



A Note from the Camp Director

Dear families,

Thank you so much for being part of our camp community. This session your campers created a *Rainbow Connection: Compositions in Color* and it was truly colorful. It was a pleasure to see your children enjoying themselves while learning new instruments. It is amazing what they were able to accomplish in just 3 weeks!

A few reminders:

Artwork, medication, or lost & found left behind? Please call email your camp site at camp.thearc@levinemusic.org and camp staff can help to arrange a time for you to pick it up. Artwork and lost & found will be held for two weeks before being donated or recycled.

Performance Videos - Camp Levine will share a performance video available for download. All camp families will be emailed a link to their site & session's performance video as soon as it is available.

Photos & Social Media – We want to keep camp memories rolling all year long! Look out for snapshots of your camper's experience and make sure to follow us on our [Facebook](#)! Later in the Fall we will announce Summer 2024's camp dates and theme.

Camp-related inquiries - please contact the general camp e-mail account at camp@levinemusic.org.

Next Steps - If the Camp Levine experience has revealed a budding musician, I hope you will consider Levine's many 'school year' opportunities. Whether you're interested in private lessons or a group learning experience, I'm sure Levine has something for your child. And maybe for you, too, since many of our students are adults! I have added direct links for camper aged options on the [parent portal](#) under "next steps."

I wish you an awesome remainder of your summer and hope to see you and your camper(s) next year at Camp Levine.

Best,
Jazmin Goodson
Director of Camp Levine

A Note from the Site Director

Greetings friends and families!

Session 2 at THEARC is off to a great start and we are having a very smooth transition with our new staff. Our team has already begun working on the music for *Seussical: The Musical* and the campers are sounding great! Families will be able to attend this performance in person! Our campers performed fantastically in our Session 1 recording, and we are anticipating having the edited recording version sent out to you when available.

For the most part, everything remains the same from our first session. You may still enroll your child in Before-Care, however After-Care enrollment is full. Drop-off is between 9:15-9:30 and Pick-up is between 3:45-4:00. Since we are engaging in a large amount of movement this session, campers should always wear closed-toed shoes and have a water bottle. Lunch will still be served to all students and Before-Care students will be served breakfast upon their arrival to camp.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me for clarification on anything, as I want to be highly accessible to you all. The encouraging words that I've received thus far have truly been heart-warming. I anticipate having an even greater Session 2!

Musically,
Austin Gaskin
Site Director

Camp Group Updates from the Teachers

Red Group (PreK/K)

Our youngest campers were busy making friends during session 1! Our teachers have marveled at the great friendships that our Pre-K/K campers have made and we are excited to see them grow during session 2! Our Pre-K/K group also gained a lot of musical knowledge and confidence, particularly in singing! Our smallest campers gave a big-time performance of Airplanes in the Sky and Hot Cross Buns – so delightful!

Piano

Can you believe it? Camp is already over! Our 3rd-6th grade campers worked hard to refine their skills for their final performance last week. They dove deeper into piano playing, learning about the history of the piano and how the modern piano is constructed. What's even more exciting is that they had the chance to practice on a grand piano for all last week and performed on a Steinway concert grand for their big finale!

Our 1st & 2nd grade campers had a blast too! They learned new pieces and created rhythms on a "rhythm train." We had so much fun during one session that we almost missed the next lesson because we got lost during our "train" ride!

I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of all the hard work our campers put in. It was an absolute pleasure working with your child this summer! Thank you for trusting us with your child's musical education. We hope this camp has been an unforgettable experience for them.

-Dr. Kim Yi

Violin

Thank you for a wonderful 3 weeks of violin instruction. We spent session 1 learning the fundamentals of violin including understanding its structure, the correct bow hold, and how to play the different strings. We were thrilled by the enthusiasm that campers showed towards the violin. We hope that session 1 inspired some of your children to further their education in the violin and take up lessons! We were delighted by our 3rd-6th grade camper's renditions of "Duet in A Minor", "Au Coin du Feu", and "Pourquoi?", and we are so excited for you all to see their performances!

-Annabelle Berthomé-Reynolds

Percussion

It has been a fun and dazzling time teaching your children about drums! Throughout the session, we learned the basics of percussion including simple rhythms, proper technique with drumsticks, and how to play along with music. Our focus students even worked their way up to playing on the drum set! The rapid learning of our focus students was capped off by a spectacular performance of "Sunflower" in the final performance! Thank you for choosing Camp Levine and we hope that your child had a terrific time learning how to stay in the pocket!

-Malcolm Taylor

Art

Our campers proved to be quite craft-masters this session! All (yes all) of the props used in our final performance were constructed by your children during class!! We are so proud of the work that campers put in during art class to make our final performance possible.

-Tiffany Strother

Music+

It is amazing how much fun we had in Music + class this past session! In particular, campers loved game time, using the boom whackers, and playing the bard instruments. Their favorite song was Yellow Submarine and their enthusiasm for it was evident in the final performance!

-Lillie Jerome

Dance, Drama, and Choral

We learned the basics of drama this session including understanding stage direction and stage management. We are so proud of the persistence and dedication that your kids put into the musical theater portion of our final performance, and we can't wait for you to see it! We are so excited to see how campers build on what they learned in preparing for the performance of Seussical the Musical!

-Tiffany Strother

We learned so much about the voice this session! We started each class with fun warmups like the fruit song. Throughout the session, we covered topics such as the singer's breath and how diction impacts singing. Campers even earned bubblegum for winning games! Their improvement and enthusiasm comes across clearly in the final performance!

-Lillie Jerome

Campers learned foundational steps in musical theater this session including the jazz square and charleston. They particularly enjoyed the dancing in Green Eggs and Ham, and they really appreciated being part of a group production. We are thrilled that our Dance teacher, Caroline Graham, is part of our teaching faculty for session 2!

-Caroline Graham

Games and Sports

Wow, what a blast we had this session. We had so much fun that picking a single favorite game would be impossible! With that being said, Skittle Sorting, Among Us, Balloon Dodgeball, and Kickball were all hits! Thank you to our campers for being such enthusiastic participants!

-VL Buzzygon

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Performance Day! Camp Levine 2023







Our teen apprentices have been doing a great job of making sure that campers have fun and stay safe. This past week, we added two new apprentices, Malachi White and Antonio Johnson, both of whom have been doing a great job. Please join me in giving them a Camp Levine welcome!

Final Performances

When available, the final performances for each site and session will be uploaded to the parent portal and emailed to parents. Be sure to keep an eye out!

[Camp Levine Parent Portal](#).
Password: camplevine2023

Coffee Chats

This summer we'd like to invite our Camp Levine parents to **Wednesday Coffee Chats** from **8:15-9am** during select weeks at each campus. This is an opportunity for you to:

- connect with other parents in your camp community
- give us feedback about your child's Camp Levine experience
- learn more about Levine Music's offerings during the academic year and other ways to support your child musically

Dates are listed below:

Wednesday, July 5 at Falls Church

Wednesday, July 12 at THEARC

Wednesday, July 26 at Strathmore

Wednesday, August 2 at NW DC

For more information, check the [parent portal here](#)!

Visit the Camp Levine website

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