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**Programs:**

**Sunrise 1, 2, 3**

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**Sunshine 1**

The **Sunshine** program is generally studied by children nearing age 4 until age 5. This program teaches music, including piano, at an age-appropriate pace that takes into account the fine motor abilities of the young child. Classes are approximately 55 minutes in length. This is a 36-week program. Daily practicing at home with the parent is expected, in the amount of 5 minutes/day, increasing to 10 minutes/day as the year progresses.

**Sunbeams 1**

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**MYC for Adults / Seniors - New!**

This year Ann will be offering a daytime class for adults / seniors. The class is based on the MYC curriculum and is done in a very relaxed environment; the class as a whole decides how quickly to progress. More information coming soon!

**2011-2012 Schedule**

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3:45pm - Sunshine 2  
4:55pm - Sunbeams 2  
6:05pm - Sunbeams 3  
7:15pm - Moonbeams 3

**Tuesdays:**

9:30am - Sunrise 1, 2, 3 (consecutively throughout the year)

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**Costs and Fees**

To register, please contact instructor Ann Smith by email at [ann@RenaissanceSchooloftheArts.com](mailto:ann@RenaissanceSchooloftheArts.com) or by phone at (226) 988-9219.

**Fee Schedule:**

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