



Flint School of
Performing Arts

2026 - 2027 Catalog

TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

10% discount and annual registration fee
waived for Genesee County Residents

Welcome



Flint School of
Performing Arts

Did you know that the Flint School of Performing Arts is the largest community school of the arts in Michigan? Whether you are currently enrolled in an FSPA program or are considering taking up a new adventure in music, dance, theatre or music therapy, please know that the FSPA is dedicated to providing the highest level of instruction in a safe and welcoming environment.

It's Easy to Register See Page 34

Tuition Assistance AvailableSee Page 37

More Information

810.238.1350 x 3 • fspace@thefim.org • thefim.org/fspace

Follow the FSPA's creative adventures on social media!
You can find us on Facebook and Instagram.
Share your FSPA experiences using #FSPA.

Music • Dance • Theatre • Music Therapy



All ages and skill levels are welcome.

For most programs, no application or audition is required.

Need-based tuition assistance and merit scholarships are available.

Programs are available for anyone looking to enjoy the challenge and fun of making music, dancing or acting. A comprehensive program is offered for students looking to pursue a career in music. See page 38 for additional information on FSPA's Honors Program - Music. Music Therapy services are available to assist with health-related needs: cognitive, physical, social or emotional. See page 19 for additional information on Music Therapy programs.

The Flint School of Performing Arts Fund for Student Needs has been established to provide additional support beyond tuition assistance to ensure students' continued success in their studies and performances.

Contact us at fspa@thefim.org or 810.238.1350 x 3 to learn more.



Music Lesson Schedule (9-week terms)

Lessons are offered in 9-week terms. Music lessons may be started at any time during the calendar year. Tuition will be prorated based on the number of registered lessons in a term. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term.

NEW MUSIC LESSON STUDENTS: If you are interested in starting music lessons, please contact the FSPA Office at 810-238-1350 x 3 to complete a lesson request form. Your information will be sent to an instructor when openings become available, at which time they will contact you to set up lessons.

REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE ONCE PER SCHOOL YEAR:

\$20/student; maximum of \$40/family. Annual registration fee waived and 10% discount for Genesee County residents.

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TERM 2: November 9, 2026 - January 30, 2027

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January 2, 2027

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January 18, 2027 CLOSED

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TERM 5: June 14 - September 3, 2027

Juneteenth: June 18, 2027 CLOSED

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9-week term	Tuition
30-minute lessons	\$261.00
45-minute lessons	\$391.50
60-minute lessons	\$522.00

MUSIC LESSONS • Ages 5 - Adult (ages vary by lesson type)

Private instruction offers the fastest path to musical growth. Weekly lessons throughout the year help students build skills, confidence and a deep enjoyment of music. Lessons are available for a variety of instruments and voice types. Contact the FSPA Office to register.

Music lessons are available for:

Accompaniment	French Horn	Piano
Accordion	Guitar	Saxophone
Banjo	Harp	Songwriting
Baritone	Harpsichord	Trumpet
Bass	Jazz Improv	Trombone
Bassoon	Music Composition	Tuba
Cello	Music Theory	Ukulele
Clarinet	Oboe	Viola
Euphonium	Organ	Violin
Flute	Percussion	Voice

For information about the FSPA's highly-trained professional faculty, visit:
<https://thefim.org/fspa/faculty-staff>

For information about the FSPA Honors Program, please see page 38.



Music and Dance Makers Class Schedule

(9-week terms)

Classes meet for 9-week terms. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term. Classes accept new students at the beginning of each new term.

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for camps, intensives & classes available**

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MUSIC MAKERS - Ages Birth - 3 with Adult Caregiver

A joyful introduction to music for you and child! Based on the Gordon Music Learning Theory, this class explores melody, rhythm and sound through singing, chanting and movement. Each week offers a fun, engaging musical experience for both caregiver and child.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION*
Music Makers	Birth-18 mos	Jordan	T	4:30-5:15pm	\$120
Music Makers	18-36 mos	Jordan	Th	4:30-5:15pm	\$120

*Family rate for up to three children is \$153.

DANCE MAKERS - Ages 2 - 3 with Adult Caregiver

Designed for young children and adults to move together, this class incorporates music, props, and partnered movement while developing body and spatial awareness, coordination and creativity in a safe and friendly environment. Participants are barefoot for sessions.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION*
Dance Makers	2-3 yrs	Finizio	S	10:00-10:45am	\$120
Dance Makers	2-3 yrs	Finizio	S	1:45-2:30pm	\$120
Dance Makers	2-3 yrs	Ward	Th	4:15-5:00pm	\$120

*Family rate for up to three children is \$153.

For information about Discover Dance for Young 4s- see page 21.



Music Class Schedule (16-week semesters)

Classes meet for 16-week semesters. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new semester. Semester 2 registration is limited to students enrolled in Semester 1, unless noted.

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SEMESTER 1

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CLOSED

SEMESTER 2

February 1, 2027 - May 29, 2027

Spring Recess: March 29 - April 3, 2027

YOUNG MUSICIANS • Ages 3 - 7

This class offers an engaging introduction to music fundamentals. Students explore instruments from flute to cello, while developing musicality through singing, movement, and imaginative activities. Perfect for children showing early interest in music.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION*
Young Musicians	3-4 yrs	Jordan	M	5:30-6:15pm	\$168
Young Musicians	5-7 yrs	Jordan	M	6:30-7:15pm	\$168

LITTLE MOZARTS • Ages 3 - 5

Beginner piano students discover music through the popular Little Mozarts series. Using colorful characters and creative storytelling, students learn foundational keyboard skills in a small class setting designed for young learners.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION / FEES*
Intro to Little Mozarts born before 9/1/23	3 yrs	Jordan	Th	5:30-6:00pm	\$197 / \$50*
Little Mozarts 1 born before 9/1/22	4-5 yrs	Jordan	M	4:30-5:00pm	\$197 / \$50*
Little Mozarts 1 born before 9/1/22	4-5 yrs	Jordan	Tu	4:30-5:00pm	\$197 / \$50*
Little Mozarts 2 born before 9/1/22; students must have completed a full year of Little Mozarts 1 to register in this class	4-5 yrs	Jordan	Th	6:15-6:45pm	\$197 / \$50*

*Materials fee is paid once per school year.

Little Mozarts for new students may be offered in the Semester 2. Call the FSPA Office for more information.

BEGINNING PIANO • Ages 6 - 12

In a supportive group setting, students are introduced to keyboard layout, rhythms, and the grand staff while making music together. Each semester concludes with a recital to share what they've learned with family and friends.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION / FEES*
Beginning Piano	6-10 yrs	Dobbs	W	4:45-5:30pm	\$168 / \$45*
Beginning Piano	9-12 yrs	Dobbs	S	9:00-9:45am	\$168 / \$45*
Beginning Piano	6-8 yrs	Dobbs	S	9:45-10:30am	\$168 / \$45*

*Materials fee is paid once per school year.

Beginning Piano for new students may be offered in the Semester 2. Call the FSPA Office for more information.

VOICE • Ages 4-11 (new students may register in Semester 2)

Each semester concludes with a performance for family and friends.

Young Singers (ages 4-6) Perfect for pre-readers and early readers, this class teaches students how to memorize and perform fun songs with a focus on musical theatre.

Voice Class (ages 6-11) In this energetic class, students learn healthy vocal techniques and build confidence while preparing exciting group songs.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Young Singers	4-6 yrs	TBD	M	4:30-5:15pm	\$168
Voice Class	6-11 yrs	TBD	M	5:30-6:30pm	\$224



Music Class Schedule

(16-week semesters)

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SEMESTER 1

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 - JANUARY 30, 2027

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SEMESTER 2

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Spring Recess: March 29 - April 3, 2027

SUPER STRINGS • Ages 4-12

Special discounted rate is made possible by community funders

Students participate in String Fling activities and performances, including the annual Showcase Concert at Whiting Auditorium. These classes are designed as a year-long program. Semester 2 registration is limited to students enrolled in Semester 1 classes.

Introduction to Strings (ages 4-6) and Beginning Strings (ages 7-12) This fun, foundational program introduces violin, viola, cello and bass through proper posture, bow techniques, and note reading.

Orchestra Prep (ages 6-12 with 1 full year of string experience) Intermediate students build ensemble skills as they prepare for orchestra auditions.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION / FEES*
Introduction to Strings	4-6 yrs	Knecht	W	5:30-6:15pm	\$52/\$50
Introduction to Strings	4-6 yrs	Anderson	S	11:15am-12:00pm	\$52/\$50
Beginning Strings	7-12 yrs	Anderson	Tu & Th	4:30-5:15pm	\$104/\$50
Beginning Strings	7-12 yrs	Anderson	S	9:30-11:00am	\$104/\$50
Orchestra Prep	6-12 yrs	Anderson	Tu	5:30-7:00pm	\$104/50

*Instrument Rental fee is paid once per school year at the time of registration. If the student uses their own instrument, the fee will be waived.

PERCUSSION • Ages 4-12

Each semester concludes with a performance for family and friends. These classes are designed as a year-long program. Semester 2 registration is limited to students enrolled in Semester 1. classes.

Beat Builders (ages 4-6) Young students are introduced to the exciting world of percussion through music, games, and hands-on instrument exploration. Students will discover a variety of percussion instruments while developing a steady beat, listening skills, coordination, and musical creativity.

Percussion Fundamentals (ages 7-10) This class provides a strong foundation for students beginning their percussion journey. Students will learn how to read music notation, count rhythms, and develop proper playing techniques on a variety of pitched and unpitched percussion instruments. Semester 1 is an introduction to the basics of reading music, playing technique and stick control. Semester 2 expands on prior skills and introduces pitched percussion.

Percussion Prep (ages 9-12 with music reading skills and 1 year percussion experience) Intermediate students who are ready to move beyond individual playing will develop the skills needed for successful participation in bands, orchestras, and percussion ensembles. Students will strengthen their rhythm reading, technique, listening skills, and musical independence while learning to perform as part of a group.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION / FEES*
Beat Builders	4-6 yrs	Ingman	S	9:00-9:45am	\$168 / \$50*
Percussion Fundamentals	7-12 yrs	Ingman	S	10:00-11:00am	\$224 / \$50*
Percussion Prep	9-12 yrs	Ingman	S	11:00am-12:00pm	\$224 / \$50*

*Materials fee is paid once per school year at the time of registration. If the student uses their own equipment, the fee will be waived.



Music Ensemble Schedule

Ensembles meet weekly beginning in September. Specific dates may change and more detailed schedule information will be shared by ensemble conductor. Contact the FSPA Office regarding available openings. School-aged musicians are placed by ability. All ensembles listed on this page perform at the Showcase Concert on Sunday, April 25, 2027 at 3pm at the FIM Whiting Auditorium. Auditions are required (see pg. 37 for additional information). Ensemble members are required to participate in their school's band or orchestra program if available.

FLINT YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA • September 24 - April 25

Intermediate string players grow their ensemble skills in this guided orchestra experience. Students rehearse and perform a variety of fun and engaging pieces with a conductor, building confidence and musicality throughout the season.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	ROOM	TUITION
Anderson	Th	5:30-7:15pm	100	\$195

FLINT YOUTH PHILHARMONIA • September 24 - April 25

Advancing string, wind, brass, percussion, piano and harp players – here's your opportunity to take your playing to the next level. Students develop ensemble techniques and explore full orchestral arrangements appropriate for middle and high school levels.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	ROOM	TUITION
Richards	Th	6:30-8:30pm	MacArthur	\$195
Fall String Sectionals 9/29 - 11/17/26	Tu	4:30-6:00pm	100	
Winter String Sectionals 1/5/27 - 2/23/27	Tu	4:30-6:00pm	100	

Attendance for string sectionals is highly encouraged, but not required

FLINT YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE • September 21 - April 25

Advanced wind, brass, and percussion players come together in this dynamic ensemble to rehearse and perform a variety of concert band selections—from classic to contemporary. A great opportunity for serious young musicians.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	ROOM	TUITION
Hall	M	6:30-8:30pm	100	\$195



FLINT YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA • September 22 - May 4

Advanced string, wind, brass, percussion, piano and harp players rehearse and perform exciting symphonic repertoire and participate in international tours & exchanges with other youth orchestras. Plans for 2026-2027 include a side-by-side concert with the Flint Symphony Orchestra and an International Youth Orchestra Concert with French sister orchestra Curva Via at Whiting.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	ROOM	TUITION
Hall	Tu	6:15-9:00pm	100	\$195
Fall String Sectionals 9/24/26 - 11/12/26	Th	4:30-6:00pm	MacArthur	
Winter String Sectionals 1/7/27 - 3/4/27	Th	4:30-6:00pm	MacArthur	

Attendance at string sectionals is highly encouraged, but not required.

FLINT YOUTH CHORUS ENSEMBLES • September 21 - April 25

Join a vibrant group of young singers who rehearse and perform several concerts throughout the year including the FSO Holiday Pops at Whiting Auditorium.

GRADES	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	ROOM	TUITION
3-5	Hillman	M	5:30-6:45pm	162	\$195
6-8	Hillman	M	7:00-8:30pm	162	\$195
9-12	Hillman	Tu	6:30-8:30pm	162	\$195

HONORS CHAMBER ENSEMBLES • September 21 - May 22

(Rehearsal schedules may vary by group)

Chamber music offers a fun, focused way to grow as a musician. Small ensembles rehearse and perform great music together, with each group receiving individualized coaching. Audition required—see page 37 for details.

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
Dort Honors String Quartet	Tseng	M	4:30pm
FSPA Honors String Quartet	Tseng	M	6:30pm
Hentgen Honors String Quartet	Tseng	M	TBD
Hentgen Honors Wind Quintet	Hayes	M	5:00pm
Shand Honors Flute Quartet	Guarnuccio	M	5:00pm
EXCLAMATION! Percussion Ensemble	McCormack	Tu	4:15 - 6:15pm

Tuition- based string, flute, woodwind, brass and percussion chamber ensembles can be formed. Please call 810.238.1350 x 3 for more information.



Music Programs for Adults

FSPA FLUTE ENSEMBLE • September 23 - May 26

Open to flutists ages 14 through adult, this welcoming ensemble brings together high school, college and amateur players. Weekly rehearsals build community and musicianship while preparing challenging and inspiring repertoire for performance.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
TBD	TBD	TBD	\$115

ADULT PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE • February 3 - May 26

Adult Percussion Ensemble is designed for experienced adult percussionists seeking to refine their skills and perform at a high level. With the guidance of FSPA percussion faculty, participants explore advanced repertoire spanning orchestral, world and contemporary percussion styles. Emphasis is placed on ensemble collaboration, technical mastery, musical interpretation and performance practice across a wide range of instruments, including marimba, vibraphone, timpani, drum set and hand percussion.

Percussion ensemble experience in a professional or post-High School setting is required.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
McCormack	Th	6:30-8:30pm	\$102

OPERA WORKSHOP CLASS • February 6 - May 29

Some voice experience necessary

Students ages 16 to adult explore scenes, arias, songs and duets from beloved operas, operettas and musical theatre works. Movement practices, stagecraft, vocal production, and acting are all covered in this fun and comprehensive class.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Radakovich	S	1:30-3:00pm	\$225

GROUP PIANO FOR ADULTS • 9-week sessions

Have you always wanted to learn piano? Join expert faculty and fellow adults in a welcoming group setting. No experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm to learn and make music together. Ages 16 and up.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION / FEES
Dobbs	Tu	6:30-8:00pm	\$251 / \$30*

SEMESTER 1

9 weeks: September 22 - November 3, 2026

SEMESTER 2

9 weeks: February 2 - April 6, 2027

FLINT NEW HORIZONS BAND • September 23 - May 26

This relaxed, welcoming band is perfect for adults who are new to instruments or returning after a break. Beginning to intermediate winds, brass, and percussion players build skills and enjoy making music together. The group performs several concerts each year. Basic instrumental and music reading skills are required.

See pages 23 & 29 for Dance & Theatre classes for adults.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Stimson/Schuster	W	6:30-8:30pm	\$75/yr



Music Therapy

Music Therapy Services

Music therapy addresses health-related needs through music. Using the science of how music affects the brain, music therapists can address a wide variety of cognitive, physical, social or emotional needs. Music therapists implement clinical and evidence-based interventions to focus on non-musical goals. They frequently work with people who have: Autism, Down Syndrome, Parkinson's Disease, Dementia, Stroke, Traumatic Brain Injury, Cerebral Palsy, and more. Sessions may include: improvisation, songwriting, group instrument play, music and movement, and structured music listening.

Music Therapy sessions are offered in 9-week terms. Sessions may be started at any time during the calendar year. Tuition will be prorated based on the number of registered lessons in a term. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term. Each individual session takes place at the Flint School of Performing Arts.

NEW MUSIC THERAPY STUDENTS: If you are interested in starting individual music therapy sessions, please contact Janelle Ballard, FSPA Music Therapy Department Chair at 810.238.1350 x 3254.

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INDIVIDUAL MUSIC THERAPY SESSIONS • (9-week terms)

9-week terms	Tuition
30-minute sessions	\$297.00
45-minute sessions	\$445.50
60-minute sessions	\$594.00



Discover Dance & Pre-Ballet Schedule

(See pages 22 - 25 for ballet, modern, and additional dance classes.)

Classes meet for 9-week terms. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term. Classes accept new students at the beginning of each new term.

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DISCOVER DANCE & PRE-BALLET • Ages 4 - 7

Discover Dance introduces fundamental skills through creative improvisation, play and guided discovery. Discover Dance students participate in a lecture demonstration at the end of the school year.

Pre-Ballet focuses on the principles of movement. Self-expression is encouraged while strength, flexibility and command of the body are developed. Pre-Ballet students participate in a lecture demonstration at the end of the year

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Discover Dance Young 4s must turn 4 between 9/1/26 - 4/6/27	4 yrs	Finizio	S	1:00-1:30pm	\$56
Discover Dance 1 must be born before 9/1/22	4-5 yrs 4-5 yrs	Ward Finizio	Th S	5:00-5:30pm 11:30am-12:00pm	\$56 \$56
Discover Dance 2 must be born before 9/1/21	5-6 yrs 5-6 yrs	Ward Finizio	Th S	5:30-6:15pm 10:45-11:30am	\$84 \$84
Pre-Ballet must be born before 9/1/20	6-7 yrs 6-7 yrs	Ward Ward	M S	5:00-6:00pm 9:00- 10:00am	\$112 \$112

For information about Dance Makers (ages 2-3) see page 7.



Children's Dance & Adult Dance (9-week terms)

Classes meet for 9-week terms. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term. Classes accept new students at the beginning of each new term with approval of the Dance Department Chair.

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1 class per week \$129 2 classes per week ... \$232 3 classes per week ... \$340

Class level placement is at the discretion of FSPA Faculty. Classes may occasionally be combined in a level-appropriate manner due to Dance Department performance schedules or in case of a last minute subbing necessity.

Please note that the dance class schedule is subject to change. See the online catalog at thefim.org/fspa for the most up-to-date schedule.

CHILDREN'S BALLET 1, 2, 3 & MODERN 1 & 2

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
Children's Ballet 1	Ward	M	6:00-7:00pm
Student must be 7 before 9/1/19 (register for one)	Ward	S	10:00-11:00am
Children's Ballet 2	Givens	W	6:00-7:00pm
(attend both)	Givens	S	11:00am-12:00pm
Children's Ballet 3	Givens	Th	4:45-6:00pm
(attend both)	Givens	S	12:00-1:15pm
Children's Modern 1	Finizio	S	12:00-1:00pm
Student must be 7 before 9/1/19			
Children's Modern 2	Finizio	S	9:00-10:00am
(pre-requisite: Children's Modern 1 or permission from instructor)			

ADULT BALLET & MODERN • for students 14yrs and above

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
Adult Ballet 1 (beginner)	Ward	M	7:00-8:30pm
Adult Ballet 2 (some experience)	Givens	W	7:00-8:30pm
Adult Ballet 3 (intermediate)	Hoskins	Tu	6:00-7:30pm

Dance Class Schedule (9-week terms)

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*Children's Ballet 4 classes and above that are scheduled between December 7 - 18, 2026 may include guest instructors in cross-training disciplines like yoga, Pilates and seminars in nutrition, physical therapy, dance history or related subjects.

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1 class per week\$129

2 classes per week ...\$232

3 classes per week ...\$340

4 classes per week ...\$423

5 classes per week ...\$474

Students develop strength, line, expression and technique needed for classical ballet and modern dance. Elements are built over a period of years, beginning with simple movements once a week, progressing to more classes per week as the dancer matures. Placement class required above Children's Ballet 1.



BALLET, POINTE & MODERN • for students 10yrs and above

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
Children's Ballet 4 (attend both classes)	Gragg	Tu	4:30-6:00pm
	Gragg	S	9:00-10:30am
Intermediate Ballet 1 (attend both classes)	Gragg	Th	4:30-6:00pm
	Gragg	S	10:30am-12:00pm
Intermediate Ballet 2 (attend both classes)	Gragg	M	6:00-7:30pm
	Givens	W	4:30-6:00pm
Intermediate Ballet 3 (attend both classes)	Givens	W	4:30-6:00pm
	Jelínkóva	S	12:00-1:30pm
Advanced Ballet 1 (attend all classes)	Gragg	M	4:30-6:00pm
	Gragg	W	4:30-6:15pm
	Jelínkóva	S	9:00-10:30am
Advanced Ballet 2 (attend all classes)	Philippi	Tu	4:30-6:30pm
	Gragg	W	4:30-6:15pm
	Jelínkóva	S	10:30am-12:00pm
Pointe 1	Gragg	Tu	6:00-7:30pm
Pointe 2	Gragg	Th	6:00-7:30pm
Pointe 3 & 4	Philippi	Th	7:30-9:00pm
Advanced Pointe	Philippi	Th	6:00-7:30pm
Modern 1	Cosgrove	Th	4:30-6:00pm
Modern 2	Givens	M	4:30-6:00pm
Modern 3 & 4	Givens	M	7:30-9:00pm
Advanced Modern	Givens	M	6:00-7:30pm
Pilates & Conditioning (Open to Intermediate 2 & up and Adult dance students. Must bring your own mat.)	Spears	Tu	6:30-7:30pm
Children's Intro to Hip Hop (ages 7-12)	Spears	Tu	5:30-6:30pm
Teen Hip Hop (ages 13-18)	Spears	Tu	4:30-5:30pm

FYB Track-For students who wish to participate in Nutcracker, the full Flint Youth Ballet repertoire and be eligible for FYB merit scholarships. Students in Intermediate 2 and above must register for the full curriculum (ballet, pointe, and modern classes) at their level.

Flex Track-For advanced students who wish to continue to take upper-level classes, but with a lighter schedule with approval from the Dance Department Chair.

Flex 2-Students can register for classes 2 nights of the week (2 ballet OR ballet + modern). Students would not be eligible to audition for Nutcracker, FYB, or merit scholarships.

Flex 3-Students can register for classes 3 nights of the week (2 ballet + modern OR 2 ballet + pointe). Students would be eligible to audition for FYB with limited casting. Students are not eligible to audition for Nutcracker or merit scholarships.

Call the FSPA Office for more information.



Dance Ensemble Schedules & Dance Policies

Rehearsals begin week of January 4, 2027. Students are placed in an ensemble by dance class level.

Tuition and a \$25 costume deposit (for FCBE, FYDE, and FADE) are due at the time of registration. Students must register for ensembles before attending rehearsals. The remainder of costume costs will be billed after costumes have been ordered and must be paid before students may participate in a performance.

Dance ensembles require regular attendance at both classes & rehearsals. Ensemble directors will provide handouts with detailed information on attendance requirements.

Flint Children's Ballet Ensemble, Flint Youth Dance Ensemble, and Flint Youth Ballet perform in the FSPA Showcase Concert (April 25, 2027) at The Whiting and Festival of Dance (May 7-8, 2027) at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Flint Adult Dance Ensemble performs in Festival of Dance (May 7-8, 2027) at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Optional additional performance opportunities may arise for all ensembles.

FLINT CHILDREN'S BALLET ENSEMBLE

Flint Children's Ballet Ensemble (FCBE) students must be enrolled in the Children's Ballet 1-3 or Children's Modern 1-2 levels.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Givens	S	1:30-3:30pm	\$205

FLINT YOUTH DANCE ENSEMBLE

Flint Youth Dance Ensemble (FYDE) students must be enrolled in the Children's Ballet 4 – Intermediate 1 levels of Ballet and Modern 1-2.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Givens	Th	6:15-8:00pm	\$205

FLINT YOUTH BALLET

Flint Youth Ballet (FYB) students must be enrolled in the full curriculum of Ballet, Modern & Pointe classes in levels Intermediate 2 and up. Dancers should be available at these times but will likely not be called for all days/times each week. Dancers may occasionally be asked to attend a rehearsal that conflicts with their class time, in which case they will be offered a make-up class. Technique classes may sometimes be combined to accommodate guest choreographers, master classes or rehearsals.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Gragg	M	7:45-9:00pm	\$225
	W	6:30-9:00pm	
	S	12:30-5:00pm	

FLINT ADULT DANCE ENSEMBLE

Flint Adult Dance Ensemble (FADE) students must be enrolled in at least one FSPA Adult dance class.

INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Hoskins	Tu	7:30-8:30pm	\$147

DANCE POLICIES

- Placement class is required for all new students above Children's Ballet 1.
- No new students accepted to Children's Ballet 1 and up in Term 4.
- Registration is closed for the term after the 2nd class is held.

ATTIRE FOR DISCOVER DANCE, BALLET AND MODERN DANCE CLASSES

OPTION 1

Discover Dance and Pre-Ballet
White leotard, white footless tights.

Children's Ballet 1, 2 and 3
Light blue leotard, white tights, white ballet shoes.

Children's Ballet 4, Intermediate Ballet 1
Black leotard, tights matching the dancer's skin tone, ballet & pointe shoes matching the tights. Barefoot for Modern Dance.

Intermediate Ballet 1, 2, & 3
Burgundy leotard, tights matching the dancer's skin tone, ballet & pointe shoes matching the tights. Barefoot for Modern Dance.

Advanced Ballet 1 and 2
Royal blue leotard, tights matching the dancer's skin tone, ballet & pointe shoes matching the tights. Barefoot for Modern Dance.

OPTION 2

Discover Dance and Pre-Ballet
White t-shirt, black sweat pants, bare feet.
Children's Ballet 1 & Up
White t-shirt, black tights and dance belt, or black jazz pants & dance belt, black ballet shoes.

ADULT DANCERS

Leotard and tights, t-shirt and tights, or form-fitting workout gear with ballet slippers. Skirts may be worn in class.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

- Hair must be neatly fastened off neck and away from the face.
- No baggy clothing permitted. Wrap sweaters in class color are allowed.
- Leg warmers in color of tights may be worn
- Skirts may be worn in rehearsals.
- Upon entering and leaving the building, please wear some form of overdress such as jeans, skirt or sweatpants.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Students aged 7 years and older are grouped by levels of progress in dance rather than grade level in school and will advance based on their progress. Students with previous training will take a placement class. Call the FSPA Office for more information.

Level placement is solely at the discretion of FSPA faculty. When appropriate for their individual development, a student may be advised to repeat or advance a level within the curriculum. Parents may request a meeting with faculty at any time to discuss their student's progress.

LOCKER POLICY

See Student Services on page 35.

For information about the FSPA's highly-trained professional faculty, visit: thefim.org/fspa/faculty-staff

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

PARENT MEETING
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026
12:00 - 1:00pm

DANCER REGISTRATION
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026
1:00 - 2:30pm

DANCER REGISTRATION
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026
6:30 - 8:00pm

AUDITIONS
October 2 - 4, 2026

FLINT YOUTH BALLET AUDITIONS

Monday, Dec. 14, 2026
4:30 - 8:30pm

Theatre Class Schedule (9-week terms)

Classes meet for 9-week terms. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term. Classes accept new students at the beginning of each new term.

REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE ONCE PER SCHOOL YEAR:
\$20/student; maximum of \$40/family. Annual registration fee waived
and 10% discount for Genesee County residents.

TERM 1: September 8 - November 7, 2026

TERM 2: November 9, 2026 - January 30, 2027

Thanksgiving Recess: November 23 - 28, 2026

Winter Recess: December 21, 2026 -
January 2, 2027

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:
January 18, 2027 CLOSED

TERM 3: February 1 - April 10, 2027

Spring Recess: March 29 - April 3, 2027

TERM 4: APRIL 12 - JUNE 12, 2027

Memorial Day: May 31, 2027 CLOSED

**TERM 5: See FSPA Summer 2027 Catalog for
camps, intensives and classes available**

Juneteenth: June 18, 2027 CLOSED

Independence Day: July 5, 2027 CLOSED

ACTventurers • Ages 4 - 6

Get ready for imaginative adventures as students explore characters, stories and environments from popular children's tales. This playful class builds cooperation, listening and spatial skills through acting and creative play, with new stories each term.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
ACTventurers	4-6 yrs	Richardson	Th	5:00-6:00pm	\$80

TALE SWITCHERS • Ages 6 - 8

Put a creative twist on familiar tales by exploring theatrical elements that bring stories to life. Students transform stories from around the world into original plays, with each term focusing on a new tale to reinvent.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Tale Switchers	6-8	Morris-Cicalo	S	10:30-11:30am	\$80

STORY TO STAGE • Ages 8 - 10

Bring favorite stories to life by exploring characters, settings, and themes through physical and vocal activities. Students creatively transform literary plays for performance in front of a live audience.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Story to Stage	8-10	Jennings	S	10:00-11:15am	\$100

ACTING FOR YOUNG PERFORMERS • Ages 10 - 12

Build essential acting skills including rehearsal techniques, memorization, blocking and ensemble work. Explore scene study to develop characters, objectives and relationships, while boosting spontaneity and creativity through improvisation, comedy and drama games.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Acting for Young Perf.	10-12	Morris-Cicalo	S	12:00-1:30pm	\$120



THE ACTOR PREPARES • Ages 12 - 14

These courses challenge young actors to explore character creation, collaboration and script analysis. Students develop skills in character objectives, relationships, and environment, while practicing improvisation and scene work to build confidence and creativity.

Term 1: The Actor's C.O.R.E. • Term 2: The Lone Actor (Monologues) • Term 3: Scene Work
Term 4: Shakespeare and beyond!

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
The Actor Prepares	12-14	Jennings	S	11:30am-1:00pm	\$120

THE THEATRE STUDIO • Ages 14 - 18

A progressive acting program designed to equip students with essential tools and techniques. Each term focuses on different aspects of performance, encouraging both skill development and personal expression. Ideal for emerging and experienced actors alike.

Term 1: Voice & Movement: Students will develop core physical & vocal techniques to enhance stage presence, articulation and expressive range. Emphasis is placed on breath control, body awareness and vocal clarity.

Term 2: Character Development & Acting Techniques: Students will explore the foundations of character creation through observation, imagination, objectives, tactics, and relationships. Through theatre exercises and scripted material, students will develop believable characters while strengthening creativity, confidence, and performance skills.

Term 3: Monologues & Scenes: Students sharpen their performance skills by working on both classic & contemporary monologues and scene work. Focus is placed on character development, emotional truth and partner dynamics.

Term 4: Theatre Styles & Performance: Students explore a variety of theatrical styles, including realism, melodrama, Shakespeare, musical theatre, and contemporary theatre. Through performance-based activities, students will examine how acting techniques adapt across genres while developing versatility, creativity, and confidence as performers.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
The Theatre Studio	14-18	Lahey	Th	4:30-6:30pm	\$160

THE ACTOR'S TOOLBOX • Ages 18+

This advanced, performance-focused class guides students in combining their training to prepare and perform a scripted work for a live audience. It's perfect for actors looking to deepen their craft and stage experience.

Term 1: Scene Study • Term 2: Monologue Work • Term 3: Ensemble Work
Term 4: Shakespeare Scenes and Monologues

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
The Actor's Toolbox	18+	Morris-Cicalo	M	6:00-8:00pm	\$160



Theatre Class Schedule (16-week semesters)

Classes meet for 16-week semesters. Tuition is due at the time of registration. Students must register for each new term. Classes accept new students at the beginning of each new term.

REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE ONCE PER SCHOOL YEAR:
\$20/student; maximum of \$40/family. Annual registration fee waived and 10% discount for Genesee County residents.

SEMESTER 1:
September 21, 2026 - January 30, 2027
Thanksgiving Recess: November 23 - 28, 2026
Winter Recess: December 21, 2026 -
January 2, 2027
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:
January 18, 2027, CLOSED

SEMESTER 2:
FEBRUARY 1, 2027 - MAY 29, 2027
Spring Recess: March 29 - April 3, 2027

PERFORMANCE SHORTS • Ages 9 - 12

Over 16 weeks, young actors work as an ensemble to bring a short play to life. The class introduces acting, movement, and design skills, culminating in a final performance that highlights teamwork and creativity.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Semester 1 September 23 - January 27	9-12	Morris-Cicalo	W	4:30-6:30pm	\$250
Semester 2 February 3 - May 26	9-12	Morris-Cicalo	W	4:30-6:30pm	\$250

IMPROVISATION & PERFORMANCE • Ages 14 - 18

Short Form Improvisation:
This high-energy class focuses on short-form improvisation, helping students think quickly, collaborate, and tell stories through games and exercises. Alongside improv, students develop core performance skills like active listening and bold choice making.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Semester 1 September 22 - January 26	14-18	Richardson	Tu	4:30-6:30pm	\$250

10 Minute Playwriting:
In this 16-week class, students craft original short plays through writing exercises, script analysis, and peer workshops. The class ends with a staged reading where participants hear their work performed and receive feedback in a supportive environment.

CLASS	AGE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Semester 2 February 2 - May 25	14-18	Richardson	Tu	4:30-6:30pm	\$250

Flint Youth Theatre Ensemble Schedule (ages 12 - 18)

Flint Youth Theatre Ensemble meets 3 days a week (see schedule below). The Fall Ensemble has performances on Friday, December 4 at 7pm and Saturday, December 5 at 2pm. The Spring Ensemble has performances on Friday, May 7 at 7pm and Saturday, May 8 at 2pm.

FALL ENSEMBLE • September 28 - December 5

ENSEMBLE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Richardson	M, W, F	4:30-6:30pm	\$80
Auditions: September 9, 2026, 4:30-6:00pm				

Please register for an audition time with the FSPA Office at 810-238-1350, ext. 3.
Rehearsals begin September 28 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:30-6:30pm.
Performances are Friday, December 4 at 7:00pm and Saturday, December 5 at 2:00pm.

SPRING ENSEMBLE • March 1 - May 8

ENSEMBLE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Richardson	M, W, F	4:30-6:30pm	\$80
Auditions: February 12, 2027, 4:30-6:00pm				

Please register for an audition time with the FSPA Office at 810-238-1350, ext. 3.
Rehearsals begin March 1 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:30-6:30pm.
Performances are Friday, May 7 at 7:00pm and Saturday, May 8 at 2:00pm.





Stage Reading (ages 12 - 18)

ENSEMBLE	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	TUITION
Stage Reading 1				
<i>You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown</i>	Richardson	M, W, F	4:30-6:30pm	\$30
Auditions: August 12, 2026 at 4:30-6:00pm				

Please register for an audition time with the FSPA Office at 810-238-1350, ext. 3.
Auditions will include a song and a cold read.
Rehearsals begin August 24 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:30-6:30pm.
Reading: Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm.

Stage Reading 2	Richardson	M, W, F	4:30-6:30pm	\$30
Auditions: December 14, 2026 from 4:30-6:00pm				

Please register for an audition time with the FSPA Office at 810-238-1350, ext. 3.
Rehearsals begin January 4 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:30-6:30pm.
Reading: Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 6:30pm.

Stage Reading 3	Richardson	M, W, F	4:30-6:30pm	\$30
Auditions: January 27, 2027 from 4:30-6:00pm				

Please register for an audition time with the FSPA Office at 810-238-1350, ext. 3.
Rehearsals begin February 1 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:30-6:30pm.
Reading: Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30pm.

Registration

ONLINE

<https://thefim.asapconnected.com>

BY PHONE

810.238.1350 x 3

MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express are accepted

IN PERSON

Visit the FSPA Office

BY MAIL

Send check to:

Flint Institute of Music FSPA office
1025 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
(Returning students only)

New music lesson students:

Call the FSPA Office at 810.238.1350 x 3 to complete a lesson request.

Students register for each term or semester. Payment is due at time of registration. Instructors are notified of student payment and will admit students when tuition is paid. Reminders to register will be posted throughout the building, on social media and mailed postcards.

Parents/students can check their account status at any time by contacting the FSPA Office or accessing their ASAP account online.

FEES

The registration fee is \$20, payable once each school year. The maximum registration fee for families with two or more students enrolled is \$40. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE, unless a class is canceled.

Genesee County Residents: The \$20 registration fee is waived thanks to the Arts Education and Cultural Enrichment millage.

There will be a \$20 charge for checks returned as a result of insufficient funds.

MINIMUM ENROLLMENT

A minimum enrollment is required for all classes. If a class is canceled due to low enrollment, a full refund, including registration fee, will be made to those enrolled.

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

All tuition will be refunded if notification is given before the first lesson or class. Tuition refunds for cancellation after the opening of each term or semester will be made as follows:

1. Notification before second class: 75%
2. Notification before third class: 50%
3. Notification before fourth class: 25%

There will be no refund after the fourth lesson or class. There are no refunds for summer camps.

MISSED LESSONS AND CLASSES

Students are charged for all lessons and classes for which they register, including those missed through student absence.

Music lessons missed by the student will not be rescheduled. The instructor, at registration, reserves a segment of time each week for the student. As a courtesy, students who must miss a lesson should notify the instructor as far in advance as possible.

If the student needs to miss a normally scheduled lesson due to a religious holiday, the student should notify the music instructor at least two weeks in advance or at the beginning of the term. The instructor will make every effort to reschedule that lesson.

Music or Theatre classes missed by the student will not be rescheduled. If a class is canceled due to instructor absence, a makeup class may be scheduled. There will be no refund for rescheduled classes missed by the student.

Dance classes missed under extenuating circumstances may be made up within the current term.

CLASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event a class is canceled due to instructor illness or emergency, a sign will be posted on the door. If time permits, students will be contacted.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

School closings may occur in the event of a snow emergency or other natural occurrence and will be announced on television, social media, the Remind app and online at thefim.org.

The FSPA will not automatically close when the Flint Community Schools close. See chart on page 36. Virtual classes/lessons may be offered. If FSPA closes please contact your instructor for more information.

To sign up for text alerts regarding FSPA closures, contact FSPA office for directions.

MATERIALS

Students must provide their own instruments, music, supplies and dance attire. Costumes for Flint Youth Ballet and *Nutcracker* performances are provided by the FSPA. For specific dance attire requirements, see page 27.

MUSIC LESSONS - INSTRUCTOR CHANGES

FSPA teaching artists have reached a high level of excellence as professional performers and educators. They maintain their own schedules and have their own unique teaching styles. Likewise, students have their own expectations and learn in their own unique ways. Every effort is made to match student and instructor, but sometimes learning methods may not coincide. If this occurs, office staff and department chairs will help facilitate changes.

MEDIA RELEASES

Registering at the FSPA allows the FSPA, Flint Institute of Music, affiliated organizations and collaborators the right to use you/your child's name, picture, photograph, voice, comments, etc. on any film, sound-track, recording, video tape or other means of recording sound or pictures in any promotional, print, broadcast or online material. Please contact the FSPA Office for directions to opt out.

EVALUATION

Music class students receive instructor observation forms at the end of each semester.

Music lesson and ensemble students may request a written evaluation at any time.

Dance students enrolled in Discover Dance, Pre-Ballet, Children's Ballet and Modern, Intermediate Ballet, Advanced Ballet, Modern and Pointe will receive student outcome forms at the end of Terms 2 and 4; at the end of Term 4 students will receive placement information for Summer and Fall classes.

Parents are encouraged to attend Observation Weeks during the last week of each Term and may request a meeting with faculty at any time to discuss their student's progress.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Parents/Guardians of minor students are responsible for them before and after class. Parents/Guardians of students ages 8 years and under must bring them to and from the classroom. It is required that parents/guardians arrive on time for pick-up.

If a student's parent/guardian doesn't arrive to pick them up after class, the instructor or class assistant will escort the student to the FSPA Office. If the FSPA Office is closed, the instructor or class assistant will escort the student to the Public Safety Office.

FLINT CULTURAL CENTER ACADEMY

The FCCA building adjoins the Flint Institute of Music, with locked doors; the school is not a part of the Flint School of Performing Arts. However, the FSPA and other institutions on the Flint Cultural Center Campus have a partnership with the FCCA to expand and enhance the curriculum of their students.

For more information, please visit their website:
fccacademy.org

Student Services

EMERGENCY CARDS

Emergency cards are kept in the Public Safety Office. Although it is not required, we encourage you to fill one out for each student. You can pick up an emergency card in the Public Safety or FSPA Office.

CALL BOXES

For our families' convenience, six call boxes are located throughout the building. If help is needed to carry an instrument or from public safety personnel, please use these call boxes.

STUDENT LOUNGE/ATRIUM

The Atrium is available to families where they can wait, do homework, read a book or just relax. Wi-Fi is available. A quiet lounge is also often available in Room 116; please check the sign on the door for availability.

PRACTICE ROOMS

Music students may use the practice rooms during normal school hours when facilities are available. Please contact the FSPA office at 810.238.1350 x3 to reserve a practice room a minimum of one full business day in advance.

RENTAL INSTRUMENTS

A limited number of instruments are available for rental by FSPA students. Contact the FSPA Office for availability and rates.

LOCKER POLICY

Students may use hallway lockers by registering with the Public Safety Office at 810.237.3116. Lockers in the dance dressing rooms are reserved for dancers and are issued according to Dance Department policy.

PARKING

Parking is available in the lot located north of the building. Entrance to this lot can be gained off Mathews Street and Crapo Street. Manning Street may be used for handicapped-accessible parking and student drop-off and pick-up (use designated areas - please do not block crosswalks).



FSPA Closing & Make-up Policy

ARE THERE MAKE UPS FOR:	MUSIC LESSONS	MUSIC CLASSES, ENSEMBLES	DANCE	THEATRE
Labor Day Building Closed	YES makeups	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Halloween	FSPA is open	FSPA is open for classes. It is teacher's discretion to cancel. If canceled, YES, will be made-up.	FSPA is open Classes may be combined	NO makeups*
MLK Holiday Building Closed	YES makeups	NO makeups	NO makeups*	YES makeups
Presidents' Day	FSPA is open	FSPA is open	FSPA is open	FSPA is open
Good Friday	FSPA is open, unless it falls during spring break.	FSPA is open, unless it falls during spring break	FSPA is open, unless it falls during spring break	FSPA is open unless it falls during spring break
Memorial Day Building Closed	YES makeups	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Juneteenth Building Closed	YES makeups	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Independence Day Building Closed	YES makeups	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Official Closing for Inclement Weather	YES makeups	NO, until 2 classes missed per year. YES, beginning with the 3rd class missed. If class meets 2 days per week. Makeups begin with the <u>3rd class missed for each day.</u> **	NO, until 2 classes missed per year. YES, beginning with the 3rd class missed. **	NO, until 2 classes missed per year. YES, beginning with the 3rd class missed. **

*** Make-up for dance or theatre classes may be available by attending another class during the week; check with instructor.**

**** Credit or refunds are not given unless a make-up class cannot be scheduled by the instructor.**

Tuition Assistance & Scholarships

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Seeing Stars! tuition assistance supports FSPA lessons, classes, ensembles, and camps. Applications are accepted at any time. You only need apply once per school year. You are encouraged to submit your application as far in advance as possible to allow for processing time. Target Dates help ensure time for processing and registering for activities. However, applications will be accepted after the Target Dates. Applications are available at the FSPA Office or online at thefim.org/fspa/cost-aid/financial-aid/

APPLICATION SUGGESTED DATES

Fall: Monday, August 10, 2026
Winter: Monday, January 11, 2027
Summer: Monday, May 10, 2027

Merit Scholarships

MUSIC LESSON

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

For music lesson instruction, students must be fully registered to apply. Applications are available at the FSPA Office or online at thefim.org/fspa/cost-aid/scholarships/

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall: Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 7:00pm
Winter: Friday, January 11, 2027, 5:00pm
Summer: Friday, May 7, 2027, 5:00pm

AUDITION DATES

Fall: Friday-Saturday, September 18-19, 2026
Winter: Friday-Saturday, January 22-23, 2027
Summer: Saturday, May 22, 2027

DANCE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Must be fully enrolled Intermediate 2 - Advanced student (curriculum includes Flint Youth Ballet and *Nutcracker*). Awards support tuition and are determined through the *Nutcracker* audition (see page 27).

THEATRE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students must be currently enrolled in a theatre class to be eligible. Applications are available at the FSPA Office or online at thefim.org/fspa.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall: Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 7:00pm
Winter: Friday, January 11, 2027, 5:00pm
Summer: Friday, May 7, 2027, 5:00pm

AUDITION DATES

Fall: Saturday, September 18, 2026
Winter: Friday, January 22, 2027
Summer: Saturday, May 22, 2027

MARCIA W. DORT

STRING SCHOLARSHIP

Advanced string students who are members of an FSPA youth orchestra and take music lessons with an FSPA instructor may apply for support for string materials and additional study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall: Friday, October 30, 2026, 5:00pm
Winter: Friday, January 29, 2027, 5:00pm

AUDITION DATES

Fall: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Winter: Thursday, February 11, 2027

ALLAN AND BARBARA WALTERS EDUCATION FUND FLUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Advanced flute students who are members of the Wind Ensemble or Youth Symphony and take music lessons with an FSPA instructor may apply for flute materials and additional study.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall: Friday, October 30, 2026, 5:00pm
Winter: Friday, January 29, 2027, 5:00pm

AUDITION DATES

Fall: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Winter: Thursday, February 11, 2027

Auditions

YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, WIND ENSEMBLE & YOUTH CHORUS

See pages 13 and 15 for specific ensembles. Music audition information is available at the FSPA Office or online at thefim.org/fspa/programs-classes/for-youth/auditions/

AUDITION DATES

For the 2026 - 2027 school year:
Saturday, September 12, 2026

For the 2027 - 2028 school year:
Saturday, May 8, 2027

HONORS CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Flute, String and Woodwind. Music audition information is available at the FSPA Office or online at thefim.org/fspa.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Summer: Friday, May 28, 2027, 5:00pm

AUDITION DATE

Summer: Saturday, June 5, 2027

DANCE

For *Nutcracker* and Flint Youth Ballet, see page 27.

FSPA FUND FOR STUDENTS NEEDS

The Flint School of Performing Arts Fund for Student Needs has been established to provide additional support beyond tuition assistance to ensure students' continued success in their studies and performances.

Contact the FSPA Office at 810.238.1350 x 3 or fspa@thefim.org to learn more.

FSPA HONORS PROGRAM - MUSIC

The FSPA Honors Program is designed for highly motivated students in grades 9 – 12, giving them a guided pathway for growth as a musician. The curriculum is designed to allow students the flexibility to pursue their interest, while ensuring each student gains experience in key areas of musical study.

See requirements at thefim.org/fspa/programs-classes/for-youth/music-lessons/fspa-honors-program/ or contact Dare Stogner, FSPA Program Director, at dstogner@thefim.org.

FSPA TOURS

Curious about the Flint School of Performing Arts? Explore the FSPA on a guided tour. Learn about the school's Beyond Boundaries philosophy. Discover how the Tuition Assistance program can help you. This is the opportunity to have your questions answered.

Call 810.238.1350 x3 or email fspa@thefim.org to learn more.



Upcoming Events 2026 - 2027

Performances are held in MacArthur Recital Hall and are free unless otherwise noted. Check the FIM.org or social media for up-to-date information regarding performances. All dates are subject to change.

Flint Youth Theatre Summer Production*

The Odyssey

Friday, August 7 at 2 and 7pm
Atrium Garden Stage

Fall Scholarship Winners' Concert

Monday, October 12 at 6:30 pm
Anderson Room

Faculty Concert+

Alexander Lee, saxophone
Friday, October 16 at 7pm

Faculty Concert+

Bryan Guarnuccio, flute
Friday, November 13 at 7pm

Holiday Walk

Tuesday, December 1 from 5-8pm
FIM Dort Music Center

The Nutcracker*

Saturday, December 5 at 7:30pm
and Sunday, December 6 at 3pm
FIM Whiting Auditorium

Flint Youth Theatre Winter Production*

A Christmas Carol

Friday, December 4 at 7pm and
Saturday, December 5 at 2pm

Flint Youth String Orchestra and Flint Youth Chorus Winter Concert

Thursday, December 10 at 7pm

Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert

Friday, December 11 at 7pm
Offsite TBD

Flint Youth Wind Ensemble and Flint Youth Philharmonia Winter Concert

Saturday, December 12 at 3pm
Offsite TBD

Holiday Pops*

Saturday, December 19 at 7pm
FIM Whiting Auditorium

Mid-Michigan Band and Orchestra Festival Concert*

Friday, January 8 at 7pm
FIM Whiting Auditorium

Seeing Stars! Benefit**

Friday, February 5 at 6pm
FIM Dort Music Center

Faculty Concert+

Yu-Chen Lin, cello
Soojin Kim, piano
Friday, February 12 at 7pm

Winter Scholarship Winners' Concert

Saturday, February 13 at 2pm
FIM Anderson Room

FSPA Celebrates Black History Month*

Friday, February 19 at 7pm

Emerging Choreographers' Showcase

Saturday, February 20 at 2pm

Faculty Concert+

Jessica McCormack and
Dan Ingman, percussion
Friday, March 12 at 7pm

Flint Youth Chorus and Flint Youth String Orchestra Spring Concert

Thursday, March 18 at 5:30pm

Flint Youth Wind Ensemble and Flint Youth Philharmonia Spring Concert

Thursday, March 18 at 7:30pm

Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

Sunday, March 21 at 3pm
FIM Whiting Auditorium

Faculty Concert+

Taewoo Kim, clarinet
Friday, April 16 at 7pm

49th Annual Showcase Concert*

Sunday, April 25 at 3pm
FIM Whiting Auditorium

Jazz at MacArthur Hall*

Friday, April 30 at 7pm

Festival of Dance*

Friday, May 7, at 7:30pm and
Saturday, May 8, at 3pm
UofM Flint Theatre

Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert

Tuesday, May 4 at 7pm
Offsite TBD

Flint Youth Theatre Spring Production*

Alice in Wonderland

Friday, May 7 at 7pm and
Saturday, May 8 at 2pm

Faculty Concert+

Dominic Hayes, French horn
Friday, May 14 at 7pm

* Ticket required

**Fundraising events: for more information please contact the FIM Development Department at 810.237.3110

+ Registration required

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