About Our Teachers

Tamara Auer is our violin and viola teacher. From Sydney, Australia, Tamara started studying violin at age 9 and was accepted into the Australian Institute of Music, Sydney. Later she also started to played viola in the Youth Orchestra performing in the annual Opera Highlights concert at the Sydney Opera House and touring Germany, Poland and Vienna. Tamara recently graduated from the Milan Conservatory with an undergraduate degree in music and viola performance with Maestro Claudio Pavolini. Tamara is currently completing a Masters in Music at the University of North Dakota and plays in the Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra.

Tamara Auer: 701.620.9043
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Diego Rodriguez is our cello teacher. Born in Venezuela, Diego received his undergraduate degree from the University of Memphis, majoring in music and cello performance. Currently, he is pursuing his master degree at UND with a double major in cello performance and orchestral conducting.

Before coming to United States, Diego already had ten invaluable years of orchestral and teaching experience as chief member of the world-renowned and leading musical and social program “El Sistema.”

Diego Rodriguez: 901.846.6950
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Mei-Chuan Lin, born in Taiwan, has graduated from the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music, where she was successfully granted the master degree in Piano Performance. Now she is pursuing a doctorate degree at UND in music education having the piano pedagogy as her main focus.

Before starting the doctoral program at UND, Mei-Chuan Lin was a music teacher at The National Pingtung University in Taiwan. She also taught piano lesson, sight singing and ear training courses in three famous music high schools in southern Taiwan.

Mei-Chuan Lin: (626) 873-6332
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Additional Information

For Piano Students:
Where should I get a piano?
Instruments are available to be purchased at local businesses such as Poppler’s Music in Grand Forks and Schmitt Music in Fargo.

For String Students:
Where should I get my string instrument? What size do I need?
While adult students require a “full size” instrument, younger students must be fitted to a smaller sized instrument. Instruments are available to be fitted and rented at local businesses such as Arioso Music Academy, and Poppler’s Music.

Should I buy or rent an instrument?
We advise younger students to start by renting an instrument, as sizes need to be adjusted as the student grows. If you are interested in purchasing an instrument and aren’t sure where to start, please contact us for more information.

Location and Parking

Classes will be held at the Hughes Fine Arts Center on the University of North Dakota campus.

Parking options currently available:
• A Hughes Fine Arts Community Member Parking Pass can be purchased by the semester for $20 from UND’s Parking Services
• Metered parking spots are available in the front row of the HFAC parking lot

Questions?

Call Dr. Simona Barbu at 701-777-2828
Email at simona.barbu@und.edu
Visit us online at:
http://arts-sciences.und.edu/music

UND Community Music Program

Group Classes and Individual Lessons for Strings & Piano

Children through Adult Information and Registration
Group Classes and Lesson

Individual Lessons

- Lessons are 30 minutes long. One hour lessons are available upon request.
- Lessons offer individualized teaching to accommodate the level and abilities of every student
- Reinforce and build upon school music lessons.
- Lessons are recommended especially for intermediate and advance players.

Group Classes

- Classes are one hour long.
- Playing with others is fun! Students will learn to play an instrument in a small group with other students of similar age and ability. Students that perceive one-on-one lessons as “intimidating” often find class lessons more suitable to their learning style. Strings or Piano classes can be just as fun as ballet or karate!
- Learn to collaborate with other students. Students can broaden their musical knowledge through group trivia, improvisation, and ensemble activities.
- Students can learn from their peers as well as their teacher.
- Start lessons before lessons are available at school
- For strings group lessons are an excellent opportunity to prepare for an audition for the Northern Valley Youth Orchestra.
- Adult string students can participate in a fulfilling enrichment activity and prepare themselves for the UND Community Orchestra!

Tuition and Payment Options

10 Lessons/Classes may be paid:

- by semester for $180 (for 10 lessons/classes)
- or in two installments, $90 per installment, payable before 1st and 6th lesson/class.

An additional $20 registration fee will be due upon registration. Books/materials are the responsibility of the student (approx. $10)

A tuition refund will not be given following the start of classes.

Registration Form

Student Name:

Age and Grade (or Adult):

Previous String Experience? Explain if applicable:

Previous Musical/ Instrumental Experience? Explain:

Parents Names (if applicable):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Please select a class/ lesson option (classes will be grouped by age):

- Individual lessons
- Beginner Class 1st semester
- Beginner Class 2nd semester
- 2nd Year Class

Select an instrument:

- Cello
- Piano
- Viola
- Violin

Select payment option:

- By Semester (one time payment)
- By Installment (two installments)

Signature___________________________________________Date__________________________

Full tuition is due by the first class. Checks should be addressed to University of North Dakota. Following registration, students will be contacted regarding class schedules.

Please return this completed form and the payment to: Community Music
3350 Campus Road Stop 7125
Grand Forks, ND 58202