Welcome to SSC 2022/2023
Welcome!

We are excited to welcome you to a new school year here at South Shore Conservatory! Each new year begins with a sense of anticipation, hope, and excitement. With music and dance, we experience momentum, because the more you learn the more you move forward. As we progress on our creative journey together, we learn new skills and gain confidence.

SSC is a community school for the arts, committed to delivering excellence in music and dance education programs, arts-integrated early childhood learning, and creative arts therapies. We have an expansive network of partnerships and a thriving culture of performance. We exist to serve you, our community, ready to meet you where you are, with offerings for all ages and abilities. Here you will find a breadth of opportunities available to you as you connect and grow through the arts.

I look forward to seeing where the momentum of this new school year takes us all.

Yours truly,

Robert Cinnante, President
2022/2023 CALENDAR

Fall Semester
Friday, 9/9 - Saturday, 1/14. Makeup/flex week Tuesday 1/17 - Monday, 1/23

Spring Semester
Tuesday, 1/24 - Saturday 5/27, Monday, 6/5. Makeup/flex week Tuesday 5/30 - Saturday 6/3, Monday 6/12.

SEPTEMBER '22
05 SSC Closed
09 Fall Semester Begins
14 P/PK/K Begins

OCTOBER '22
10 SSC Closed

NOVEMBER '22
22 - 23 No Lessons
24 - 26 SSC Closed

DECEMBER '22
23 - 31 SSC Closed

JANUARY '23
02 SSC Closed
16 SSC Closed
17 - 23 Makeup/Flex Week
24 Spring Semester Begins

FEBRUARY '23
20 SSC Closed
21 - 25 February Break
No Lessons

MARCH '23
17 SSC Closed
18 - 22 April Break, No Lessons

APRIL '23

MAY '23

JUNE '23
1 - 3 Spring Makeup/Flex Week
5 Final Monday
6 Summer Semester Begins
12 Monday Spring Makeup/Flex Week
19 SSC Closed

JULY '23
04 SSC Closed

AUGUST '23
31 SSC Closed
Registration Policies

Policies listed below effective as of September 9, 2022.

**Important note:** Paying tuition online does not automatically register you for programs and lessons. You must fill out the appropriate Registration Form for a registration to be active.

**Academic Year**

- Students registering for lessons in the Fall of 2022 on Tuesdays through Saturdays will be enrolled in a 16 week semester. Those registering for lessons on Mondays will be registered for 15 weeks due to Monday holidays. All Spring 2023 registrations will be for 16 weeks.
- Students enrolling in dance classes and/or SSCYO will be automatically registered for the full Academic Year.

**Registration Fees**

- There will be a non-refundable registration fee of $25 per registration per semester.
- Students registering for the full Academic Year will be charged a non-refundable $40 registration fee.
- The non-refundable registration fee for families with more than one student participating in lessons or classes will be limited to $40 per family for semester registrations, $80 per family for full Academic Year registrations.

**Tuition Assistance**

Tuition Assistance is available for students with documented financial need. Visit [sscmusic.org/tuition-assistance-form](sscmusic.org/tuition-assistance-form) for more information and to access form.

**Discounts**

- Multi-Registration Discount: 10% off for multiple registrations (individual participating in multiple programs and/or families with multiple students).
- Senior Student Discount (Age 60+): 10% off lessons or class tuition
- Active Duty Military/Veteran Discount: 10% off lessons or class tuition
- Frontline Workers: 10% off lessons or class tuition
- Group Class Discount: Private lesson students receive 10% off group class tuition
- SSCYO: Private lesson students are invited to participate in the South Shore Conservatory Youth Orchestra free of charge!
**Paying Your Tuition**

- Pay By Semester: Invoiced electronically at the start of each semester.
- Monthly Payment Plan: SSC offers a payment plan for lessons and classes! With rolling admissions, tuition is prorated based on when you enroll, and divided into equal monthly payments for the remainder of the semester. We do not bill for the specific number of lessons/classes participated in each month. *There will be a $50 per semester deposit required for all monthly payment plans. Full academic year registrations will require a $100 deposit. In the event of withdrawal, this is non-refundable.*
  - A payment plan for the whole Academic year is divided into 10 equal installments due monthly, September through June.
  - A payment plan for one full semester is divided into 5 monthly installments due monthly.
- Accepted forms of payment include: direct bank account deduction; credit card through our website here; check made payable to SSC, either mailed or dropped off in person to our Front Desk.

**Refunds & Credits**

Please contact a member of the Registration Team if you are considering a switch of teacher or instrument, or if you need to request a withdrawal. *Withdrawal requests must be received at least 72 hours prior to the date of the next lesson for the below refund schedule to apply.*

**Refund schedule for Private Lessons based on a 16 week semester:**

- Withdrawal before 1st lesson: 100% refund.
- Withdrawal before 4th lesson: 50% refund or 65% retention as in-house credit
- Withdrawal before 8th lesson: 25% refund or 40% retention as in-house credit
- Refunds or in-house credits for withdrawals after the halfway point in the semester will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with the final decision being at the discretion of our Finance Department. Consideration will be given in situations with extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to, hardship such as loss of job or serious illness.

**Refund schedule for Group Classes:**

- Before first class, 100% refund
- Before the halfway point in the semester, 25% refund or 40% retention as in-house credit
- After the halfway point in the semester, no refunds.

If you are on a monthly payment plan and have paid more than the prorated amount at the time of withdrawal, the excess will be retained as an in-house credit to be used for future purchases. If you have not yet paid as much as the prorated amount at the time of withdrawal, you will be issued a final invoice based on the refund schedule above, less the $100 deposit.

All in-house credits retained are available to use within 1 calendar year of the date of withdrawal, and can be used for tuition and admission to select events.

**Makeups & Attendance**

SSC’s makeup policy for a 16-week semester:

- Each student is eligible for 1 makeup over the course of the semester for excused absences.
- Students/families are financially responsible for all lessons registered for regardless of cancellation out of respect for our faculty members’ time set aside for your student.
- Student absences for which sufficient notice is given (at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled lesson) are eligible to be made up. Last minute, day-of cancellations will not be eligible for makeups out of respect to your teachers’ time. In the event of an emergency situation, please communicate with your teacher directly and the lesson may be made up at the discretion of your teacher.
• Any lesson canceled due to a teacher being unavailable for any reason will be made up.  
• There is a “makeup week” built into the schedule at the end of the semester, however makeups can be scheduled at any time between the teacher and the family.  
• Faculty are not required to reschedule a missed makeup lesson that was mutually agreed upon between the teacher and family.  
• In the event that you need to transition to online instruction on a given day, please contact your teacher and the registration team.  
• In the event that SSC must close due to inclement weather, SSC will make up up to 2 lessons per semester. If such an event occurs, further information will be communicated regarding a shift to virtual learning or scheduling an in person makeup lesson.

Weather-Related and Other Closings:
• Each campus will determine, based on weather conditions, whether or not they will be open for in-person lessons and classes. Closures will be posted on the SSC website and social media platforms. Preschool/PreK/Kindergarten programs will be closed for weather if the Hingham public schools are closed.  
• Force Majeure: Neither the school nor student shall be in default of its obligations if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations due to severe acts of nature or weather events including floods, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, or explosions; war, acts of terrorism, and pandemics; acts of governmental authorities such as expropriation, condemnation, and changes in laws and regulations.

Accessibility
• In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, we do provide signing services at SSC sponsored events upon request. Please call us directly to request this service at least 5 business days before the event.  
• Service animals permitted. For safety reasons pets are not allowed inside SSC buildings and must be restrained if on the grounds.  
• Please obey the speed limit when driving through the neighborhoods surrounding the SSC campuses.

Competitions
• Students must be in good standing financially with SSC in order to be eligible for participation in any SSC competitions. “Good standing” means that any registrations at the time of the competition are either already paid in full or there is evidence of an active payment plan and payments are current on that plan.  
• Scholarships awarded at competitions are valid for the following school year beginning in the Fall after the competition was held.

Important Dates
• Fall 2022 semester starts Friday, September 9, 2022 and ends on Saturday, January 14, 2023  
• Spring 2023 semester starts Tuesday, January 24, 2023 and ends on Saturday, May 27, 2023.  
  Last Monday lesson - June 5.  
• Holidays: Mondays, 9/5, 10/10, 1/2, 1/16, 5/29  
• Vacations:  
  Thanksgiving - 11/22-26  
  Holiday Break - 12/23-1/2  
  February Break - 2/20-25  
  April Break - 4/17-22.  
  (Saturday classes will be held on the first Saturday of both February and April breaks.)  
• Designated Makeup weeks  
  Fall 2022: Tuesday, January 17 - Monday, January 23, 2023  
In addition to private lessons on all instruments and voice, SSC offers these programs for Fall 2022

**Music**
- Music Together®
- Music Sprouts®
- Guitar FUNdamentals
- Piano FUNdamentals
- Rhythm FUNdamentals
- Singing FUNdamentals
- Rock Band
- Chamber Music
- Irish Traditional Fiddle
- Percussion Ensemble
- SSC Youth Orchestra

**Dance**
- Creative Movement
- Ballet, primary through level 6
- PBT and Conditioning
- Strength and Flexibility
- Teen/Adult Ballet
- Contemporary/Choreography
- Lyrical

**Creative Arts Therapies**
- Moving and Grooving
- SSC Community Voices
- SSC Memory Café
- Percussion Commotion

sscmusic.org

**Enroll today!**

Duxbury
The Ellison Center for the Arts
64 St. George Street
Duxbury, MA 02331-1523
781-934-2731

Hingham
One Conservatory Drive
Hingham, MA 02043-2647
781-749-7565

South Shore Conservatory admits students of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.
SSC Youth Orchestra

New student auditions

September 7, 6-8 pm
64 St. George Street, Duxbury

September 14, 6-8 pm
One Conservatory Drive, Hingham

Registration at sscmusic.org/sscyo

Our mission
Providing access to exceptional arts education and performance for the South Shore community, fostering creativity, artistic growth, and well-being for individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.
Coming Up @ SSC

A Far Cry
Saturday, September 17, 7 pm - Hingham

An Evening with Creative Arts Therapies
Friday, September 23, 7 pm - Duxbury Senior Center

Mad Love Music Festival
Sunday, October 9, 11 am – 5 pm - Hingham
The SSC Fund

The SSC Fund is South Shore Conservatory’s unrestricted annual giving program. Through the SSC Fund, student families, alumni, and community members can support SSC’s overall financial health.

Tuition and ticket revenue alone do not cover the cost of an SSC education. Like all non-profits, SSC relies on contributions from our community to make up the rest. Every year, donors contribute approximately 40% of SSC’s budget to cover the gap.

Gifts to the SSC Fund are put to immediate use where they are needed most!

Why Give?

- When you give to SSC, you give people of all ages and abilities access to the joy and power of the arts.
- Your donation gives students from 32 South Shore communities the opportunity to experience the power of the arts to ignite the spark of creativity, instill confidence and realize dreams.
- Your gift supports outreach and quality arts education for everyone.

How to Give

- Give via credit card online or by calling the Development Office at 781-934-2731 x20
- Send a check payable to South Shore Conservatory to:
  South Shore Conservatory, Development Office,
  One Conservatory Drive, Hingham, MA 02043
- Ask your employer to match your gift
- Give the gift of stock by contacting the Development Office at 781-7934-2731 x23
- Join the Encore Society by remembering SSC in your estate plans

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