



Student lives with: Mother Father Both Other \_\_\_\_\_  
El estudiante vive con: la mamá el papá Con los dos Otro diferente

Does the student have any medical conditions of which we need to be aware? Yes No  
¿Tiene el estudiante alguna condición médica de la cual debemos estar enterados? Sí No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Si la respuesta es sí, explique por favor

### Important Information Información importante

The following information is used to create statistics that are vital to the Merit School of Music in seeking grants and other funding for our programs. **This information is kept confidential.**

La siguiente información es usada con la finalidad de crear estadísticas vitales para nuestra escuela Merit para conseguir donaciones y otra clase de ayuda para nuestros programas. **Esta información es confidencial.**

What is your total annual household income?  
¿Cuánto reporta en su declaración de impuestos?

- less than \$9,999 \$10,000 - \$19,999 \$20,000 - \$29,999 \$30,000 - \$39,999 \$40,000 - \$49,999  
menos de
- \$50,000 - \$59,999 \$60,000 - \$69,999 \$70,000 - \$79,999 \$80,000 - \$89,999 more than \$90,000  
más de

What is the total number of people in your household? \_\_\_\_\_  
¿Cuántas personas que viven en su casa?

Why did you choose Merit?

¿Por qué usted eligió Merit? \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information Información de padres o tutores

Guardian #1 First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Primer Nombre de padre o tutore # 1 Apellido Relación con el alumno

Work phone with extension \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Número de teléfono del trabajo con extension Número de teléfono de celular

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation / Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre de la empresa que trabaja Ocupación / Título

Guardian #2 First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Primer Nombre de padre o tutore # 2 Apellido Relación con el alumno

Work phone with extension \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Número de teléfono del trabajo con extension Número de teléfono de celular

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation / Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Nombre de la empresa que trabaja Ocupación / Título

Parent/Guardian E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Padres/Tutores correo electrónico Padres/Tutores correo electrónico

### Bill Payer Information (if different from Parent/Guardian) Persona que pagará (solo si es diferente a la de los padres o tutores)

Bill payer's First name \_\_\_\_\_ Bill payer's Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
Primer nombre Apellido

Bill payer's relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_  
Relación con el alumno

Bill payer's work phone with extension \_\_\_\_\_ Bill payer's home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Número de teléfono del trabajo con extension Número de teléfono de la casa

Bill payer's home address (if different from student's) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
Dirección (si es diferente a la del estudiante) Apartamento #

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Ciudad Estado Código Postal

# Merit School of Music Enrollment Policies

## *Póliza de Inscripción de la escuela de Música Merit*

Please read our enrollment policies thoroughly prior to registration. Our policies are enforced to ensure appropriate class sizes and provide our students and faculty with efficient and accurate service. Full policy statement is available at [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org).

*Por favor de leer minuciosamente nuestras pólizas de inscripción antes de inscribirse. Nuestras pólizas se hacen cumplir para asegurar tamaños apropiados de clases y para proveer de nuestros estudiantes y facultad servicio eficiente y exacto. La póliza de la declaración completa es disponible en [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org)*

### **Registration Fee / Tuition Payments**

#### **Q: Is there a registration fee?**

**A:** Yes, a registration fee of \$20 per child applies each academic year (September – May). The Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory registration fee is \$90 per child and applies each academic year. Registration fees are non-refundable. If Merit cancels a program/class the registration fee will be refunded in full.

### **Cuota de Inscripción / Pagos de Colegiatura**

*P: ¿Hay una cuota de registro?*

*R: Si, una cuota de inscripción de \$20 por niño aplica a cada año académico (Septiembre – Mayo). La cuota de inscripción para el Conservatorio de colegiatura-gratis de Alice S. Pfaelzer es de \$90 por niño y aplica a cada año académico. Cuotas de inscripción no son reembolsables. Si Merit cancela un programa/una clase la cuota de inscripción será reembolsada en total.*

#### **Q: How do I pay?**

**A:** Payments are accepted by check, money order, credit card (MasterCard, Visa or American Express) or cash. Payments can be made by mail or in person at the front desk and in Student Services. Credit card payments may also be made by telephone.

*P: ¿Como pago?*

*R: Los pagos son aceptados por cheque, orden de dinero, tarjeta de crédito (MasterCard, Visa o American Express) o en efectivo. Los pagos pueden ser hechos por correo o en persona en el mostrador y en Servicios Estudiantiles. Los pagos de tarjeta de crédito se pueden también hacer por el teléfono.*

#### **Q: When are payments due?**

**A:** Registration fees are due in full at the time of registration. Tuition is due prior to program start. Payment plans are available and must be set up at the time of registration. Credit / debit card is required to access payment plans.

Private lesson registration fee plus a deposit of the first four lessons are due at registration, prior to start of lessons each semester (academic and summer). Private Lesson billing is done monthly. Failure to pay within billing schedule may result in program interruption.

*P: ¿Cuándo son los pagos debidos?*

*R: Las cuotas de inscripción son debidas por completo a la hora del registro. La cuota es debida antes del comienzo del programa. Plan de pagos son disponibles y se necesitan hacer al punto de registraci3n. Tarjeta de credito / tarjeta de cobro autom3tico se necesita para poder tener plan de pagos.*

*La cuota de inscripción de lecciones privadas mas un deposito de las primeras cuatro lecciones son debidas antes del comienzo de lecciones cada semestre (académico y de verano) a la hora del registro. El cobro de las lecciones privadas es hecho mensualmente. Falta de pagar después que le llegue el cobro, resultara en interrupción del programa.*

**Q: What happens if I fail to pay?**

**A:** Applications with unpaid registration or private lesson deposits will not be processed. Accounts that fall into arrears without installment arrangements may be sent to collections. Students' participation will be interrupted if accounts fall behind in payment.

*P: ¿Qué sucede si no puedo pagar?*

*R: Las solicitudes sin cuotas de inscripción pagadas o sin depósitos de lecciones privadas no serán procesadas. Cuentas que caigan en atrasos sin arreglos de instalación de pagos se puede enviar a colección. Participación serán interrumpidas si las cuentas están atrasadas en pagos.*

**Withdrawals / Refunds**

**Q: What is the withdrawal procedure?**

**A:** All requests for withdrawal must be received, in writing, by Merit School of Music Student Services office before considered withdrawn. Written request, either by letter or e-mail, should be directed to Merit School of Music Registrar. Verbal requests or notification of intention to withdraw do not fulfill this requirement. Notifying the teacher does not constitute notice of withdrawal. The effective date of withdrawal is the date that the written notice is received, not the last date of class or private lesson attended. Students receiving financial aid or scholarship forfeit their award upon withdrawal.

**Retiros/ Reembolsos**

*P: ¿Cuál es el procedimiento de retiro?*

*R: Todas las peticiones de retiro se deben recibir, por escrito, através de la oficina de Servicios Estudiantiles de la escuela de música Merit antes de ser considerado retirados. La petición escrita, por carta o correo electrónico, se debe dirigir al Registrador de la escuela de música Merit. Las peticiones o las notificaciones verbales de intención de retirarse no satisfacen este requisito. La notificación del profesor no constituye el aviso del retiro. La fecha eficaz del retiro es la fecha que el aviso escrito está recibido, no la ultima fecha de la clase o lección privada asistida. Estudiantes que reciben ayuda financiera o beca renuncian su concesión ante su retiro.*

**Q: What is the refund policy?**

- Students withdrawing more than two days before the first class / lesson will receive a full tuition refund minus the registration fee.
- Students registering for classes that are six weeks or less in program duration are not eligible for a refund after start date.
- A pro-rated tuition refund will be given for students withdrawing from classes during the first three (3) weeks of the class.
- If the student is withdrawing in the fourth (4th) week, a tuition refund of 50% will be given.
- There will be no refunds after the fifth (5th) class session.
- Registration fees are not refundable.
- Please allow three to four weeks for processing of refunds.

*P: ¿Cuál es la póliza de reembolso?*

- *Los estudiantes que se retiran más de dos días antes de la primera clase / lección recibirán un reembolso completo de la colegiatura menos la cuota de inscripción.*

- *Estudiantes que se registraran en clases que duran 6 semanas o menos, no califican para un reembolso después que el programa comience.*
- *Un reembolso prorrateado de la colegiatura será dado para los estudiantes que se retiran de clases durante las primeras tres (3) semanas de clases.*
- *Si el estudiante se está retirando en la cuarta (4ta) semana, un reembolso de la colegiatura de el 50% será dado.*
- *No habrá reembolsos después de la quinta (5ta) sesión de clases.*
- *Las cuotas de inscripción no son reembolsables.*
- *Por favor dé un plazo de tres a cuatro semanas para el proceso de reembolsos.*

## **Cancellations**

While this is unusual, classes at Merit School of Music may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. If this occurs, the school will make every effort to reschedule the student for another class at a convenient time. If this is not possible, you will receive a full refund including both tuition and registration fees.

### **Anulación**

*Mientras que esto es inusual, las clases en la escuela de música Merit pueden ser canceladas debido a la inscripción escasa. Si esto ocurre, la escuela hará todo lo posible para cambiar el estudiante a otra clase a un horario conveniente.*

*Si esto no es posible, usted recibirá un reembolso completo incluyendo la colegiatura y la cuota de inscripción.*

## **Financial Aid**

Financial aid is awarded based on household income eligibility. Please submit the first page of your 2008 income tax return along with application and registration fee at the time of enrollment. Attendance, effort and previous account history are all taken into consideration when issuing financial aid awards. Truancy, account arrears and/or lack of effort may result in the forfeiture of financial aid.

### **Ayuda Financiera**

*Ayuda financiera se concede basada en elegibilidad de los ingresos domésticos. Someta por favor la primera página de su declaración de impuestos del 2008 junto con la solicitud y la cuota de inscripción a la hora de registro. La asistencia, esfuerzo y toda la historia anterior de cuentas se toman en consideración al otorgar concesiones de ayuda financiera. El ausentismo, los atrasos de cuenta y/o la carencia de esfuerzo pueden resultar en la pérdida de ayuda financiera.*

## Parental Agreement and Pledge

### *Acuerdo de los padres*

By enrolling your child at Merit, you are introducing him or her to the joy of music and the performing arts. At Merit, we encourage and expect parent involvement and hope that you will enjoy taking part in your child's music education. We ask that parents and/or guardians agree to the following:

*Inscribiendo a su hijo(a) en Merit, usted le está brindando la oportunidad de descubrir un mundo de arte en la música. En Merit apoyamos a los niños y esperamos que los padres participen y se envuelvan disfrutando de la educación musical con sus hijos. Pedimos a los padres o tutores que estén de acuerdo con lo siguiente:*

- I will encourage my child in his/her musical studies. I will ensure that my child successfully practices to the teacher's specifications, arrives on-time to class with all the necessary materials, and attends all scheduled classes. *Yo apoyaré a mi hijo(a) en los estudios de la música. Me aseguraré que haga las prácticas requeridas por su maestro, y de que llegue a tiempo a sus clases con los materiales necesarios y en los horarios establecidos por la escuela.*
- I understand that my registration fee is non-refundable. *Entiendo que el pago de inscripción no será reembolsable.*
- I agree to pay for all lessons/classes for which my child is scheduled. *Estoy de acuerdo de pagar por todas las lecciones y clases que se le den a mi hijo(a).*
- I give permission to Merit to use photographs, recordings, and videos of my child as well as information collected from written surveys. *Doy permiso a la escuela de Merit para que use fotografías, grabaciones y videos de mi hijo(a), como también la información obtenida de encuestas.*
- Merit reserves the right to discontinue a student's participation at any time. *Merit se reserva el derecho de suspender la participación del estudiante en cualquier momento que lo crea necesario.*
- Merit adheres to an Open Campus policy. It is your/your child's responsibility to attend all scheduled classes. *Merit observa la póliza de terreno abierto. Es la responsabilidad de su niño/niña atender sus clases.*



**Signature (required)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Firma (requirido)*

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Fecha*

# Financial Aid Application

## *Solicitud para ayuda financiera*

In keeping with our mission, over 95% of Merit School of Music students receive some form of financial aid to supplement the cost of their instruction. *Manteniendo nuestra misión, más del 95% de los estudiantes de la escuela de música Merit reciben alguna ayuda financiera para completar el costo de la educación.*

Would you like to be considered for financial aid?  Yes  No  
*¿Le gustaría ser considerado para recibir ayuda financiera? Sí No*

**Please attach your 2008 federal 1040 tax form or proof of unemployment if you wish to be considered for financial aid. *Si usted desea ayuda financiera favor de adjuntar la forma federal 1040 del año 2008 o prueba desempleo.***

**You may NOT receive financial aid until you have submitted your 2008 federal 1040 tax form or proof of unemployment. Please note that a W-2 form or a state income tax form WILL NOT be accepted in place of a federal 1040 form. *No podrá recibir ayuda financiera hasta que usted haya proporcionado su forma de impuesto 1040 o prueba de desempleo. Favor de entender que la forma W-2 no será aceptada como reemplazo de la forma 1040.***

Do you live in CHA or Section 8 Housing?  Yes  No  
*¿Vive usted en la CHA o sección 8? Sí No*

Any further explanation of why you require financial aid (illness, disability, extraordinary expenses, etc.)  
*Tiene cualquier otra explicación por la cual requiera ayuda financiera (enfermedad, incapacidad, gastos extras, etc.)*

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## Payment Information

### *Información requerida para hacer los pagos*

- Visa  MasterCard  American Express  
 Cash  Check / Money Order  
*Efectivo Cheque*

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

*Número de la tarjeta*

*Fecha de expiración*

Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_

*Nombre como aparece en la tarjeta*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Firma*

# Program Information

## Dynamic Starts

Program Level: **Beginner** – No experience necessary!

Ages: 5 – 13 years (see below)

**\*\*Parent attendance strongly recommended for all Dynamic Starts classes, required for Alegre Strings classes**

The first two years of musical study are often the most important for young musicians. Choosing an instrument and beginning to make music are exciting experiences. Let Merit's talented teachers guide your child through this journey of musical discovery!

Dynamic Starts includes instrumental instruction in small groups, where students begin to learn the fundamentals of music and instrumental technique. In the group setting, students learn with other young musicians playing the same instrument and share the joy of music with one another.

A strong and enjoyable start to musical study can ignite a life-long love of music. Dynamic Starts can help your children develop an enthusiasm for making music and striving to be their best.

Age requirements for Dynamic Starts vary by instrument:

- **Ages 5 and older:** Violin, Viola, Cello
- **Ages 6 and older:** Piano
- **Ages 7 and older:** Fife
- **Ages 9 and older:** Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Percussion, Guitar, and String Bass

### Schedule:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester – February 8, 2010 – May 31, 2010 (**15 weeks**)
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### Choose one section based on instrument, age, and level of experience:

- Don't know what to choose? Our Student Services Department can help! (312.786.9428, [studentservices@meritmusic.org](mailto:studentservices@meritmusic.org), 312.676.3687 o **312.786.9428 en Español**)
- **Level 1:** Beginner (e.g. Piano 1)
- **Level 2:** One semester of Dynamic Starts classes required (e.g. Violin 2). Successful completion of level 1 required or the equivalent of 6 months study on the instrument
- **Level 3:** One full year of study on instrument required. Experience can be in a Merit program, in a school program or with a private teacher (e.g. Oboe 3). Successful completion of level 2 required for entrance or the equivalent of one full year of successful study on instrument
- **Level 4:** Successful completion of level 3 required for entrance or the equivalent of 1 ½ years of successful study on instrument

### **Semester 2** **Woodwind, Brass and Percussion** – Group Lesson plus Band

- **2296** .....**Flute 1** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 11 – 12**)
- **2295** .....**Flute 2** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 7 – 8**)
- **2297** .....**Flute 2** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 9 – 10**)
- **2298** .....**Flute 4** – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 10 – 13**)
- **2299** .....**Oboe 1 / Bassoon 1** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 9 – 12**)
- **2291** .....**Oboe 4 / Bassoon 4** – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 10 – 13**)
- **2292** .....**Clarinet 1** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 9 – 12**)
- **2293** .....**Clarinet 2** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 9 – 12**)
- **2294** .....**Clarinet 4** – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 6:30p.m. (**Ages 10 – 13**)
- **3375** .....**Saxophone 1** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 9 – 12**)
- **2301** .....**Saxophone 2** – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (**Ages 9 – 12**)

- 2268 .....Horn 1 – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ages 9 – 12)
- 2274 .....Trumpet 1 – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ages 9 – 12)
- 2276 .....Trumpet 4 – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)
- 2270 .....Trombone 1 – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ages 9 – 12)
  
- 3376 .....Percussion 1 – Tuesday .....5:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (Ages 9 – 12)
- 2305 .....Percussion 2 – Tuesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ages 9 – 12)
- 2306 .....Percussion 4 – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)

### **Semester 2** Guitar

- 3373 .....Guitar 1 – Monday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 9 – 11)
- 2230 .....Guitar 2 – Monday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 9 – 10)
- 2231 .....Guitar 2 – Monday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 11 – 12)
- 2232 .....Guitar 2 – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 9 – 10)
- 2233 .....Guitar 4 – Tuesday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)
- 2234 .....Guitar 4 – Wednesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)

### **Semester 2** Piano

- 2174 .....Piano 1 – Monday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 6 – 8)
- 2190 .....Piano 1 – Tuesday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 3369 .....Piano 1 – Wednesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)
- 3370 .....Piano 1 – Thursday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2179 .....Piano 2 – Monday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 6 – 7)
- 2185 .....Piano 2 – Monday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 8 – 9)
- 2180 .....Piano 2 – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 6 – 7)
- 2186 .....Piano 2 – Tuesday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 8 – 9)
- 2177 .....Piano 2 – Tuesday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 10 – 12)
- 2182 .....Piano 2 – Wednesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 6 – 7)
- 2187 .....Piano 2 – Wednesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 8 – 9)
- 2196 .....Piano 2 – Thursday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 8 – 9)
- 2176 .....Piano 2 – Thursday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 10 – 12)
- 2183 .....Piano 2 – Friday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 6 – 7)
- 2191 .....Piano 3 – Tuesday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 8 – 10)
- 3371 .....Piano 3 – Tuesday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2194 .....Piano 4 – Tuesday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2197 .....Piano 4 – Tuesday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2189 .....Piano 4 – Thursday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2192 .....Piano 4 – Thursday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)
- 2193 .....Piano 4 – Friday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 10 – 13)

### **Semester 2** Strings

- 3372 .....Violin 1 – Wednesday.....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 6 – 8)
- 2220 .....Violin 1 – Wednesday.....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 8 – 10)
- 2222 .....Violin 1 – Thursday.....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 11 – 13)
- 2215 .....Violin 2 – Monday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 5 – 6)
- 2216 .....Violin 2 – Monday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 5 – 6)
- 2218 .....Violin 2 – Monday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2213 .....Violin 2 – Monday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 10 – 12)
- 2250 .....Violin 2 Alegre – Monday .....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 5 – 6)
- 2217 .....Violin 2 – Wednesday.....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 5 – 6)
- 2219 .....Violin 2 – Wednesday.....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 7 – 9)
- 2214 .....Violin 2 – Thursday.....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Ages 10 – 12)
- 2251 .....Violin 3 Alegre – Monday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (Ages 7 – 8)
- 2223 .....Violin 4 – Monday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Ages 6 – 7)

- ☐ 2224 .....Violin 4 – Wednesday.....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (**Ages 8 – 10**)
- ☐ 2221 .....Violin 4 – Wednesday.....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (**Ages 8 – 11**)
- ☐ 2253 .....Violin 4 Alegre – Thursday.....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 11**)
- ☐ 2254 .....Violin 4 Alegre – Thursday.....6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 11**)
  
- ☐ 2262 .....Viola 1 – Wednesday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 8**)
- ☐ 2261 .....Viola 2 – Wednesday .....5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (**Ages 7 – 8**)
- ☐ 2266 .....Viola 4 Alegre – Thursday.....6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 11**)
  
- ☐ 2188 .....Cello 1 – Thursday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 13**)
- ☐ 2175 .....Cello 2 – Monday.....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (**Ages 7 – 8**)
- ☐ 3382 .....Cello 2 – Monday.....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (**Ages 8 – 12**)
- ☐ 2242 .....Cello 2 Alegre – Monday.....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (**Ages 5 – 7**)
- ☐ 2244 .....Cello 4 Alegre – Thursday .....6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 11**)
- ☐ 2243 .....Cello 4 Alegre – Monday.....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (**Ages 8 – 11**)
  
- ☐ 2153 .....Bass 1 – Thursday.....4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (**Ages 6 – 13**)

## **Semester 2** Voice/Choir

- ☐ 2308 .....Children's Choir – Monday.....6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (**Ages 5 – 12**)

### **Tuition:**

- **Brass, Percussion, and Woodwind:** \$250 per 15-week semester + non-refundable \$20 registration fee
- **Guitar, Piano, String:** \$225 per 15-week semester + non-refundable \$20 registration fee
- **Voice/Choir:** \$150 per 15-week semester + non-refundable \$20 registration fee

Financial aid and instrument loans are available!

### **Band for Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Students** – included in your Dynamic Starts tuition!

Participation in a band can help build students' enthusiasm and provide the encouragement they need as they begin their study of music. Your child will make new friends while they make music with other musicians at their level.

### **Passport to Choir for only \$100!**

Join Merit Children's Choir in addition to learning another instrument and add just \$100 to your tuition! Learning to sing can be very beneficial to a student's musical development. Dynamic starts may add the Merit Children's Choir at a discounted rate. (Regular tuition applies for students enrolled only in Choir. Financial aid is available.)

### **Alegre Strings**

Through the Alegre Strings curriculum, students are instructed using the Suzuki method while incorporating Latin folk music. The cornerstone of the Suzuki method is that children can learn music in much the same way they learn to speak their native language—through listening, imitation, and repetition in a caring and supportive environment.

Parent attendance is required for the first three years of study through Alegre Strings, and new students must make a commitment of at least two years to the program. Students participate in Alegre Strings-wide events throughout the year, including the end-of-school-year Stringtacular concert.

With a 10-year history concentrated in Chicago's Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods, Alegre Strings is an important component of Merit's comprehensive and inclusive music programming and a trusted source of life-enriching experiences for young musicians. Alegre Strings is part of Merit's music continuum at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Interested? Be sure to register for an Alegre Strings section when you enroll!

### Things to remember about your Dynamic Starts enrollment....

- Ages 5 – 13
- Be sure to choose the correct level (see page 8) and indicate your choice of class, date, and time on the first page of the application
- Non-refundable \$20 registration fee is required for processing
- Financial Aid available – you **MUST** submit a copy of your 2008 1040 tax form if you wish to be considered for financial aid.

*Para una traducción completa de esta aplicación y consulta, por favor de contactar a Servicios Estudiantiles a 312.786.9428.*

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