

ENSEMBLES

CMA is immensely proud of its programme of ensembles for the whole musical community. Our ensemble participants are able to take advantage of opportunities for performance at CMA Events, as well as local, regional, and international performances.

CMA Ensembles are not auditioned, but participation and commitment is a key element of the success, and performance is at the heart of this success. We Bring Music to Everyone, and welcome students from CMA, Partner Schools, as well as those who do not have lessons at CMA to be part of our ensembles.

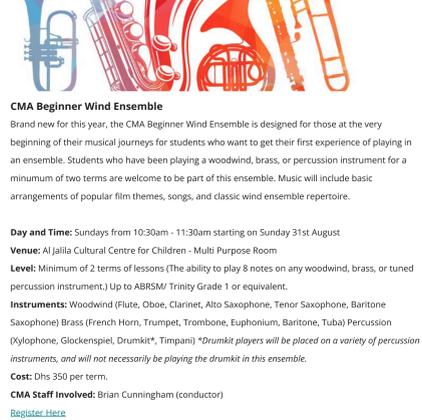
We are excited to continue developing our existing ensembles, as well as reintroducing some of our classic ensembles such as the Jukebox Rock Band, and our brand new beginner ensembles, designed for those at the very beginning of their musical journeys.

Details of all of our ensembles are below, you can register [here](#).

We are hosting an open day on Sunday 31st August for students to try out our ensembles, and we look forward to seeing you then!



BEGINNER WIND ENSEMBLE



CMA Beginner Wind Ensemble

Brand new for this year, the CMA Beginner Wind Ensemble is designed for those at the very beginning of their musical journeys for students who want to get their first experience of playing in an ensemble. Students who have been playing a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument for a minimum of two terms are welcome to be part of this ensemble. Music will include basic arrangements of popular film themes, songs, and classic wind ensemble repertoire.

Day and Time: Sundays from 10:30am - 11:30am starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Multi Purpose Room
Level: Minimum of 2 terms of lessons (The ability to play 8 notes on any woodwind, brass, or tuned percussion instrument.) Up to ABRSM/ Trinity Grade 1 or equivalent.
Instruments: Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone) Brass (French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Baritone, Tuba) Percussion (Xylophone, Glockenspiel, Drumkit*, Timpani) *Drumkit players will be placed on a variety of percussion instruments, and will not necessarily be playing the drumkit in this ensemble.
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Brian Cunningham (conductor)
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JUNIOR WIND ENSEMBLE



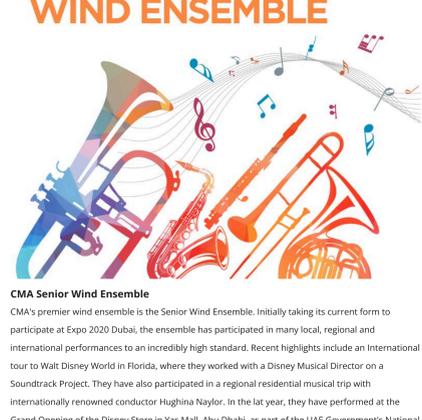
CMA Junior Wind Ensemble

The CMA Junior Wind Ensemble continues to be a strong development ground for woodwind, brass, and percussion students. Participants in this ensemble are given the opportunity to perform at CMA Events, such as the Winter Music Festival and Summer Showcase, in addition to this the ensemble participates annually in the Sikka Art and Design fair and collaborates with the CMA Junior String Ensemble in order to form the CMA Orchestra.

Day and Time: Sundays from 11:45am - 1:15pm starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Multi Purpose Room
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Grade 1 - Grade 5 or equivalent.
Instruments: Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone) Brass (French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Baritone, Tuba) Percussion (Xylophone, Glockenspiel, Drumkit*, Timpani) *Drumkit players will be placed on a variety of percussion instruments, and will not necessarily be playing the drumkit in this ensemble.
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Brian Cunningham (conductor and woodwind), Mark Gibson (brass), Amy Prajoux (percussion)
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SENIOR WIND ENSEMBLE



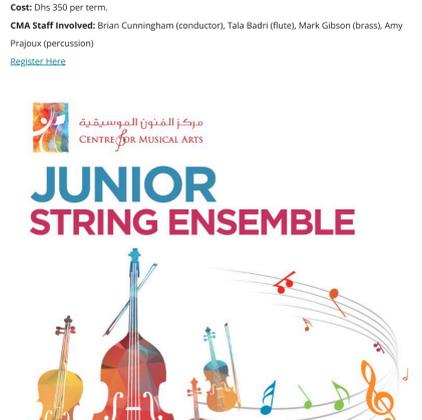
CMA Senior Wind Ensemble

CMA's premier wind ensemble is the Senior Wind Ensemble. Initially taking its current form to participate at Expo 2020 Dubai, the ensemble has participated in many local, regional and international performances to an incredibly high standard. Recent highlights include an International tour to Walt Disney World in Florida, where they worked with a Disney Musical Director on a Soundtrack Project. They have also participated in a regional residential musical trip with internationally renowned conductor Hughina Naylor. In the last year, they have performed at the Grand Opening of the Disney Store in Yas Mall, Abu Dhabi, as part of the UAE Government's National Experts Programme in addition to CMA Performances and an outstanding performance on the main performance stage at Sikka Art and Design Fair. The ensemble is made up of young musicians from CMA and beyond with a real passion for quality music making. Members of the local musical community also come and support this ensemble in order to help them achieve the highest possible level of performance at every opportunity.

Day and Time: Sundays from 1:45pm - 3:15pm starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Multi Purpose Room
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Grade 5+ on any woodwind/ brass or percussion instrument.
Instruments: Woodwind (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone) Brass (French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Baritone, Tuba) Percussion (Xylophone, Glockenspiel, Drumkit*, Timpani) *Drumkit players will be placed on a variety of percussion instruments, and will not necessarily be playing the drumkit in this ensemble.
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Brian Cunningham (conductor), Tala Badri (flute), Mark Gibson (brass), Amy Prajoux (percussion)
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JUNIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

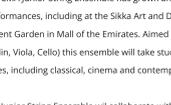


CMA Junior String Ensemble

The CMA Junior String Ensemble has grown and developed in the past year to achieve some fantastic performances, including at the Sikka Art and Design Fair, and a performance at The Gallery at New Covent Garden in Mall of the Emirates. Aimed at students who learn bowed string instruments (Violin, Viola, Cello) this ensemble will take students on a musical journey through many different styles, including classical, cinema and contemporary.

The Junior String Ensemble will collaborate with the Junior Wind Ensemble in order to create the CMA Orchestra for select performances.

Day and Time: Sundays from 11:45am - 1:15pm starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Multi Purpose Room
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Grade 1 - Grade 5 or equivalent.
Instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Zhanyl Dusikheeva (conductor) Ghada BenMa (Upper Strings Specialist)
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SENIOR STRING ENSEMBLE



CMA Senior String Ensemble

Brand New for the upcoming academic year, the CMA Senior String Ensemble aims to give the most experienced string players the opportunity to develop their ensemble playing skills to the next level. Aimed at students who perform to a minimum level of Grade 5 (ABRSM/ Trinity of Equivalent.) Participants will work on repertoire and chamber music skills in a chamber music setting.

The aim with this group is to be able to present performances throughout the year at both CMA, with our partners in Dubai and beyond.

Day and Time: Sundays from 1:45pm - 3:15pm starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Studio 11
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Grade 1 - Grade 5 or equivalent.
Instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Zhanyl Dusikheeva (conductor)
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GUITAR ENSEMBLE



CMA Guitar Ensemble

We are delighted to announce the return of the CMA Guitar Ensemble. This ensemble is open to all guitar and plucked string students who play their instrument to a minimum standard of Grade 1 Level (ABRSM/ Trinity/ Rockschool or Equivalent). Participants will work on a diverse range of repertoire ranging from popular songs, jazz, classical and seasonal music. All styles of guitar are welcome in this ensemble, designed to give as many guitar students as possible the opportunity to play as part of a group.

Day and Time: Sundays from 11:45am - 1:15pm starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Studio 10
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Classical / Trinity Rock and Pop/ Rock, School Grade 1 - Grade 5 or equivalent.
Instruments: Classical Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Electric Bass, Ukulele
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Alex Preston (Ensemble Leader)
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JUKEBOX



CMA Jukebox

Jukebox is back!

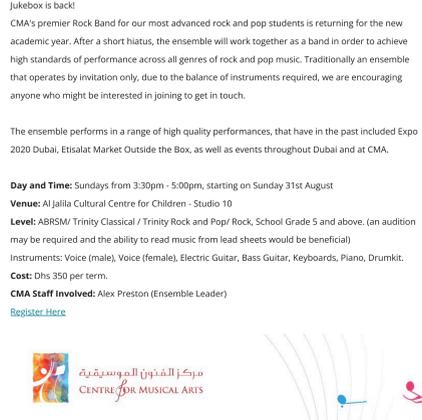
CMA's premier Rock Band for our most advanced rock and pop students is returning for the new academic year. After a short hiatus, the ensemble will work together as a band in order to achieve high standards of performance across all genres of rock and pop music. Traditionally an ensemble that operates by invitation only, due to the balance of instruments required, we are encouraging anyone who might be interested in joining to get in touch.

The ensemble performs in a range of high quality performances, that have in the past included Expo 2020 Dubai, Etisalat Market Outside the Box, as well as events throughout Dubai and at CMA.

Day and Time: Sundays from 3:30pm - 5:00pm, starting on Sunday 31st August
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Studio 10
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Classical / Trinity Rock and Pop/ Rock, School Grade 5 and above. (an audition may be required and the ability to read music from lead sheets would be beneficial)
Instruments: Voice (male), Voice (female), Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Keyboards, Piano, Drumkit.
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Alex Preston (Ensemble Leader)
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GLEE



CMA Glee

A true highlight of CMA's Ensemble offerings, CMA Glee is an outstanding ensemble featuring musicians singing together in harmony. In a slight change to previous iterations, the accompanying band for glee will be 100% acoustic, with participants who sing in the ensemble with the ability to double on instruments given the opportunity to showcase those skills.

The CMA Glee, performs a huge range of popular repertoire with songs ranging from 80's classics, right up to modern day hits. Led by the wonderful Ms Renna, this ensemble has performed at the highest profile CMA performances, as well as held their own in external events at venues such as the Sikka Main Stage and Green Planet Dubai to name a few!

Day and Time: Thursdays from 6:00pm - 7:30pm starting on Thursday 4th September
Venue: Al Jallia Cultural Centre for Children - Studio 8
Level: ABRSM/ Trinity Classical / Trinity Rock and Pop/ Rock, School Grade 5 and above. (an audition may be required and the ability to read music from lead sheets would be beneficial)
Instruments: Voice (male), Voice (female), Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Keyboards, Piano, Percussion*
 *Drumkit players will be placed on a variety of percussion instruments, and will not necessarily be playing the drumkit in this ensemble.
Cost: Dhs 350 per term.
CMA Staff Involved: Renna Zetha (Ensemble Leader)
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