



THE MANNES PREPARATORY DIVISION

MANNES COLLEGE THE NEW SCHOOL FOR MUSIC

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Music exploration and pre-professional training for students ages 4–18

On Saturdays, when classes are in full swing, nearly 450 young people study music at Mannes Prep. Our nurturing faculty of distinguished artists encourage each student to achieve his or her highest potential.

Who attends Mannes Prep?

Mannes Prep welcomes students ages 4–18 (pre-K through high school) at all levels, from absolute beginners through advanced students aspiring to professional careers. Students come from public, parochial, and private schools and diverse economic and cultural backgrounds.

When do classes meet?

Most classes, lessons, and rehearsals are held on Saturdays. Some lessons and Junior and Pre-Senior Program classes take place on weekday afternoons.

What is the application and audition process?

All applicants take an audition, which includes a music theory placement test and an interview. Most applicants audition in May for the fall semester. Auditions for any available openings in the spring semester are held in January.

When are applicants notified about the results of their audition?

Students are generally notified by mail within two weeks of their audition.

Who is eligible for financial aid?

Financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated need. Students who receive financial aid must re-apply each year.

Which students are required to take theory and ear-training?

All students must take Techniques of Music courses. In the lower grades, courses combine theory and ear-training. Students in the Senior Program take separate theory and ear-training courses.

Can students request to study with a specific faculty member?

Yes. Students may request to study with a specific faculty member on their application or on the Intent to Enroll form. If no request is made, a teacher will be assigned.

How does Mannes Prep make orchestra and chamber music assignments?

Preliminary assignments are made at the time of registration. Final decisions are made after orchestra and chamber music auditions, held in September.

What are some benefits of attending Mannes Prep?

While some Mannes Prep students do go on to careers in music, many have no plans to become professional musicians. Our alumni find that in addition to teaching them about music, the curriculum at Mannes Prep helps students develop effective study habits, time management skills, self-presentation skills, and an appreciation of the role of the arts, benefiting them in every discipline they later study.

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“The environment at Mannes is one of a kind. I leave Mannes every Saturday looking forward to coming back.”

—Devin Carter, trumpet, age 17



Programs of Study

Mannes Prep tailors each student's curriculum to include age- and level-appropriate classes and ensemble assignments.

Programs incorporate private instruction, Techniques of Music courses, workshops, ensembles, and recitals. Programs during the school year are divided into two 15-week semesters.

✦ Warm, supportive atmosphere

✦ Superb, dedicated faculty

✦ Small class sizes and individual attention

Areas of Study

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Harp
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Bassoon
- Horn
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Percussion
- Voice
- Piano*
- Guitar*
- Recorder
- Composition
- *CLASSICAL OR JAZZ

Find faculty bios at www.newschool.edu/mannes/preparatory

Programs for the Very Young (Ages 4-6)

EITHER

- First Theory class
- OR
- First Theory class
- Private instruction in piano, violin, or cello
- Group Performance class

Junior Program (Grades 1-4)

- Private instruction
- Techniques of Music class
- Ensemble: String Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, or Junior Chorus
- Music workshops and recitals

Pre-Senior Program (Grades 5-8)

- Private instruction
- Ensemble: String Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Symphony, or Intermediate Chorus
- Music workshops and recitals

Senior Program (Grades 9-12)

- Private instruction
- Theory class
- Ear-Training class
- Ensemble: Senior Chorus, Symphony, or Philharmonic
- Music workshops and recitals

Theory Majors (Grades 9-12)

- Theory class
- Ear-Training class
- Ensemble: Senior Chorus, Symphony, or Philharmonic

Honors Program

The Honors Program complements the Pre-Senior and Senior Programs by offering qualified students a more rigorous curriculum and a graded jury examination. To participate in the Honors Program, students must be nominated by their major teacher and pass an audition.

Enrolled students may also participate in the following ensembles, when appropriate:

- Flute Ensemble
- Clarinet Ensemble
- Bassoon Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble

Mannes Prep offers the following electives at an additional charge:

- Music History
- Composition class
- Conducting Workshop
- Jazz Ensemble
- Chamber Music
- Vocal Chamber Music
- Private instruction, secondary instrument



*“We love Mannes Prep;
every minute of it has been
a joy for our family.”*

—Parents of Kelly Stathis, percussion, violin,
and composition, age 14

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About Mannes College The New School for Music

Mannes has been a leading music school in New York City since 1916, when David and Clara Mannes, a distinguished musical family, opened the David Mannes Music School. Today Mannes is a division of The New School, an intellectually rich and dynamic university renowned for its excellence, diversity, and integrity. The New School is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

For more information

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