

Garrett MUSIC ACADEMY

Music is for Everyone



Our mission is to serve all members of the community that have a desire to play music, regardless of their age, circumstances or ability. Our doors are open to all based on the following core values:

PASSION ▪ INNOVATION ▪ KNOWLEDGE ▪ INSPIRATION



AUDIENCE

35%
8-12 YEARS

32%
13-18 YEARS

13%
19-60 YEARS

20%
61-75 YEARS

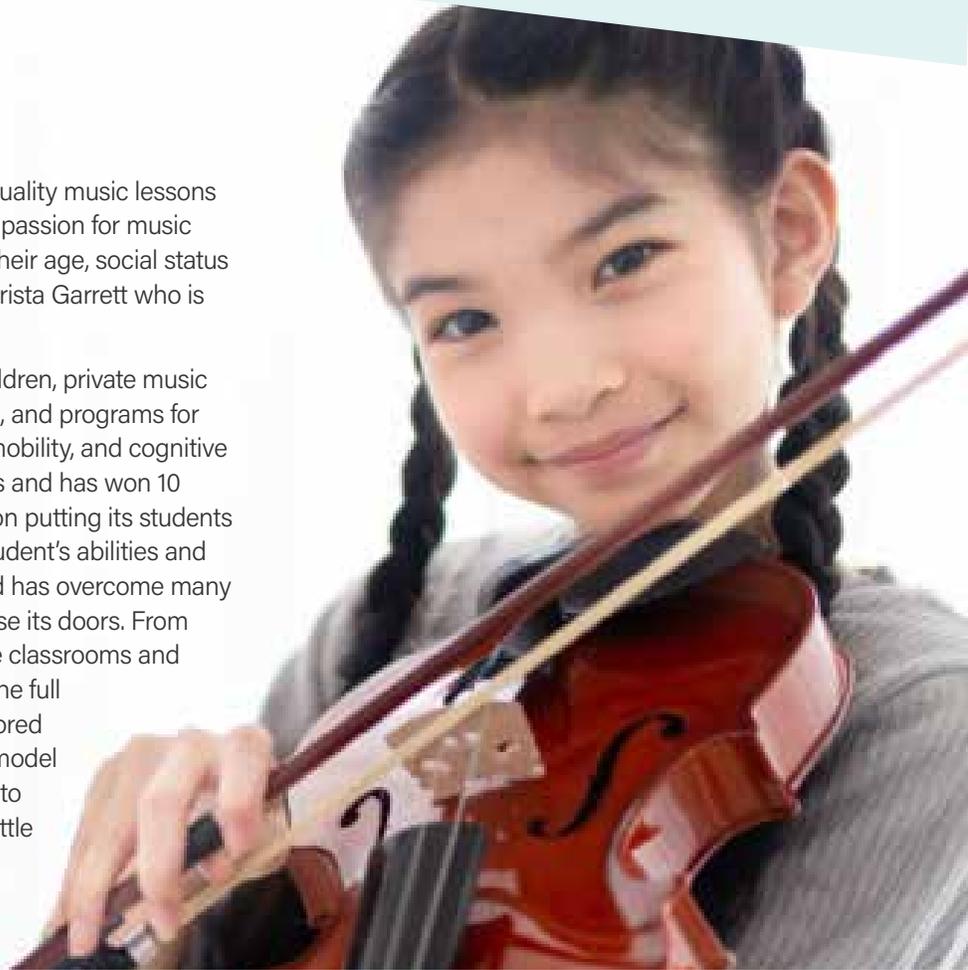
SERVICES OFFERED

- IN-PERSON MUSIC LESSONS
- VIRTUAL MUSIC LESSONS
- VOICE LESSONS
- MUSIC BUSINESS CONSULTING
- MUSIC COACHING

ALL ABOUT GMA

Garrett Music Academy (GMA) provides high quality music lessons and specialty programs to everyone who has a passion for music and sees music as a way of life—regardless of their age, social status or ability. Located in Maryland, GMA is led by Krista Garrett who is more than a music connoisseur herself.

At the academy, there are classes for young children, private music lessons for school band and orchestra students, and programs for mature students looking to maintain memory, mobility, and cognitive brain function. GMA has 1,500 enrolled students and has won 10 community awards. The academy prides itself on putting its students first and tailoring their private lessons for the student's abilities and goals. GMA has been in service for 17 years and has overcome many obstacles that would cause any business to close its doors. From surviving a fire in 2016 that destroyed half of the classrooms and resources, a subsequent flood that shut down the full service recording studio, the death of a very adored teammate and having to pivot its full business model during the COVID pandemic, GMA has proven to be the little engine that not only could, but the little engine that refuses to give up or be defeated.



We don't do music as usual

Some of the students of GMA have gone on to follow their passion for music on the professional level and one has even become a music therapist. GMA is deeply rooted and connected to its local community. The academy's philosophy is that music is for everyone, and the programs they've developed reflect that vision.

GMA's studio is run by Grammy-nominated producer and song-writer, Mark Byrd, who is also a coach for most of the academy's specialty music programs.

GMA is the safe haven for all who are misunderstood and searching for purpose, along with healing, through music.



Our Programs



FIND YOUR VOICE

Find Your Voice is a program that tailors resources within the program to the individual's needs that address mental health affected by social isolation, family, peer dynamics, depression, and anxiety through music, writing, and art.

Find Your Voice is offered to:

- Tweens
- Teens
- Veterans



MAKING THE BAND

Making the Band is a 12-week/year round program that allows music lovers to work together to write original songs and record an official EP. With the help of in-house professionals, each participant learns how to work together as a group and nurture their individual skills as an artist. Making the Band is offered to:

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EXCEPTIONAL MUSIC INTERVENTIONS

This is a program that is tailored to work with individuals that work with their own exceptional and unique talents. Music is universal and is accessible to all, finding the right balance of technique to create art is what makes this program different from standard lessons. The use of intentional movement, rhythm, tone, color and texture are used to create and inspire music in ways that relate to the particular student. The approach is more than just music, it is meant to inspire on a physical, emotional, mental and spiritual level for both student and teacher. Exceptional Music Interventions is offered to students and adults with:

- ADD/ADHD
- Autism/Asperger Syndrome
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Traumatic brain injury and stroke
- Parkinsons
- Dementia and other forms of memory loss



Meet the Core Team



KRISTA
Owner/Coach



DE'JOUR
Admin Support

What Others Say

I had been looking locally for a guitar teacher. The price was right but they were 30 minutes away and I just didn't want to spend that much time driving. That's when my wife mentioned the Garrett Music Academy's virtual lessons. So I signed up and it's been great working with Alex ever since. He is very knowledgeable and I'm finally learning how to play guitar. Krista the owner is great too. Best of all, no drive time! We do it all over Zoom. Thanks Garrett!

D. Robbins, Adult Student

The Garrett Music Academy is a great place to learn to play music. Their instructors are very invested in their students, their lessons are FUN, and the school is well organized. Highly recommend!

Mary R., Parent

GMA is more than "just" music. It's heart— it's where you go and know you matter.

Denise A., Parent

I highly recommend The Garrett Music Academy. My daughter has taken voice, piano, guitar and drums with them. Each teacher has been knowledgeable and passionate about what they do. More importantly they have all been so encouraging. The academy is top notch!

Carin C., Parent