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About the Puerto Rican Arts Alliance (PRAA)

The Puerto Rican Arts Alliance (PRAA) is dedicated to preserving culture by maintaining traditions, promoting the arts, providing educational opportunities and cultivating pride in heritage for future generations. The organization works toward this mission through separate but interconnected program areas and activities that include: school-based programs, workshops, community outreach and exhibitions.

The organization has more than 20 years experience working within the community, specifically with youth. PRAA offers unique programs that increase knowledge, impact identity, and inspire creativity. Through programs at three community locations -- Humboldt Park Field House, PRAA Center and the Latin Music Project Center – PRAA serves a diverse audience of 30,000 individuals each year.

About the Latin Music Project

A project of the Puerto Rican Arts Alliance, the Latin Music Project (LMP) is an afterschool program offering classes in cuatro, guitar, violin, ensemble performance and Latin music fundamentals. Classes are offered for children/youth from all backgrounds, aged 4-18 years. Participants will learn how to read music, how to play traditional Latin American songs and how to perform as a group. Classes are held at the Latin Music Project Center (2958 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago). Advanced students may audition to join PRAA's Latin Music Project Ensemble, gaining additional experience performing at community events and practicing once per week year-round.



2018-19 Program Dates:

Fall Classes	October 1 – December 19, 2018
Fall Final Concert	Thursday, December 20, 2018, 6-8pm
Spring Classes	February 4 – May 1, 2019
Spring Final Concert	Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6-8pm

No classes are held when CPS is closed.

Class Schedule*			
Day	Time	Class Name	Age
Monday	5:30-6:30pm	Latin Music Project Advanced Ensemble	8-18 years
Monday	5:30-6:30pm	Little Genius: Introduction to Latin Music I	4-7 years
Monday	6:30-7:30pm	Little Genius: Introduction to Latin Music II	4-7 years
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Guitar Beginner	8-18 years
Tuesday	5:30-6:30pm	Guitar Intermediate	8-18 years
Tuesday	6:30-7:30pm	Cuatro Beginner	8-18 years
Tuesday	6:30-7:30pm	Cuatro Intermediate	8-18 years
Wednesday	5:30-6:30pm	Violin Beginner	8-18 years
Wednesday	6:30-7:30pm	Violin Intermediate	8-18 years
Wednesday	6:30-7:30pm	Preparatory Ensemble (Intermediate)	8-18 years

*The final class schedule will be determined by enrollment

Program	Total Fee
Class Fee (One Child) – Fall or Spring Session	\$200 \$100 with scholarship
Additional Child – Fall or Spring Session	\$100 \$50 with scholarship
Class Fee (One Child) – Full Year Program	\$400 \$200 with scholarship
Additional Child – Full Year Program	\$200 \$100 with scholarship
Performance Facility Fee	\$25 per family per year
Instrument Fee - Students may purchase an instrument from PRAA or bring their own instrument to class.	\$150 per new violin, cuatro or guitar

PRAA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and fees support our community programs. Payment accepted via cash, credit card or check. Payment must be received in full on or before first day of class. Place in class is not “held” until payment is received. No payment plans are available. Refunds are only available 48 hours prior to the first day of class with approval from the Executive Director.

To enroll in our program, return registration form and payment to PRAA:

music@praachicago.org or

(773) 342-8865 x 111





Latin Music Project Scholarship Program

Puerto Rican Arts Alliance (PRAA) is pleased to offer tuition assistant to make our program more accessible.

A 50% discount will be offered for families making less than the Area Median Income.

Household Size	Area Median Income
1	\$55,300
2	\$63,200
3	\$71,100
4	\$79,000
5	\$85,400
6	\$91,700
7	\$98,000
8	\$104,300

If you wish to apply for tuition assistance, please follow these instructions:

1. Please complete all sections of the application (page 3).
2. Attach a copy of your most recent Federal 1040 Tax Return to the application form.
3. If necessary, attach a description of any special circumstances that impact your family's need for tuition assistance.
4. Return the completed application to PRAA at least 2-weeks prior to the first day of class.

Submit materials to: music@praachicago.org or drop to PRAA's program site (2958 N Milwaukee Ave).

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until scholarship funds are exhausted or classes are full.

Latin Music Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the Puerto Rican Arts Alliance (PRAA)?

Established in 1998, Puerto Rican Arts Alliance (PRAA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining traditions, promoting the arts, providing educational opportunities, and cultivating pride in heritage for future generations. Over the past 20 years, PRAA has emerged as a primary cultural resource, offering high-quality, one-of-a-kind arts and music experiences to a growing audience of 30,000 audience members each year. PRAA's main office is located at 3000 N Elbridge Ave, Chicago. Music classes are held at the Latin Music Project Center (2958 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago) across the street.

What classes do you offer and for what ages?

The Latin Music Project Music offers group lessons for beginner and intermediate levels in violin, guitar, cuatro, ensemble performance and Latin music fundamentals. These classes are for ages 4-18. In addition, advanced students may audition to join PRAA's Latin Music Project Ensemble.

- **Guitar** – Lessons are available for beginner and intermediate levels, ages 8 to 18. Our curriculum covers elements of the Latin repertoire as well as music reading, hand technique, chords, scales, performance skills, instrument care and more.
- **Puerto Rican Cuatro** – Considered the national instrument of Puerto Rico, this small guitar-like instrument is central to many Latin American songs and is often accompanied by guitar. Lessons for beginner and intermediate levels are available, ages 8 to 18. Our curriculum covers elements of the Latin repertoire as well as music reading, hand technique, chords, scales, performance skills, instrument care and more.
- **Violin** - Lessons are available for beginner and intermediate levels, ages 8 to 18. Our curriculum covers elements of the Latin repertoire as well as music reading, bow technique, musicality, scales, performance skills, instrument care and more.
- **Little Genius** – A parent and child participation class for ages 4-7 years (all levels). In this class, students will learn fundamental music skills and will be introduced to the Latin repertoire. A fun way to learn about music while playing percussion instruments, singing, reading music, dancing and more.

Where are classes held?

Classes are held at PRAA's Latin Music Project Center (LMPC) at 2958 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago. We also partner with CPS schools to offer classes after school at select sites. Our LMPC classes are open to all students.

When are classes offered?

Classes are offered in two sessions (Fall and Spring) with breaks for CPS non-attendance days and holidays. A final required recital is held at the end of each session for all students. The final class schedule will be determined by enrollment, but generally classes are held Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, between 5:30-

7:30pm. Classes are one hour per week per instrument. Orientation is held the week before classes begin and enrolled participants are informed of the final class schedule at this time.

Who are your instructors?

Zabdiel Santiago, Music Program Manager, has taught music and lead youth ensembles for more than twelve years. He holds a degree in music from the Music Conservatory of Puerto Rico and has completed master level studies Universidad Interamericana of Puerto Rico. Zabdiel has directed and performed in music programs in Puerto Rico and Chicago.

Jose Carrasquillo, Music Program Manager, is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music in San Juan, Puerto Rico with a B.A. in jazz and Caribbean music performance. Previous to joining PRAA's Latin Music Program, Jose was a performer at Ballet Folklórico Brumas, Ballet Folklórico Guarionex and Ballet Folklórico Guamanique and a music teacher at Centro de Formación Deportivo and Escuela de Bellas Artes de Comerío – all in Puerto Rico. Jose specializes in the teaching of the cuatro, Puerto Rico's national instrument, and now leads PRAA's Latin Music Project youth ensemble.

Frances Karim Chiroque holds a bachelors degree in Classical Performance with renown international virtuosos Ivan Rijos and Orlando Laureano. She also studied performance in Violin, Cuatro, Piano and Voice. As a performer, Frances has participated with Philharmonic Orchestra of Puerto Rico and solo concerts in Puerto Rico, New York, Texas, Colombia and Peru. Also she has won Guitar, Cuatro and Voice and competitions. Currently, she is focusing on finishing her Masters Degree in Music Performance and a Teaching Certificate at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico.

PRAA also engages community musicians to teach on a contractual basis. All instructors are trained musicians and educators, with experience teaching youth.

Is there a fee? How do I purchase an instrument?

Yes, current class fees are listed in our enrollment materials with discounts offered for signing up more than one child or low-income families. All class fees must be paid in full on or before the first day of class. The class fee does not include the performance facility fee, instrument or other music supplies. For an additional \$150 fee you may purchase an instrument from PRAA. You may also bring an outside instrument to class. Whether you bring an instrument from home or purchase an instrument from PRAA, please consider purchasing an instrument case to transport your instrument. PRAA is not responsible for lost or broken instruments and cannot make repairs.

Can you save me a spot?

In order to enroll in the class and save your spot, you must complete all paperwork and pay the full enrollment fee. Partial payments are not accepted and PRAA staff cannot "hold" a student's spot in a class. Classes are "first come, first served."

How do I sign up or get more info?

Enroll by completing the Registration Form and submitting a full payment. Our staff is available at 2958 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago or 3000 N Elbridge Ave, Chicago (PRAA Center). Reach us at music@praachicago.org or call 773-342-8865 x 111.

Visit our website (www.praachicago.org) or follow Puerto Rican Arts Alliance on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PuertoRicanArtsAlliance) for more info about our programs.

**Puerto Rican Arts Alliance
Latin Music Project Enrollment Form**



Program: ___ Guitar (8-18 years) ___ Cuatro (8-18 years) ___ Violin (8-18 years) ___ Little Genius (4-7 years)

Session: ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Full Year (Fall and Spring)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:		
Date of Birth (Month/Date/Year): / /		Gender: ___ Male ___ Female ___ Other
Current Grade:	School Name:	
Please list any additional information about your child that may be beneficial for our staff to be aware of (allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.):		
Race/Ethnicity (Optional)		
___ American Native:	___ Hawaiian/Pacific:	___ Hispanic:
___ Asian:	___ White	___ Non Hispanic:
___ Black:	___ Multi-Racial	___ Other: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone	Email	
Additional Emergency Contact:		Phone:
<p>PARENT/STUDENT PARTICIPATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT AGREEMENT: I hereby give permission for my child to participate in PRAA educational program(s), class(es), and field trip(s). I fully assume all responsibility for injuries she/he or I may receive or articles lost while participating in these activities or while in travel to or from educational activities or field trips, and hereby release PRAA and its employees from liability for any injury I or my child(ren) may sustain. In the event of medical emergency, I hereby authorize and give my consent to PRAA and its employees and/or volunteers to secure from any accredited hospital, clinic, and/or physician any treatment deemed necessary for me or my child's immediate care. I agree that I shall remain responsible for any and all expenses incurred for such emergency medical care and treatment. I hereby give permission to PRAA for the use of any and all photograph(s), video(s), recording(s) or other type of documentation of PRAA program(s), class(es), recital(s), concert(s) or special events in which I or child(ren) may appear (ward of state excluded). The usage is inclusive of, but not limited to, the publication of brochures, posters, catalogs, handbook, banners, broadcast or print advertisements. I agree to waive any claim to compensation for use of said documentation material(s). I understand that a completed and signed registration form, as well as full payment of enrollment fees, are due on or before first day of class or my child will not be enrolled. I have read, provided accurate information and agreed to all the information contained in this form.</p>		
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____		Date _____

To Be Completed by PRAA Staff

Amount Paid: _____	Date: _____
Day and Time of Class: _____	Staff Signature: _____