



## Instructor Information and Guidelines (School year 2020-21)

We're delighted to have you on board as we serve God, students, each other, and the community here at Vivace Arts. Here are some guidelines and expectations we have established, along with detailed information about logistics and dates.

1. Be a great teacher! Be a role model musically, personally, and spiritually.
2. Be present at and actively participate in three "extra" events:
  - Vivace Arts Fall Fling: (date in October to be announced) - A fun, outdoor event to help connect students, teachers, and their families.
  - Retuning: Sunday, January 10, 2021, 3:00 p.m. - An informal meeting with all the teachers and the Vivace Arts Executive Committee to share joys, neat stories, challenges, etc., and to pray together for God's work during the second half of the season.
  - Finale: Sunday, May 16, 2021, 4:00 p.m. - A student recital and celebration of our year together.
3. Make sure your national background checks (both state and federal) are current and on file with us. You may need to request a copy of them from the school/employer where they initially were done.
4. Make sure that there always is someone else in the building when you're teaching. Angie will try to set up the initial schedule so that this happens naturally. But if you have to make up a lesson at an unusual time, ask a parent to hang around while you teach, or bring a friend or spouse with you who could do some reading, etc. We've established this policy for everyone's protection, including yours.
5. During the first week of each new calendar month, send Angie a short, one-page report with a list of the lessons taught, along with any neat stories or challenges you may be facing.
6. At the first lesson of each month, collect the lesson fee for that month. With a flat monthly rate it should be easy enough for parents to remember. Please encourage them strongly to get in that habit right away at the beginning of the year. There's room for grace for one week, but please communicate to the families that paying in the second week should always be an exception, not the rule, and the second week must always be the very latest the month's lessons are paid. This may seem kind of tough at first, but if we all work hard at it, particularly at the beginning of the year, everyone will get used to the system and understand that it will save us all a lot of hassle in the end.
7. Lessons normally cost \$75 per month, with exceptions for scholarships and family discounts. Your payment for the lessons is \$55 per student, regardless of whether he/she is receiving a scholarship or a family discount. Have students and/or their families make their checks out to Vivace Arts and give those to me (or leave in my mailbox at the church) along with your monthly instructor report. Once I get the report and the appropriate payment, we'll transfer \$55 per student directly to your bank account.
8. We've put together a list of Bible verses relating to music, singing, worship, the arts, excellence, perseverance, etc., and I will establish a "verse of the week" for each week of the coming school year. At the beginning of each lesson, we'd like you to read that verse of the week with each student, talk about it a little if that seems appropriate, then pray briefly and launch into the lesson. The hope is that Christian students will be encouraged to learn how deeply God cares about the arts, and that those who come from unchurched families would be exposed, maybe for the first time, to the Word of God. Teaching the lesson needs to be the main priority, so this verse and prayer at the beginning shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes total. But we have found it helps keep us all focused on why we're doing this.
9. Try to find at least two opportunities over the course of the year for each of your students to perform publicly, either solo or as part of an ensemble. Our "Finale" recital in May certainly should be one, and a mini recital at The Willows in Willard in January could be another. You also could encourage your students to play for church services or other events. If you have any other ideas, let us know!
10. Read through our detailed Statement of Faith (attached). Does this reflect your thinking?

11. Give us your personal contact information as noted below, and send us a picture we can use for the website, along with a ca. 150-word biography. Try to include some fun details in that, and please end with an "Ask me about . . . ." statement. (How I chose the euphonium, how I met my wife, why I moved to Ohio, what my favorite piece of music is, etc.)

12. Thanks for wading through all this! If you have any questions or helpful suggestions, please contact Angie!

### Instructor Personal Information

Name

Mailing Address

Telephone

Mobile

E-Mail

What's the best (fastest, most reliable) way to reach you? Landline? Mobile? Text? E-Mail? Facebook?

On what days and at what times could you be available to teach?

(For example: Mondays from 3-5 and Tuesdays from 3-7).

About how many hours each week would you be willing to invest in teaching for Vivace?

Please sign and date both of the following statements:

I have read the Vivace Arts Instructor Guidelines and agree to fulfill these expectations as best I can.

Name

Date

I have read the Vivace Arts detailed Statement of Faith and affirm that it reflects my thinking.

Name

Date



## Detailed Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.  
1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 4:4-6.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal, future return to earth to reign in power and glory.  
Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-4 and 1:29; Acts 1:11 and 2:22-24;  
Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 and 4:15.

We believe that all people everywhere are sinners in rebellion against a holy God and will face His righteous judgement. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that the salvation of lost and sinful people comes through repentance of sin, faith in Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.  
Luke 24:46-47; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11;  
Ephesians 1:7 and 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables  
the Christian to live a godly life.  
John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8 and 4:31; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14;  
Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto  
the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of eternal punishment.  
1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Revelation 20:11-15.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ  
and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church.  
1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23.

We believe that the ministry of evangelism and discipleship is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ.  
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; 1 Peter 3:15.

We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage,  
and that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complement each other.  
God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family  
and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that  
marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.  
Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9;  
Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9.

We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end, and that  
we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of others.  
Psalm 139:13; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 22:37-39;  
Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10.

We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord,  
and to His authority over our lives.  
Matthew 9:35-38; 22:37-39, and 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15 and 12:20-21;  
Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15.