

Why Mark Murphy's Music?

Our teachers are our employees, not independent contractors using our space.

This means we can guarantee our quality of instruction is consistent from teacher to teacher. It means we are able to offer our teachers hands-on supervision and support. And it allows us to continually evaluate and develop our methods toward the best instructional environment possible.

Our studio is owner-operated.

Mark has a Bachelor of Music from The University of Miami and an MBA from Lehigh University. He is at the heart of everything at the studio, and plays a very active role in every program we offer. Mark is committed to operating a studio where parents and students have direct access to the owner.

Our teachers are university-educated musicians.

Our faculty comes from some of the top music schools in the country. All of our teachers are performing artists in the New York City area, and are also passionate about music education. Each has the skill to foster a solid musical foundation in their students. We are extremely proud of our faculty.

We balance creativity with the fundamentals.

We focus on the basics of music (reading, theory and repertoire). This is essential and our primary focus. We also allow each student to play the styles of music they're most passionate about. We expose students to new artists and genres, and strongly encourage composition and creativity as a part of the learning process. We aim to keep students excited about their lessons, while giving them the essential tools to become well-rounded musicians.

Our recitals are a student's first gig.

We host our year-end recitals in a local music venue, with a real stage and a real audience! Families are invited to relax in a casual setting and enjoy food and drinks, while students perform pieces alongside their teacher. It's an exciting experience for students. And because we schedule our recitals into brief recital groupings, parents have a great time, too.

Our Band Program is fun, competitive and challenging.

For students who are ready to expand the skills they've learned in their private lessons, our band program can be an exciting next step. We match students of similar ages and abilities, and together they learn to perform music from a wide variety of styles in a cooperative environment. Past programs have included music by the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, John Mayer, Michael Jackson, Herbie Hancock, Medeski Martin & Wood, Radiohead, Dave Matthews Band and more. Our band program runs during both school semesters and as two intensive summer band camps.

Our Jazz Improvisation Class takes students a step beyond.

For advanced beginners, intermediate and advanced students, our improv syllabus includes listening/transcription, soloing over the various blues forms & standards, improvisational techniques and fundamental jazz theory concepts. Our small class size is an ideal forum for students to experiment with improvising as part of a group. Acceptance into the class is by teacher recommendation only.

Our Guest Artist Series is unmatched.

Each semester we welcome world-renowned musicians to our studio to share an evening of music and Q&A with our students and parents. It's an exclusive opportunity for our students to be exposed to artistry of the highest caliber, and to speak directly to performing artists in a one-on-one setting. Our past guests have included guitarist Gilad Hekselman, bassist Ben Allison, saxophonist Jerome Sabbagh, guitarist Jonathan Kreisberg, pianist Danny Grissett and many other amazing artists.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call and/or e-mail us.

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