

LITTLE ROOTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can my child start music lessons? At 317 Main, it is never too early to begin a musical journey. Our Little Roots Family classes include all ages from birth- age 6.

Is Little Roots Family just for babies? Definitely not! Our Little Roots Family Classes are for ALL ages. They're structured for families who want to sing and play together and for children who benefit from having their grown-up alongside them while they learn. It is a great class for siblings, grandparents, new parents and caregivers. We recommend EVERY new student starts with a Family Class experience.

My child completed one session of a Little Roots class. Now what? The first question to ask is did they have fun? If the answer is yes, sign them up again! Each session follows a consistent curriculum with enough of a switch-up to keep the kids interested and engaged. They can continue for as long as they like. Repetition is essential to learning music.

I can't stay in the building during my child's class. What should I do? All Little Roots parents are expected to remain within earshot of room 11. If you need to leave the building, please designate another parent to be responsible for your child should they need attention or a bathroom break. Please tell your child, the teaching artist and the front desk who the designated adult is before you go.

I have a shy 3/4/5 year old. Can I stay in the music room with them? For children who benefit from having a grown-up with them for music class, we suggest a Little Roots Family Class. For children who are ready to be in a group *without* their grown-up, we recommend **Ready, Set, Grow**. Please be aware of your child's comfort level and talk to us first about finding the right fit for them if you aren't sure.

Do you have private lessons for little kids? Yes. We have teaching artists available for private and semi-private lessons for kids as young as 3 years old. Sometimes a private lesson is appropriate for a child with exceptional needs, outstanding passion, social preference, or even because of lesson timing.

Can my child bring a friend/ family member to a class? Each session we offer "bring-a-friend" week for this opportunity.

What if I am “not musical” as a parent? We hear this statement often from parents and we believe that everyone is naturally musical. Our Little Roots Family classes are for all ages and abilities. Our class is designed to make you and your child feel comfortable learning together. Your child benefits from the class as you participate with them singing and playing along. Your child will see how you value this musical time together.

For general questions about 317 Main, please call the front desk at 207 846-9559. If you have questions or concerns about Little Roots, please email our Little Roots Coordinator, Kristine Pennell at kristine@317main.org

We look forward to making music with your family!