



PRESTO

PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION OUTREACH
AT SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

STUDENT HANDBOOK

FALL 2023

Introduction to PRESTO



WHAT IS PRESTO?

PRESTO was founded in 2012 by Dr. Sachi Murasugi, with support from Dr. Linda Cockey. PRESTO was designed as a community-outreach program to serve music students from the greater Salisbury and surrounding Eastern Shore communities.

The program offers learners of all ages individual and small group lessons in piano, strings, voice, guitar, percussion, theatre, and some wind and brass instruments. We work closely with the Music, Theatre and Dance Department faculty and students.

HOW ARE LESSONS TAUGHT?

Lessons are taught by either professionals – faculty or vetted regional musicians – OR by trained and gifted Salisbury University students. SU student instructors are selected by faculty advisors with whom they may consult concerning pedagogy or repertoire.

After enrolling online, a student is assigned an instructor. The instructor will call the student/parent to create a customized weekly lesson schedule for late afternoon, evening or Saturday morning. Lessons are held in Fulton Hall on the Salisbury University campus (or, if arranged with your instructor, lessons may be given virtually.)

Meet Shawn Stone



Shawn Stone is an avid supporter and advocate for the arts having spent over 30 years as a marketing and communications professional for the Philadelphia Orchestra, Pennsylvania Ballet, and regional theaters that include Bristol Riverside Theatre, People’s Light and Philadelphia Theatre Company. Shawn has a degree in music from West Chester University in piano performance, and over the years, she has had a successful home-teaching studio as well as being a member of the Delaware Music School faculty. Currently, she is the Administrative Assistant II in the Music, Theatre and Dance Department at SU and is excited to add the role of PRESTO manager to her new responsibilities, which include the day-to-day administrative and operational duties of the PRESTO outreach program of the Fulton School of the Liberal Arts.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Office: 410-548-2985
- Cell: 484-678-9728
- Email: sdstone@salisbury.edu

Lesson Types & Scheduling

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Individual lessons can be for 30, 45 or 60 minutes depending on the interest of the student. Lessons are held once each week.

SCHEDULING

Scheduling for lessons is flexible. Upon registering, the appropriate instructor will be sent your contact information to decide on a mutually agreeable date and time for weekly lessons.

Lessons begin the second week of the SU semester and continue for 12 weeks – usually until one week before the end-of-semester recital to accommodate make-up lessons.



Attendance Policy



Regular attendance is expected of all students. Exceptions include instructors absences and school closings. *If SU is closed, there will be no lessons.* Students are allowed **one excused absence** per term, which will be made up during the last week of the term or at the instructor's convenience. **The instructor must receive notice of the absence at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson time in order to be considered an excused absence.** Any excused absence may be made up at the discretion of the instructor. Unexcused absences are not required to be made up.

Instructor absences (due to illness) will be made up at the convenience of both student and Instructor.

Teaching Method & Best Practices

Instructors will decide what repertoire to teach depending on the age, experience and goals of the student. Students are encouraged to provide input as to their desired method.

Instructors will most likely provide some material at the beginning to get the student started (this can be anything from method books to sheet music depending on the needs of the student). However, students are responsible for purchasing their own music as suggested by the instructor to avoid issues with copyright law.

SCHEDULING

Potential students must register before being assigned an instructor. After registration, the PRESTO manager will provide the instructor with the student/parent contact information to communicate directly about lesson scheduling. Please be reminded that **students may NOT start lessons until registration and payment are complete**. Please refer to the website at salisbury.edu/presto or call Shawn Stone, PRESTO manager, at 410-548-2985 (office) or 484-678-9728 (cell) for registration information.

Please establish preferred communication – phone or email – with your instructor. This will allow you to easily cancel or reschedule lessons should the need arise.

All in-person lessons will be held in Fulton Hall on the campus of Salisbury University. Your instructor will receive a room assignment to be used at each lesson. If a change in room assignment is necessary, you will be notified by your instructor. (Some instructors may still offer virtual lessons – these need to be arranged at registration.)



Student/Parent Participation Policy

Salisbury University (hereafter referred to as the University) PRESTO is a performing arts education outreach program offered to the community to provide instruction to students of all ages, levels and activities. In consideration of being permitted to participate in PRESTO in conjunction with Salisbury University, PRESTO students (and parents/guardians of students where the student is a minor) are advised of the following:

- Participation in PRESTO is wholly voluntary. If lessons are given on SU's campus, students may be dropped off at Fulton Hall during the time of instruction or parents/guardians who accompany students may wait on the University campus while the student attends the lesson.
- If lessons are given on SU's campus, the University is not responsible for the safety or well-being, nor for any damages, losses or injuries of any PRESTO student or person(s) attending the PRESTO program with a student while on the University campus, except as may be caused by the negligence or actual malice of the University employees and agents.
- The student (or parent/guardian of a minor student) agrees not to bring any legal or other action or make any claim against the University, its employees or agents for any injury, damage or loss while participating in PRESTO and agrees to release the University and its employees and agents from any such claims that are in any way connected to participation in PRESTO. If the student (or parent/guardian) does not agree to so release and indemnify the University, the student may not participate in PRESTO.
- A student who has any physical or other medical condition that may require special accommodation (or a parent/guardian with knowledge of such condition of a minor student) must notify the PRESTO manager upon registration and prior to beginning any participation in PRESTO. In such cases, the University will engage in an interactive process with the student (or parent/guardian) to determine whether a reasonable accommodation is available.
- The University reserves the right to decline to accept or retain a student in PRESTO at any time should the actions or the general behavior of the student impede PRESTO or the rights or welfare of any person. Should the student's conduct, or the conduct of any person accompanying the student, violate any law or University policy, the University may require the student or any other person to immediately leave the premises and not return to the PRESTO program.
- The University may take photographs or make recordings of the student for publicity or marketing purposes for PRESTO. In this event, the University will request written permission for use of the student's likeness prior to use.
- The University retains the right to require the student or parent of the student to sign a liability waiver prior to participation in PRESTO.

Contact Information



WELCOME ABOARD!

We look forward to this being a positive experience for you, the students and the University.

Please contact PRESTO Manager Shawn Stone with any questions, concerns or suggestions:

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You may also find more information on the University website:
salisbury.edu/presto



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