

San Francisco Community Music Center (CMC) Introduces Quarterly CMC Sundays; Free Classes and Jam Sessions Begin Sept. 13

Just in time for back-to-school, 94-year-old nonprofit offers opportunities to explore new music classes, participate in jam sessions and visit its popular instrument petting zoo

SAN FRANCISCO (Aug. 24, 2015) – [Community Music Center](http://www.landispr.com) (CMC), the Mission District-based nonprofit that provides high quality lessons, programs and concerts at no or low cost, kick starts its quarterly “CMC Sundays” series on Sunday, Sept. 13. CMC Sundays is a free event that offers people of all ages the opportunity to explore a variety of musical instruments and classes, or jam out with fellow musicians playing jazz, Latin or chamber music. The September event will also demonstrate new group classes hosted at the Mission District branch: [Percussion Ensemble for Kids](#) or [Group Guitar for Kids](#) and a [Tango Ensemble](#) for adults. Two additional CMC Sundays are scheduled to take place on Jan. 10 and March 13, 2016.



Instrument Petting Zoo at CMC Sundays at CMC

“We’re so excited to offer CMC Sundays so parents and children alike can experience music in many different and fulfilling ways,” said Chris Borg, executive director for CMC. “From our jam sessions to the popular instrument petting zoo, we’ve got something for everyone.”

Events for Kids and Families

On Sept. 13, CMC hosts four different classes based on age and skill set. For toddlers to seven-year-olds, nationally-acclaimed music teacher, Irene Chagall, conducts the [Music for Children](#) class. In addition, families can attend CMC’s instrument petting zoo, where students from CMC’s Young Musicians Program display and demonstrate various instruments for newcomers to explore and play. Private lesson demonstrations for all ages are also available.



New for this year, CMC teachers Omar Ledezma Jr. and Hector Lugo are leading a [Percussion Ensemble for Kids](#) to introduce young people (ages 8-12) to the joy of playing Afro-Caribbean rhythms in a group setting. In addition, [Group Guitar for Kids](#) (also for ages 8-12) introduces children to playing the guitar in a social setting. Instructor Erik Pearson leads the group playing a folk, rock, pop and world music repertoire.

Events for Adults

Adults can participate in a casual jam with Richard Saunders in jazz or read chamber music with Loretta Taylor. Latin music lovers can join a jam with Tregar Otton and Hector Lugo or explore unique styles and techniques of Argentine tango in the [Tango Ensemble](#) class, led by Scott O'Day. In addition, pianists and vocalists interested in gospel, R&B, pop and jazz can perform for CMC faculty and receive feedback and inspiration.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CMC Sundays: Instrument Petting Zoo, Free Classes and Jam Sessions on Sept. 13

WHAT:

Community Music Center invites the public to its Mission District Branch on Sunday, Sept. 13 to experience CMC Sundays for free. Children and families can explore instruments and take music classes, while adults participate in a jazz, Latin or chamber music jam session. A Tango Ensemble class and a Vocal and Piano Workshop in gospel, R&B, pop and jazz are also available.

WHERE:

Community Music Center
544 Capp St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

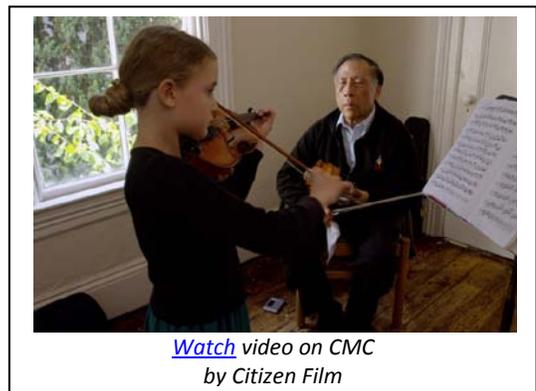
WHEN:

Sun, Sept. 13, 2015

For Kids:

3:00-3:45pm – Music for Children demo class with Irene Chagall

4:00-5:00pm – Instrument Petting Zoo



3:00-4:00pm – Percussion Ensemble for Kids demo class with Omar Ledezma Jr. and Hector Lugo

4:00-5:00pm – Group Guitar for Kids demo class with Erik Pearson

3:00-5:00pm – Piano lesson demos

For Adults:

3:00-4:00pm – Jazz Jam with Richard Saunders

4:00-5:00pm – Latin Jam with Tregar Otton and Hector Lugo

3:00-4:00pm – Chamber Music Jam with Loretta Taylor

4:00-5:00pm – Tango Ensemble demo class with Scott O'Day

3:00-5:00pm – Vocal and Piano Workshop with Maestro and Nola Curtis (Gospel, R&B, Pop and Jazz)

3:00-5:00pm – Piano lesson demos

COST:

Free

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Click [here](#) for the event page or visit www.sfcmc.org.

MEDIA, PLEASE NOTE:

Reporters/editors interested in attending CMC Sundays, interviewing CMC's Executive Director Chris Borg, a CMC student or staff member, please contact Jimin Lee at 415-259-2318 or jimin@landispr.com.

About San Francisco Community Music Center

Founded in 1921, San Francisco Community Music Center (CMC), a Bay Area nonprofit, is one of the oldest and largest community arts organizations on the West Coast making high quality music accessible to all people, regardless of financial means. CMC, based in the Mission District, was established to "be a provider of music that is not art for art's sake, but art for life's sake." CMC serves more than 23,000 people each year, including more than 2,400 students of all ages, ethnicities and income levels who enjoy music lessons, programs and concerts at no or low cost.

Learn more about CMC at www.sfcmc.org and follow the organization on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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