



## WHAT IS MADFIDDLE?

MadFiddle is a youth violin ensemble that explores and performs folk music from around the world. With an emphasis on aural tradition and intergenerational performance, MadFiddle creates a culture that keeps kids playing with their peers and enjoying music.

MadFiddle draws upon an original and evolving curriculum that connects the instrument with the ear and the voice. This curriculum visits an array of folk traditions - from bluegrass and the blues to old-time and ragtime to Scottish, swing, South American, Scandinavian and beyond.

In 2020, MadFiddle was named *Youth Ensemble of the Year* by the Madison Area Music Association. In 2016, Shauncey Ali received *Teacher of the Year* by the same organization.

## PERFORMANCES

Each season is highlighted by amazing performances with our backing band, Highway 151. Together, we've performed at venues including the Stoughton Opera House, Overture Center, Barrymore Theater, Sugar Maple Music Festival, High Noon Saloon, First Unitarian and Music Hall.

## MADFIDDLE APPROACH

Students receive weekly group instruction plus exclusive access to MadFiddle Online, a virtual platform for learning at home. Weekly updates keep our students moving forward together.

**Video Tutorials:** students receive access to interactive video tutorials that reinforce live group instruction.

**Audio Tutorials:** students receive access to interactive audio mp3s that reinforce live group instruction.

**Sheet Music** is provided as a supplemental resource for earlier experience levels.

**Practice Tracks**, are provided at various tempos within the video tutorials. A more engaging way of practicing with a metronome.

**Email Support:** Parents and students receive weekly email reminders that streamline practice assignments and focus points for each group.

## GROUP PLACEMENT

Effective group placement sets our program up for long-term success, and the functionality of each group depends on it. We recognize that everyone is on their own musical path, independent of their age.

Group placement is based on the needs of each class and the developmental needs of the student.

Level 1&2: Class Waltz & Class Reel (Thursdays 4:45-5:45 pm)

Level 3: Class Stomp (Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm)

Level 6: Class Slay (Thursdays 7:15-8:15 pm)

Level 4: Class Breakdown (Fridays 4:45-5:45 pm)

Level 5: Class Shred (Fridays 6:00-7:00 pm)

## PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

MadFiddle is designed to supplement private instruction. For assistance finding a private teacher in the area, visit [www.istmadison.info](http://www.istmadison.info)

## TUITION

Tuition is handled by the semester. A cost breakdown of \$35/hour includes live instruction, full access to MadFiddle Online and weekly assignments and updates by class.

## AUDITIONS & REGISTRATION

For more information, read the **Audition Information** document.

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