotard, pink ballet tights, pink leather ballet shoes with a full sole, pink/white skirt optional. Hair pulled back or in a bun.
- **Ballet III/IV/Beginning Ballet Attire:** Light blue leotard, pink or flesh tone ballet tights, optional black ballet skirt, pink or flesh tone canvas/leather ballet shoes either split sole or full sole. Hair in a bun.
- **Ballet V Attire:** Light purple/lavender leotard, pink or flesh tone ballet tights, optional black ballet skirt, pink or flesh tone leather/canvas ballet shoes either split sole or full sole. Hair in a bun.
- **Advanced Ballet Attire:** black leotard, optional black wrap-skirt, pink or flesh tone convertible ballet tights, pink or flesh tone canvas ballet shoes split sole, satin pointe shoes (if student is on pointe).
- **Ballet Attire for Adult Open Level:** Any color leotard, pink/flesh tone/black tights, pink or flesh tone ballet shoes. Dance shorts and ballet skirts optional. Leggings or athletic shorts instead of tights are also an option.
- **Contemporary Attire:** Any color leotard, black shorts over tights (pink, black or flesh tone), or black leggings/jazz pants, dance socks. (Athletic shorts acceptable- must be full coverage I.E shorts with a spandex lining.)
- **Hip Hop Attire:** Black leggings or athletic pants with a plain t-shirt of any color and hair pulled away from face. Dance sneakers or regular tennis shoes (designated only to be worn in the studio.)
- **Workout and Worship:** Family friendly athletic attire of any kind. Bring socks and a yoga mat.

Costume Sizing

We will not need your child's measurements until the Spring semester. Teachers will facilitate measurements in class and parental approval will be required. Costumes will also be tried on in class over their class leotard before recital.

If you would like to take measurements for your own dancer at home, please follow these steps. Have your dancer wear undergarments or a lightweight leotard with a bra that gives the bust line their typical shape for most accurate measurements. Have your dancer stand up straight with their weight evenly distributed. The measurement tape should be snug but not too tight on circumference measurements and stretched tight for vertical measurements.

Getting the Measurements:

- **Bust/Chest** – Measure over the fullest part of the chest having the dancer's arms relaxed at their sides.
- **Waist** – Measure around where the waist naturally indents. Keep your finger between the tape and their belly.
- **Hips** – Measure around the fullest part of the hips and buttocks while the dancer stands with their heels together.
- **Girth** – Measure from the midpoint on the shoulder towards the front, through the crotch and back around to meet the midpoint of the shoulder.
- **Inseam** – Measure from the crotch to the dancer's heel. The inseam length is the number of inches, to the nearest half-inch.

Theatre

Adonai Theatre launched in Fall 2021. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Sherlock Holmes & The Mystery of the Opera House Killer*, and *Twelfth Night* showed to increasingly large and receptive audiences. Adonai Theatre also led a student playwriting workshop and summer theatre camp in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

We are not offering any theatre group classes at this time, but we do intend to put on a theatrical production once per semester – open to student actors aged 7-17.

Auditions for the Fall 2023 theatrical production will occur in early September. Rehearsals will be Mondays/Tuesdays 4:15 PM-7:15 PM and Saturdays 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. The performances will be November 9-12. T. Josiah Haynes will produce the show, and the director is TBA.

The Spring 2023 production will be a Shakespeare show directed by Rebeka Rosales.

2023-2024 Adonai Arts Academy Calendar

Fall Semester

First day of all classes	August 21, 2023
LAST DAY of Fall Class Enrollment	September 11
No Classes All Locations for Labor Day	September 3
No Classes Wilson County for Fall Break	October 2-6
No Classes Davidson County for Fall Break	October 9-13
First Day of Spring Enrollment	November 1
Fall Theatre Production	November 9-12
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 20-24
Parent Observations in Classes	December 11-15
Last Day of Fall Semester	December 15

Winter Break

December 16, 2022 - January 7, 2023

Spring Semester

First Day of Spring Semester	January 8, 2024
No Classes All Locations for Spring Break	March 11-15
No Classes All Locations for Good Friday	March 29
Summer Enrollment Opens	April 1
End Spring Semester Classes	April 26
Dance Recital	April 27 (tentative)
Music Recital	April 28 (tentative)

Instructors/Locations

Pictures of instructors can be found under the “About/Instructors” tab at adonaiartsacademy.org

Dance

Bailee Teter, Dance Director (Nashville & Mt. Juliet)

Lucy- Jayne Lanier (Nashville Hip Hop)

Rebekah White, Dance Instructor (Nashville)

Art

Carol Marion, Art Instructor (Nashville)

Music

Amy Mitchell: Private Piano, Private Voice, Group Piano Class (Nashville)

Sandy Blackman: Private Piano (Nashville)

T. Josiah Haynes: Private Piano (Nashville)

JoAnn Pitzer: Private Piano (Nashville)

Matthew Long: Private Guitar, Beginner Piano (Nashville, Mt. Juliet)

Tyler Briggs: Private Drums, Percussion (Nashville)

Alice Lloyd: Private Strings (Nashville)

Moira Mitchell: Private Voice, Class Piano (Nashville)