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## **MSU Community Music School offers five summer music camps**

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – From jazz to rock to music therapy, the Michigan State University Community Music School offers summer camps that appeal to a range of interests. Youth can select from five different camps. All are now open for registration.

The camps include Eric ‘RicStar’ Winter Music Therapy Camp, Jazz Camp, Rock Camp, Middle School Band Camp, and Musical Theatre Camp.

“These camp opportunities provide participants with a wonderful opportunity to learn more in their specific area of music study,” said Jaime DeMott, camps coordinator and associate director. “Each of the camps is designed to provide students with a fun, rewarding, and educational experience.”

All camps are held at either the MSU Community Music School or the Michigan State University campus. Lodging and financial aid are available for some camps. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

For more information, to register or volunteer, or to support camp scholarships, call the Community Music School at (517) 355-7661. More information can also be found at [www.cms.msu.edu/camps.php](http://www.cms.msu.edu/camps.php). Descriptions of the individual camps are below.

### **MSU Community Music School Summer Camps**

#### **Eric ‘RicStar’ Winter Music Therapy Camp**

**June 17–19, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**\$185 (1 camper), \$350 (2 campers), \$510 (3 campers)**

The RicStar Camp is a day camp that provides opportunities for musical expression, enjoyment, and interaction for all persons with special needs and their siblings. Sessions include songwriting, rock ‘n’ roll combo, silly sing-along, xylophones, percussion, movement, improvisation and more. Overnight accommodations are available to all campers and their families for an additional cost.

#### **Jazz Camp**

**June 27–July 2, 8 a.m.–10 p.m.**

**\$465 non-residential, \$565 residential**

This residential camp is for middle and high school students from both Southeast Michigan and Greater Lansing, with some playing experience on their instruments. The program focuses on jazz orchestra and small groups, exposing participants to the many arrangements and composition styles used in jazz. Students learn applied theory, sight-reading and improvisation. Students stay in residence halls, getting a first hand look at college life. Students work with MSU College of Music world-class faculty and MSU Jazz Studies student mentors.

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**Rock Camp**

**July 12–16, 1–5 p.m.**

**\$130**

Rock Camp is a day camp for middle and high school students who have some experience playing their instruments (guitar, bass, drums, keyboard or vocals). Students who play other instruments or have limited experience should consult with the Community Music School. At camp, students will form and work in their own bands based on musical interest and skill level. They will learn songs in preparation for an end-of-camp rock concert at the [Common Ground Music Festival](#) and participate in workshops such as songwriting, marketing, promotion, sound, and more.

**Middle School Band Camp**

**July 19–23, 9 a.m.–2:50 p.m.**

**\$210**

The Middle School Band Camp is a day camp for middle school students who have completed at least one year of instrumental study. This five-day camp meets in the Music Building on the MSU campus, and provides students with an opportunity to perform with other talented students, receive class instruction in instrumental technique, and explore music through musicianship classes. Time spent studying and rehearsing culminates in a concert for parents and friends on Friday.

**Musical Theatre Camp**

**July 19–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**\$320 (2-weeks), \$170 (1-week)**

Musical Theatre Camp is a day camp for elementary, middle and high school students interested in musical theatre. Campers in grades 9-12 participate in a two-week immersion program where they will develop skills including solo and ensemble voice development, choreography, and prop and stage design. Campers in grades 2-8 will join the second week of camp where they will begin to develop these skills while focusing on healthy singing using musical theatre repertoire. The camp will culminate in a final revue featuring scenes and songs from many popular musicals.

Founded in 1993, the Community Music School (CMS) is the outreach division of the MSU College of Music. The mission of CMS is to provide comprehensive music education – quality instruction, related music services, and educational programs – for interested individuals of all ages and levels with financial assistance for those in need.

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