



elemental music

**2016-2017
Program Information Booklet**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Elemental Music! We are thrilled that you are joining our 13th season! Did you know that we started all those years ago as a single youth orchestra of 25? This season, we will have over 200 students enrolled across 7 different programs!

We have grown so much, in fact, that we have recently rebranded to become Elemental Music, complete with a new logo to celebrate the growth we have undergone and include the various new programs for band, choir and guitar. Thank you to all of the families who have been part of this journey with us; many have enrolled siblings and cousins over the years and encourage friends to join as well, helping us get bigger and stronger year after year.

Although the organization has grown, our mission has not changed: to inspire, train and nurture young musicians in Santa Monica. We still maintain an average student to teacher ratio of 8 to 1, with some of the area's most respected and beloved teachers. Our students go on to not only continue playing in middle and high school, but become leaders in their ensembles, and some have even chosen to pursue music as a major in college!

Please know that even as our program offerings expand, we are still here to help each and every student *thrive*.

As we start the new season, there are just a few administrative changes that those of you returning should please note.

- All tuition payments will need to be submitted via Paypal or by mail to our office. We can no longer accept payments at rehearsals.
- All absence notices should be made directly to your Program Director.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our staff. Here's to a fantastic new season!

Warmly,

Josephine Moerschel
Executive and Artistic Director





**STUDENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK
2016-2017 SEASON**

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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Keep all notices in your black binders. Parents, please check the binder for important handouts each week (which will also be emailed).
- Bring your music, instrument, music binder, and 2 sharpened pencils with eraser, to every rehearsal. Mark your own parts!
- Be on time! Early is on time; on time is late. **Please be in your seats by 3:40 so that we can start rehearsal exactly at 3:45.**
- Come prepared! Please learn your part at home, and bring it in to your private teacher for help. Suggested practice time is a minimum of 30 minutes per day.
- Be respectful and courteous to the teachers, mentors, parents, and orchestra members. We are guests at our host schools for rehearsals and concerts and should behave as such. No food or drink (except bottled water) is allowed in the classrooms. Please do not chew gum on campus.

ATTENDANCE

- Rehearsals take place weekly as noted on the calendar. Rehearsals are from 3:45 to 5:45.
- Students should arrive at least 5 minutes before the start of rehearsal to ensure a timely start of rehearsal.
- Excessive and/or frequent tardiness will not be tolerated. Students need to be at rehearsals for the entirety of the time.
- ABSENCES
 - All rehearsals and performances are mandatory!
 - Each student is allowed only TWO absences during the entire year. More than two may result in dismissal from Elemental Music Programs.
 - Please carefully check the calendar (also available online) for dates, times, and locations of all rehearsals and performances.
 - If your child is sick or has to unexpectedly miss a rehearsal, please contact your Program Director as soon as possible.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF POLICY

- Please note that supervision by Elemental Music Staff is only available 15 minutes before the beginning of rehearsal.
- Students should not be dropped off and left unattended more than 15 minutes before the start of rehearsal. **Please do not arrive at any locations before 3:30.**
- Elemental Music staff is not liable to stay with students beyond our 5:45pm ending time, so please pick up students promptly at the end of rehearsal. We may not have personnel available to stay late with any students.

CONCERT ATTIRE (For all groups EXCEPT Academy Strings)

Shop early for your concert clothes! Students grow quickly, and often outgrow clothes and shoes during the year. Please check that everything still fits before each concert.

GIRLS

- ✓ White, long-sleeve tops (no t-shirts, no spaghetti straps). Sweaters are ok, but please do not have any patterns, embroidery or colored design on your tops.
- ✓ Long black skirt (must fall gracefully past the knees when seated) or black dress pants (no jeans or leggings)
- ✓ Black dress shoes (no sandals or sneakers)
- ✓ Black socks or hosiery optional
- ✓ Please be sure to pull your hair off your face, either with a headband, barrette, or hair tie. We want to be sure parents can see your face!

BOYS

- ✓ White long-sleeve dress shirts, tucked in.
- ✓ Black dress pants (no jeans)
- ✓ Solid black belt
- ✓ Black socks and black dress shoes (no sandals or sneakers)

White means solid white, and black means solid black. Please, no embroidery, patterns, polka dots, etc.

ACADEMY STRINGS

Please follow guidelines above EXCEPT girls should wear black long sleeve tops, or black dresses with long sleeves and the skirt must fall gracefully past knees when seated. Boys should also wear a solid black tie (no patterns, solid black only).



ACADEMY STRINGS

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child’s name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ violins and violas need to have appropriate shoulder rests
- ✓ cellos and basses need to have endpin straps/rock stops
- ✓ 1 extra set of strings
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ cleaning cloth

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Chromatic tuner
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at SMASH from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Wed. 9/21 - Auditions	Wed. 1/11 - Rehearsal	Wed. 3/22 - Rehearsal
Wed. 9/28 - Rehearsal	Wed. 1/18 - Rehearsal	Wed. 3/29 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/5 - Rehearsal	Wed. 1/25 - Rehearsal	Wed. 4/19 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/19 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/1 - Rehearsal	Wed. 4/26 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/26 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/8 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/3 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/2 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/15 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/10 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/9 - Rehearsal	Wed. 2/22 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/17 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/16 - Rehearsal	Wed. 3/1 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/24 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/30 - Rehearsal	Wed. 3/8 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/31 - Rehearsal
Wed. 12/7 - Rehearsal	Sun. 3/12 - Concert	Sat. 6/3 - Concert
Sun. 12/11 - Concert		

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday March 12, 2:00 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday June 3, 1:00pm, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica, 1220 Second Street



ELEMENTAL BAND

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 1.5 inch 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ instrument related supplies (valve oil, cork grease, swab, etc.)
- ✓ clarinet and saxophone students should have at least one extra reed at all times
- ✓

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at John Adams Middle School from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Mon. 9/26 - Auditions	Thurs. 1/12 - Rehearsal	Mon. 3/13 - Rehearsal
Wed. 10/5 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/19 - Rehearsal	Mon. 3/20 - Rehearsal
Mon. 10/10 - Rehearsal	Mon. 1/23 - Rehearsal	Mon. 4/17 - Rehearsal
Mon. 10/17 - Rehearsal	Mon. 1/30 - Rehearsal	Mon. 4/24 - Rehearsal
Mon. 10/24 - Rehearsal	Mon. 2/6 - Rehearsal	Mon. 5/1 - Rehearsal
Wed. 11/2 - Rehearsal	Mon. 2/13 - Rehearsal	Mon. 5/8 - Rehearsal
Mon. 11/7 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/23 - Rehearsal	Mon. 5/15 - Rehearsal
Mon. 11/14 - Rehearsal	Mon. 2/27 - Rehearsal	Mon. 5/22 - Rehearsal
Mon. 11/28 - Rehearsal	Mon. 3/6 - Rehearsal	Wed. 5/31 - Rehearsal
Mon. 12/5 - Rehearsal	Sun. 3/12 - Concert	SMC Concert TBA
Sun. 12/11 - Concert		Fri. 6/2 - Concert

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 11, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday March 12, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

May concert with SMC Wind Ensemble at Broad Stage, date TBA

Friday, June 2, 7:00 pm, Roosevelt Elementary School



ELEMENTAL CHOIR

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 1 inch 3-ring binder **with pockets** (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at Grant Elementary School from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Thurs. 9/26 - Auditions	Thurs. 1/12 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/16 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/6 – Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/19 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/23 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/13 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/26 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 4/20 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/20 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/2 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 4/27 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/27 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/9 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/4 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/3 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/16 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/11 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/10 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/23 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/18 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/17 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/2 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/25 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 12/1 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/9 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 6/1 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 12/8 - Rehearsal	Sun. 3/12 - Concert	Sun. 6/4 - Concert
Sun. 12/11 - Concert		

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 11, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday March 12, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday, June 4, 2:00 pm, Roosevelt Elementary School



ELEMENTAL GUITAR

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child's name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ appropriately-sized guitar supports (foot stools)
- ✓ tuner

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at SMASH on Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Thurs. 10/6 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/12 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/16 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/13 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/19 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/23 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/20 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 1/26 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 4/20 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 10/27 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/2 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 4/27 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/3 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/9 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/4 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/10 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/16 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/11 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/17 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 2/23 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/18 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 12/1 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/2 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 5/25 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 12/8 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 3/9 - Rehearsal	Thurs. 6/1 - Rehearsal
Sun. 12/11 - Concert	Sun. 3/12 - Concert	Sun. 6/4 - Concert

CONCERTS

Sunday, December 11, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday March 12, 4:30 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday, June 4, 2:00 pm, Roosevelt Elementary School



ELEMENTAL STRINGS

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child’s name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ violins and violas need to have appropriate shoulder rests
- ✓ cellos and basses need to have endpin straps/rock stops
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ cleaning cloth

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Chromatic tuner
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at John Adams Middle School from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Fri. 9/30 – Placement Auditions	Fri. 1/13 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/17 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/7 - Rehearsal	Fri. 1/20 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/24 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/14 - Rehearsal	Fri. 1/27 - Rehearsal	Fri. 4/21 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/21 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/3 - Rehearsal	Fri. 4/28 - Rehearsal
Fri. 10/28 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/10 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/5 - Rehearsal
Fri. 11/4 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/17 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/12 - Rehearsal
Thurs. 11/10 - Rehearsal	Fri. 2/24 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/19 - Rehearsal
Fri. 11/18 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/3 - Rehearsal	Fri. 5/26 - Rehearsal
Fri. 12/2 - Rehearsal	Fri. 3/10 - Rehearsal	Fri. 6/2 - Rehearsal
Fri. 12/9 - Rehearsal	Sun. 3/12 - Concert	Sat. 6/3 - Concert
Sun. 12/11 - Concert		

CONCERTS

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Sunday March 12, 2:00 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Saturday June 3, 10:30 am, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica,
1220 Second Street



PRELUDE

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students should have (and bring every week):

- ✓ a black 3-ring binder (clearly labeled with your child’s name)
- ✓ 10 clear plastic sleeves
- ✓ at least 2 sharpened pencils with eraser
- ✓ violins and violas need to have appropriate shoulder rests
- ✓ cellos and basses need to have endpin straps/rock stops
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ cleaning cloth

Other suggested supplies include:

- ✓ Metronome
- ✓ Chromatic tuner
- ✓ Music stand for home use

CALENDAR – All rehearsals will be at McKinley Elementary School from 3:45 to 5:45.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Tues. 10/4 - Rehearsal	Tues. 1/10 - Rehearsal	Tues. 3/14 - Rehearsal
Tues. 10/11 - Rehearsal	Tues. 1/17 - Rehearsal	Tues. 3/21 - Rehearsal
Tues. 10/18 - Rehearsal	Tues. 1/24 - Rehearsal	Tues. 4/18 - Rehearsal
Tues. 10/25 - Rehearsal	Tues. 1/31 - Rehearsal	Tues. 4/25 - Rehearsal
Tues. 11/1 - Rehearsal	Tues. 2/7 - Rehearsal	Tues. 5/2 - Rehearsal
Tues. 11/8 – Rehearsal **4:15-6:00	Tues. 2/14 - Rehearsal	Tues. 5/9 - Rehearsal
Tues. 11/15- Rehearsal **4:15-6:00	Tues. 2/21 - Rehearsal	Tues. 5/16 - Rehearsal
Tues. 11/29 – Rehearsal **4:15-6:00	Tues. 2/28 - Rehearsal	Tues. 5/23 - Rehearsal
Tues. 12/6 - Rehearsal	Tues. 3/7 - Rehearsal	Tues. 5/30 - Rehearsal
Sun. 12/11 - Concert	Sun. 3/12 - Concert	Sun. 6/4 - Concert

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Sunday March 12, 2:00 pm at Lincoln Middle School

Sunday June 4, 10:30 am, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica,
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