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# Your Studio Journey

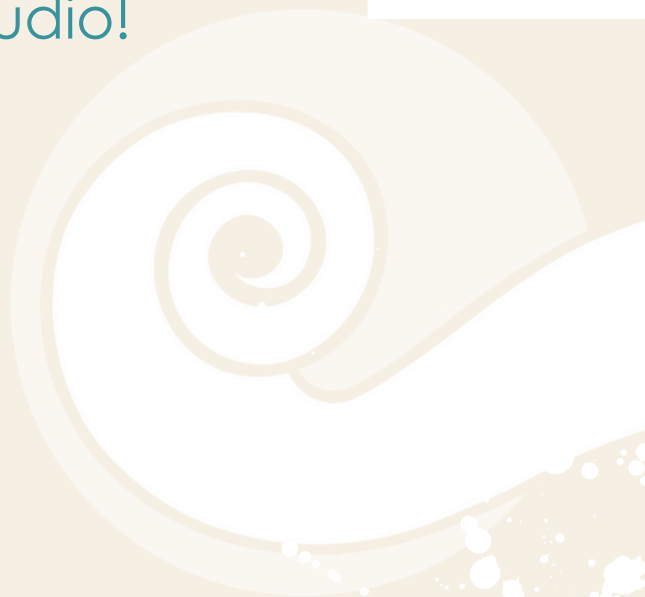
"Let our Music String Your Memories..."



*Welcome!*

Are you ready to splash into an exciting wave of meaningful musical experiences?!

You are invited to begin or continue your inspirational music journey in a variety of classes for all ages, cultures, levels and experience with Ocean Strings Studio!





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Your Studio Journey:

"Making Memorable Musical  
Experiences that Unleash  
Joy, Authenticity and  
Soulful Excellence!"





"Ms. Nicole is very interactive with each child and supplies all the tools to make the class special and fun!!! Highly recommend for any and all children." - Elizabeth Zucker



"Ocean Strings is a nurturing welcoming environment for children to learn and thrive along the way!" - Shalene Raath

## What Families Are Saying...



"My sweet girl has been in music class for a couple months now with OSS for violin lessons and recently had a little recital, where she played piano. She started her music lessons with piano and just last week "Earned" her violin. Next thing to earn will be the bow. She's loving music!" - Erin LaPuma



"My daughter has been taking lessons for 2 years (so far!). Her growth in playing has been phenomenal- the Ballingers are such good teachers and encouragers!" - Nicole Eastwood

# YOUR MEMORABLE MUSICAL JOURNEY

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Swelling Artists



Levels 3 & 4 \* 3-5y

Little SeaSprays



Levels 0-2 \* 0-3y

Begin your Journey Here



Wave Catchers - Beginners



4y+

Beginners

Soulful Surfers - Advanced



14y+

Shaka Shapers - Intermediate



8y+

Ensembles



Sunrise Ukulele 6y+



Mahalo Ukulele 10y+



Fiddle Club





# "Little Seasprays"

## Kindermusik- Music & Movement Group Classes



### FOUNDATIONS: Newborn- 12 months

Your baby deserves the best start and will be bathed in a sensory-rich environment that will engage and strengthen their neural pathways through instrument play, intentional touch, community dances and cuddling and rocking time with YOU- their favorite rock star! Inspirational ideas are shared at each class to help your daily routines and to develop your baby's gross and fine motor skills which will start them on their exploration journey to their first magical steps!

### LEVEL 1: 12-24 months

Your young toddler will sparkle in an imaginative world of musical activities that are open ended, engaging and playful. Our goal is to nurture your child's interests and developmental needs. Integrating the use of American Sign Language, music and movement activities, rhymes and fingerplays as well as an interactive Storytime.. make special memorable experiences from our world to yours!



### LEVEL 2: 2-3 years-old

Open the window and marvel at your young toddler's magical musical reactions where they will be encouraged to be creative, initiate his/her own ideas, and to respond in his/her own ways. Delight as singing voices emerge, language blossoms and playful interactions unfold in waves of wonder! Your child will have unique opportunities at each and every class time to build self-confidence, self-control, friendships and communication skills!



# "Swelling Artists"

## Kindermusik- Music & Movement Group Classes



### LEVEL 3: 3-4 years old

Your exuberant child will thrive and delight in an environment laced with nurturing vibes that will satiate their natural cravings for imaginative play, expressive language and peer interaction.

We welcome enthusiastic participation with our carefully planned integration of thematic activities, diversity of music, and purposeful involvement of the caregiver! Our rich experiences offer your child the chance to be celebrated as a person with individual gifts and a distinct personality.



### LEVEL 4: 4-5 years old

Get ready to feel the musical "seawater" your child will absorb into his core being! You will be amazed how much your child will learn in rich musical vocabulary and notation! They will be prepared to launch & "ride the surf" to school success, ensemble participation and/or private music lessons in whichever instrument he/she is ready to expressively explore and play!

Your child will beam with delight when he is individually valued like a "Starfish" for his unique class contributions while at the same time learning to celebrate each of his unique classmates ideas! Parents join the fun for the final activities- continuing the social emotional bond that music and movement creates for us as a special Kindermusik w/ OSS Family!





# "Wave Catchers"

## Beginning Instrumental Lessons:

Violin, Viola, Cello, Ukulele



AGES: 4+ Based on Evaluation Readiness & Teacher Availability

Your child learns best through movement and loves to sing! Let's catch the musical waves of what they already do best! Harnessing a kinesthetic and vocal approach based on Solfege, Kodaly and Montessori concepts, the Kaleidoscopes method helps to guide, engage and nurture a young child thru a variety of enjoyable and short folk tunes whilst learning a strong tonal awareness, physically sound foundational skills and note reading - on piano and violin!



### ELECTIVE GROUP CLASS: SUNRISE UKULELE Ages 6-12

Your child will fall in love with the Ukulele- this four string bundle of Joy!

It is the perfect first string instrument to introduce to little hands!

Music is a language that every child can understand..

and learning to speak Uke can open that gift... similar to the moment they felt ocean water tickle their toes!



# "Shaka Shapers"

## Intermediate Instrumental Lessons: Violin, Viola, Cello, Ukulele



**AGES: 10+** Based on Evaluation Readiness & Teacher Availability

Ready to shape your child's Kaleidoscopes/ Suzuki journey into a whole new wave of expression?! Your young musician will begin to learn how to phrase, vibrato, and use expressive movement as part of their growing string foundation skills- sharing the beauty of who they truly are- like a beautifully sunlit wave!

**ELECTIVE GROUP: FIDDLE CLUB** Ages 8+

Ready to amp up your child's joy to learn additional Celtic, Scottish and/or Gypsy tunes?! This weekly club will be sure to infuse the true thrill of playing and sharpen your child's improvisation skills!



**ELECTIVE GROUP CLASS: MAHALO UKULELE**

**Ages: 10-14** Get ready to shimmer! This next level Uke class engages children in advanced strumming patterns and learning more challenging cultural and/or pop tunes that are sure to engage their senses in melody/ harmony lines. Children 12+ will be encouraged to branch out in acquiring simultaneous singing and playing skills.



# "Soulful Surfers"

## Advanced Instrumental Lessons: Violin, Viola, Cello



AGES: 14+ Based on Evaluation Readiness & Teacher Availability- Your child is now ready for a whole new wave of soulful excellence! As an advanced level student your child will surf into higher levels of Suzuki Book Training (Books 4-10) where they can aspire to smoother shifting and expressive polishing techniques.

We highly encourage and challenge these students to join our local Chamber Orchestra and/or Ensemble Rocks Class. In addition we invite advanced students to explore Studio mentorship opportunities that will help them soar in their leadership skills!



### ELECTIVE ADVANCED ENSEMBLE ROCKS CLASS

Get ready to ROCK in our Bi-Monthly Quartet(s)

Guided Coaching session that will inspire and challenge advanced studio players to perform classical- rock pieces.

Community performance hours may be credited to fulfill scholastic requirements.

# YOUR FAMILY

is also YOUR HOME.

When you join Ocean Strings Studio you are joining more than a studio. You are joining a family of loving, soulful and inspiring little musicians.

They bring splashing potential and weekly joyful discoveries that delight everyone around them. There is so much to celebrate along the journey...

and we enjoy partnering with you to ensure that your child experiences all the important musical milestones and soulful excellence we know they are capable of!

We welcome you to unleash it ALL!

*Let our music  
string your memories...*



# OUR TEAM



Richard Ballinger

Founder & Co-Director

Inter.- Advanced Levels Violin, Viola &  
Beginning- Intermediate Ukulele

Richard is a talented string artist and holds a Bachelor of Music Performance Degree from FSC. He currently holds a position as Orchestra Director of Oslo Middle School & educates select students and Ukelele group classes.



Nicole Ballinger

Founder & Co-Director

Kindermusik- Levels 0-4, Beg-Adv. Violin/ Viola  
Nicole has been performing strings for the past 25+ years and enjoys inspiring children and caretakers to grow and thrive musically thru guided self discovery methods using her extensive training in Kindermusik, Kaleidoscopes and Suzuki string methods.



## Rachel LeBon Page

Wonder Achieving Visionary Educator

Kindermusik- All Levels

inter.- Advanced Levels Voice &

Beginning- Intermediate Ukulele

Rachel's strengths are in creating a warm and inviting environment for her students. She loves to find what is meaningful to them and share her knowledge and guidance to help them succeed.



## Sally Shorrock

Wonder Achieving Visionary Educator

Beginning- Intermediate Piano

Sally has a Master's Degree in Performance and has a musical passion to educate and perform. She created the Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble, which she also directs.



## Cameron Wehunt Smith

Wonder Achieving Visionary Educator

Beginning- Intermediate Bass

Cameron's music journey began in the 6th grade when he joined the Olso Middle School under the Direction of Richard Ballinger. Cameron is passionate about inspiring other youth to begin their own exciting musical journeys!

# *Splash into Your Home!*

Imagine a place where every week your child looks forward to their special time where they can shine and truly be themselves!

A place where educators believe in connecting with you and your child in a joyfully authentic, memorable and musical experience!

A place where they can learn dedicated worth ethic all while being inspired to reach for their soulful excellence...to grow on their wavelike musical journey!

We welcome you to your home studio:

**Ocean Strings Studio**

Ready? Let's Get Started:

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