



Tot-Tunes

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Spring/Summer 2009 Tot-Tunes/Tot-Crafts Young Child Program

Start Date: Saturday May 30 10am.

Ages: Children 1-3 years old

Location: Laurel School of Music

628 Main Street

Laurel, MD 20707 (see Directions on Tot-Tunes/Crafts Information Sheet)

Course Description:

The Laurel School of Music has developed it's own unique Young Child Music and Crafts development program. In years past, LSM offered a program that centered solely around musical activities. Starting with the Spring/Summer 2009 program, LSM has expanded it's program to include simple fun crafts.

Tot-Tunes/Crafts Philosophy

The philosophy behind Tot-Tunes/Crafts is SIMPLE. We want you child's first experience with a musical program to be fun, invigorating, and accepting. Although Parents and adults may appreciate all the early childhood theories and philosophies about early musical activity, a Tot simply needs to associate musical activities as something totally fun and exciting. We demonstrate instruments for the Tots so that they begin to develop a curiosity about instruments and music making. We have Tots play simple musical instruments so that they can associate the rhythm of music with the making of sounds.

Most importantly, we provide a musical and craft activity vehicle where Tot and parent(s) can have musical fun TOGETHER.

The Laurel School of Music believes that the above developmental features are best shared in a non-performance, non-competitive, involvement centered atmosphere. In other words, the emphasis is on the participation, not the performance of activities, songs, and movements.

Our Tot-Tunes/Tot-Crafts Program offers the following:

9 activity session dates (first session Saturday, May 30 10am)

Each Sessions is one-hour in length

Generally, each session will include some or all of the following:

Musical activity – dancing, acting, playing simple instruments (drums, sticks), engaging simple props (scarves, hats, etc.)
All activity will be to music.

Instrument demonstration: Many session will include a presentation and demonstration of real musical instruments played by the instructors.

Instrument Exploration: Many sessions will include a hands-on exploration of real instruments – violins, cellos, trumpets, drums. Tots will get to touch, play, and make musical sounds on these instruments. The Tot-Tuners will gain exposure to the sounds, the look of the instrument and the different ways music is made with the instrument. Tot-Tunes believes this exposure develops not only a familiarity to the instrument, but a curiosity about the instrument.

Craft Project: At least 4 sessions (maybe more) will involve a simple craft project. These projects will involve both Parent and Tot. These projects include decorating picture frames, painting/decorating small wood items, tie-dye T-shirts (Tot will provide the T-shirt), and more. Except for the T-shirt, all craft materials are included. The craft activity may take the entire session or share the session with the musical activity portion.

Instructors - The classes for this program are taught by Alik N. Arbach, a music educator, flautist, and coordinator of a Children/Musical class in Columbia. The second educator is Mr. Alvin Roda, Director of the Laurel School of Music who plays trumpet, guitar, violin, cello, saxophone, drums, and piano for the Tot-Tunes program. Both educators have many years of instructing children in private lessons as well as being parents of small children themselves.

Other staff members may also assist in the sessions.

Materials to buy - There are no materials to buy in addition to the program fee. (This is another difference between Tot-Tunes and other programs which often require participants to buy additional materials of up to \$50).

Tots will be asked to bring a white T-shirt for the tie-dyeing activity.

We sincerely hope that you and your child join us in this wonderful musical journey.

Please feel free to call the Director, Al Roda, 301 498 4479 or e-mail at aroda@laurelschoolofmusic.com or visit our web-site www.laurelschoolofmusic.com.