



## What is the Very Young Composers Project?

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will create original music that will be performed by an ensemble of musicians from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. This will be accomplished during a two-week after school class beginning on January 2, 2023 in the Haas Fine Arts Center, 121 Water Street on UW – Eau Claire's campus.

This web <https://veryyoungcomposersproject.org/very-young-composers-of-chippewa-valley> includes a video which describes the project as it has been done in New York through the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and introduces **Jon Deak**, the creator of the program.

## Who Can Enroll for the Class?

Any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student from any public or private school or home school may register for the class. Enrollment is limited to 15 students.

Prior music background is not required. Only a desire to participate is needed.

Participating students must attend all classes each week (Monday – Friday, January 2 through January 13, 2023) plus a dress rehearsal on Saturday, January 14, 2023 and concert on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

## What are the Dates and Times?

The classes, for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students only, will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at UWEC Haas Fine Arts Center.

Classes will be held five days a week (Monday-Friday) beginning on January 2, 2023 and run for two weeks ending on January 13, 2023. The rehearsal of the Young Composer's compositions will be on Saturday January 14, 2023 beginning at 1:00 pm ending at 7:00 pm. On that day, each Young Composer will be assigned a 30-minute time window to attend the rehearsal of their composition. The performance of their compositions will be on Sunday, January 15 from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

Participating students must attend all classes each week (Monday-Friday) from January 2nd through January 13th, including the rehearsal (30 minutes at an assigned time) on January 14<sup>th</sup> and the concert on January 15<sup>th</sup> for a total of 12 classes.

## Who Will Lead the Class?

The project is inspired by **Jon Deak**. He created the concept and has been directing the Very Young Composers Project for the New York Philharmonic and at international sites for over 25 years.

Current teachers in the project are **Tammie Delveaux-Rubenzler** and **Lauren Lierman**, veteran elementary school music teachers in the Chippewa Valley.

The program directors are **Laura Dunbar** (UWEC Music Department faculty) and **Robert Rosen** (Professor Emeritus of the UWSP Music Department).

UWEC Music Majors will provide assistance by functioning as Teaching Artists under the guidance of the project leaders.

## Registration (Enrollment is limited to 15 students.)

**Registration begins on Tuesday November 1, 2022 and ends on November 30, 2022. Beginning at 8:00 am on November 1st, parents can register their child on-line using the following registration link:**

<http://cwngui.campwise.com/Custom/uwec/browser-check-reg.html>.

There is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee. The fee will be waived for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

There are no other fees to take the class.

Registration materials will be distributed at school and will also be available on-line.

As part of the registration each student is required to write a brief statement (50 words or less) saying why they would like to participate in this experience.

All appropriate and complete registrations submitted by the registration deadline will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A waiting list will be established for registrations above 15.

Due to space limitations, parents are strongly encouraged to find an alternate activity while their child attends the class.

## Electronic Keyboards Provided

Each student will be provided with an electronic keyboard that they will be able to take home.

The keyboards will be returned at the conclusion of the two-week class.

## Attendance Policies

Parents are asked to call (715) 836-5899 if their child will miss a class due to illness or family emergency. Otherwise, attendance is expected.

## For more information contact:

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Or visit the Very Young Composers Project Information web site at:

<https://veryyoungcomposersproject.org/very-young-composers-of-chippewa-valley>

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